

## Active Duty troops headed to Kingsley

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**KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore. --** The 173rd Fighter Wing mission is set to grow by an estimated 84 active duty personnel this fall. This expansion called a Total Force Initiative (TFI) is designed to augment Kingsley's mission with Air Force active duty airmen stationed at the Air National Guard base in order to increase the number of pilots trained in a given period of time.

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One of the wing's newest aircraft sports a distinctive desert paint scheme having come from the aggressor squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev. This aircraft is unique to Kingsley Field and is part of mission growth that will also bring active duty troops to the 173rd Fighter Wing for the first time. (Photo by James "Hazy" Hazeltine, HIGH-G Productions)

## Looking back: why Kingsley flourishes in tough times



This historical photo shows 114th Tactical Fighting Trainer Squadron during the transition between the F-4 Phantom II aircraft and the F-16 Fighting Falcon in 1988 and prior to becoming the 173rd Fighter Wing. (Photo courtesy 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

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

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. --** Nestled among alfalfa fields at the southern edge of a small Southern Oregon town, Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon may seem an unlikely place to house perhaps a lone bright spot for the Department of Defense amidst the arid landscape of slashed budgets and shrinking manpower allocations.

Despite large headlines claiming the reserve and active components are locked in open political warfare over a shrinking pool of dollars, the 173rd Fighter Wing is bucking the trend and working hand-in-hand with the U.S. Air Force to bring more than 80 active-duty

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# Kingsley prepares to accept active duty troops

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over a six month period beginning this October,” said Col. Jeremy Baenen, the 173rd Fighter Wing Commander.

TFI is an acronym used to describe a military organization which has both reserve and active component members working side-by-side in the same organization for a common mission. According to Baenen, there are various models of TFI’s, this one constitutes an “active association” where the 173rd FW retains principal responsibility for the mission, equipment, and base infrastructure, while active duty personnel are integrated in the 173rd’s existing organizational and command structure.

Of the 84 Airmen, eight are pilots, 68 are maintenance personnel, and an additional eight will provide base operating support. The first Airmen are scheduled to arrive in Klamath Falls in October of this year.

In addition to personnel, the 173rd continues to expand its fleet of F-15s with the addition of seven aircraft, which began to arrive six months ago. The aircraft additions will grow the unit from 25 aircraft to a total of 32 aircraft by the end of this summer.

The TFI was initiated after the Chief of Staff of the Air Force directed increased production of F-15C pilots. To achieve this goal the Air Force recognized the need for additional aircraft and manpower at the 173rd FW, the sole F-15C training base for the USAF.

Kingsley is an ideal training facility due to excellent flying weather, including an average 300 days of sun per year and extensive training range space primarily located in the eastern

part of the state. The ORANG is currently examining plans to possibly expand that airspace; however, in the interim they will continue utilize only current approved airspaces to train.

The TFI represents a significant economic impact for Klamath Falls and the greater basin, said Baenen. The addition of 84 active duty families is estimated to bring over \$7 million annually in direct salary, as well as certain indirect job creations. Additionally, the TFI will result in numerous multi-million dollar construction projects awarded to local businesses.

The additional experienced work force will be a great benefit to the 173rd FW, Baenen noted. “In order to meet the nation’s need for increased pilot production, additional resources and personnel are an absolute necessity. This TFI will create operational efficiencies, saving money and resources, and, above all, increasing Air Force combat capabilities,” he said. “Additionally, a TFI significantly helps ensure longevity of Kingsley Field.”

Baenen noted another advantage for the active duty saying there are no active duty continental United States based F-15 units, with the exception of the Weapons School and test bases. Because of this, active duty F-15 maintainers and pilots may spend most of their careers on extended overseas tours; Kingsley Field will afford active duty personnel an opportunity to be stationed in the US.

“Further, the active duty can rapidly gain experience from ANG personnel who have been operating and maintaining this aircraft for many years,” said Baenen.

Baenen did note one negative effect of this growth. “Due to this

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no-notice increase in the operations tempo of our civil engineering unit; volunteer projects such as the Mazama High School turf project had to be delayed a year because of engineering manpower constraints,” he said. “Although the TFI has brought over \$12 million in short notice construction projects throughout the summer and into next year which benefit local businesses, it came at a cost to our ability to provide volunteer support to the local community.”

# Kingsley Field's unlikely story of success despite many obstacles

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Airmen to the Oregon Air National Guard base.

This small base, born in the late 40s to train WWII pilots, is still training pilots and doing so at an ever-increasing rate. A confluence of great flying weather, a supportive community, and a Kingsley "No-Slack" culture, which prides itself on hard work, have ushered in an era of frenetic activity.

A parade of contractors tend to multiple construction projects across the base. The increased tempo of flights leaving for the range and returning from training missions is unmistakable as the 114th Fighter Squadron logs more flight hours than ever before—a number that will grow yet further with the Total Force Initiative. It all begs the question, 'how is this possible?'

The answer lies with a group of people whose vision included this visible growth and their unrelenting tenacity in the face of many, many obstacles along the way.

Former wing commander Col. Thomas Schiess recalls when he was a young captain in the early 90s a well-intentioned superior advised him to look for another position elsewhere because this base would close within the year.

In recollecting his tenure at the helm of the 173rd Fighter Wing his urgency is palpable when the subject turns to safeguarding the future of Kingsley Field.

"There was a time when it took our relentless effort to simply gain the F-15 mission, and the Air Force went along reluctantly, but now we have proven that it was the right thing certainly for us but for the Air Force

as well." He relates that it was a close call, "we had to force feed it, being politely persistent." Past and present leaders point to that tenacity as the biggest reason why Kingsley is flourishing in a harsh environment.

"There are cultural bedrocks that we've had, Col. Schiess, Col. Adkisson and all the Airmen who have built this opportunity," says Col. Jeremy Baenen, 173d FW Commander, in reference to the work done to get us to this point. "We just happened to be here at a time in history when this opportunity presented itself and we had the courage to reach out and grab it."

The opportunity may have presented itself, but all the pieces critical to seeing it through, did not.

Baenen lists some of them saying, "all the legal pieces and resourcing are complete, we have all the Memorandums of Agreement (MOA's), we have an Installation Development Plan to get funding to accept the mission in grand style, aircraft hangars redone, brand new simulator capability, whole new set of airplanes in with all new avionics, hundreds of millions of dollars in new equipment on the way," and he concludes saying the list goes on.

Lt. Col. Lance McCuiston, formerly the base civil engineer and current mission support group commander, adds to that list.

"The city and the county became big pieces of this when they signed letters saying they would develop plans to accommodate us flying up to 7,100 hours. That document signed by the city and the county is what helped us increase the mission—that's why we are good to go for the TFI," he concluded.

Beneath the enthusiasm for this concrete realization of many long

hours, days, and years lies a restlessness perhaps born of recent setbacks like sequestration and very difficult budget constraints, and McCuiston cautions that in this environment, "these challenges will continue, we are not through this; it's a phenomenal success that we have the sole FTU, it's phenomenal success that we have the TFI, but what's next?"

He goes on to say that the next endeavors will involve dealing with upgrading the current fleet and then finally looking beyond this aircraft to a new mission.

Schiess's perspective, after more than two decades of service at Kingsley, is both humorous and telling when he says he became "a little more optimistic" about the future of the TFI when we received an actual jet as part of the mission growth, and he will be "a little more optimistic" when he sees an actual active duty Airman arrive at Kingsley. He says this with a smile, but he clearly communicates that he doesn't count on anything until it's completely realized.

For his part Baenen expresses clear optimism about the future, "we are in a really, really good place," but he does grant that one must prepare for the worst while hoping for the best.

These past and present 173rd Fighter Wing leaders emphasize their belief that without vision, and most especially the hard work to see it through, the base would look very different. None went so far as to say the base wouldn't exist but they all agreed it would be smaller, provide fewer jobs, and if actions speak louder than words then they fought and continue to fight like its existence does depend on them. Perhaps it does.

# 173rd Fighter Wing: Air Force Outstanding Unit!

Story Master Sgt. Jennifer Shirar, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

## KINGSLEY FIELD,

Ore. -- The Air National Guard announced the 173rd Fighter Wing is a recipient of the 2013 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptional meritorious service and outstanding achievement Oct. 1, 2012, to Sept. 30, 2013.

“This award is recognition of the exceptional efforts from our Airmen last year; the combined efforts of individual Airmen across the wing culminated in the wing successfully exceeding its mission goals,” said Col.

Jeremy Baenen, 173rd FW Commander. “However, it is more than meeting mission objectives -- I believe it was the recognition of Airmen going above and beyond which was the real determining factor.”

The distinction recognized multiple wing accomplishments for the time period.

They included the 173rd Maintenance Group exceeding the mission capable rate of the Combat Air Force, the 173rd Operations Group flying more hours than any other ANG unit, and exceeding the 60,000 hour Class “A” incident free mark.

Additionally, the outstanding unit citation highlights the 173rd FW’s work in the Public-Public



Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon. (Photo courtesy af.mil)

Private-Private (P4) process as well as the flawless execution of over 4,700 flying hours, training over 87 student pilots, and supporting the global War on Terror with multiple personnel deployments.

“It takes the entire wing to make our mission a success,” said Baenen. “Every Airmen, contractor, and civilian employee should be immensely proud of our accomplishments.”

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units that have distinguished themselves through exceptional meritorious service or outstanding achievement, which clearly sets the unit above and apart

from similar units.

All members assigned to the 173rd FW during the award time-frame are authorized to wear the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon.

“I’m so proud of how our Airmen responded in the face of unprecedented challenges and remained focused on the mission. They overcome these challenges and are a key contributor to maintaining America’s air superiority,” added Baenen. “This is a great accomplishment and something to be celebrated.”

Established in 1954, the AF-OUA was the first independent Air Force decoration; up to that point Air Force personnel had been awarded Army decorations.

# Political activity and the military: what you can and can't do

*Commentary by*

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**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.** -- George Washington famously said, "When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen." This means that, by and large, members of the military do not lose their rights under the Constitution (unless there is a compelling government interest in restricting them.) However, one of the founding principles of the republic is the subservience of the military to civilian authority.

The military cannot be a tool or ally of any specific political party, philosophy or candidate. If it becomes such, or if it is perceived as such, it leads us down a constitutionally dangerous path. The Department of Defense, therefore, places definite limits on political activity and activism among members of the military.

The most relevant document is DOD directive 1344.10, dated Feb. 19, 2008. With all of the information available, it is important to remember that as members and employees of the United States armed forces, which includes active duty, reservists and Air Force civilians, there are certain rules we need to be aware of to keep from crossing the line when it comes to political activities.

While voting is an important constitutional right, it is also important to remember that military members and civilian employees also must follow laws and regulations created under the Constitution, some of which re-

strict our political activities.

One of these laws is the Hatch Act, which severely limits the partisan political activities of federal government employees. The Hatch Act underpins a line of government regulations, including Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force. This is a punitive AFI, meaning military personnel may be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for violating certain provisions of the instruction.

Keeping all the rules and regulations as well as our service in the military in mind, it is important to remind ourselves what Air Force members are permitted to do with regard to participation in the politi-

cal process.

American citizens have the right to vote. However, because of the nature of our service in the military, there are certain limitations of individual political expression to eliminate any appearance of using our position in the military to influence others.

This is why our Airmen need to be very careful about making politically-related comments, even through informal venues, such as per-

sonal Facebook pages. For instance, military members are welcome to attend political rallies and meetings, but they cannot appear in uniform. Additionally, service members cannot attend in an official capacity or sponsor an event.

The bottom line is that there cannot be any appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or endorsement of a political candidate or cause by the Air Force because of participation in a political event.

Airmen are welcome to be spectators at political events in their personal capacity, but they cannot become participants, such as making public speeches.

Lawn signs and bumper stickers are common ways to express support for a candidate during the election season. However, lawn signs are prohibited within government-provided housing on the installation. Small bumper stickers are permitted on vehicles, but large signs or banners are not.

If you are participating in political activities beyond simply voting, it is important that you have a complete understanding of what is permissible for Air Force members under Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the Air Force, and to understand that violations of this AFI may be punishable under article 88 and article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other federal laws or regulations.

*If you have further questions please direct them to the 173rd Fighter Wing JAG office. ~Ed.*



# Security Forces trains for close quarters toughness

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**KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.** -- 173rd Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron Airmen spent two days grappling with each other during a combatives course held here June 18-19. The security forces combatives course teaches various defensive techniques with names like the guillotine, arm bar, and rear naked chokes.

Tech. Sgt. Clinton Wells and Staff Sgt. Matthew Taylor led this two-day annual training after volunteering to become instructors for this newly expanded program. Taylor and Wells share a passion for teaching self-defense.

"I like that it brings a lot of knowledge to our Airmen; a lot of the situations we have to go into were not always in the best position," said Taylor. "This is going to teach them how to turn a bad situation around."

The combatives program teaches both self-defense and weapons retention. Airmen learn to use their skill sets to escape compromising situations and regain control.

"This system we are teaching is highly effective," said Wells. "We are teaching them how to fight."

The Airmen begin by practicing the techniques and gradually build up to effectively use the techniques to dominate the situations.

"There are times where you can't control the environment you are in," said Wells. "All of sudden you find



**Top:** U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Clinton Wells (left) instructs members of the 173rd SFS on various defensive skills during combative skills training June 18.

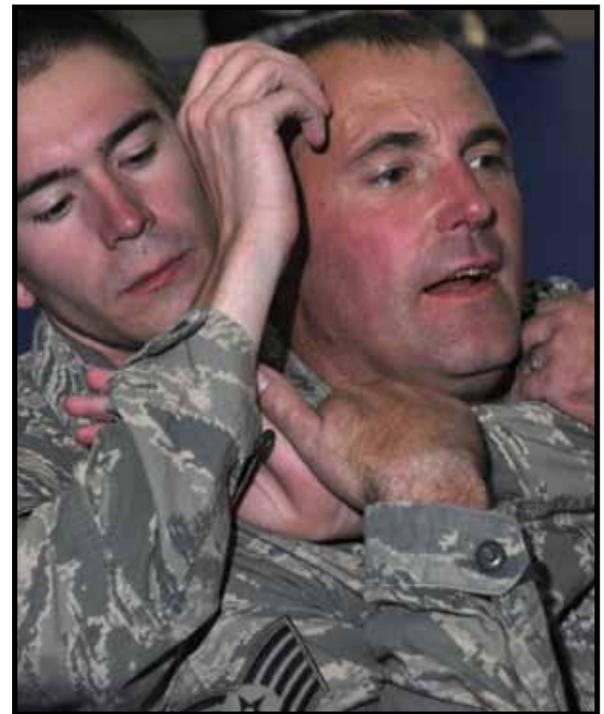
**Right:** Wells (right) puts his own neck on the line while showing Airman 1st Class Kodie Carroll how to place a choke hold.

yourself in a bad position... you may be knocked on the ground, they may be putting choke holds on you... we are teaching how to fight out of that situation and turn it around to your advantage."

The security forces trainees all agreed that though difficult, the training is beneficial.

"It is useful training," said Senior Airman Ryan Kaber. "It's just logging flight hours to train the brain to not cave in in the worst possible situation."

Training that emphasizes the hands-on aspect can be physically



taxing.

"I don't know if I'd call it fun, but it's better than, uh ... CBTs," Kaber added.

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See the story on Youtube!

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-- Senior Airman Ryan Kaber,  
On the physical nature of combatives training

## STARBASE: local STEM program in limbo



Laura Lokey, a STARBASE teacher hired for the last school year, albeit on a temporary basis, works with students in the lab area on one of many lessons taught there. Prior to her hire the funding for the program was cut and later reinstated for one year, she and others are waiting to find out if congress will fund the program going forward. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

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**KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.** -- Just over a year ago, former STARBASE director Marsha Beardslee closed the door to the Kingsley Field STARBASE program and retired. She thought at the time the doors of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program would remain closed for good.

But after a turbulent year consisting of funding being pulled due to the sequestration budget fight, Kingsley Field's STARBASE program is once again up and running—for this year.

Congress restored funding for the program for one year, but the next remains to be seen.

Currently the program doesn't have a new director, but Alesha Earnest, the office manager hired in 2014, fills some of that role. She says next year remains cloudy and that she was forced to hire teachers on a temporary contract.

"At this time, we have no idea whether funding will come through or not, but we are forward-planning with

the hopeful assumption that it will," said Tamara Walker, a STARBASE teacher, on the future of the program for next school year.

But budget woes aside, the program is in one of its busiest years to date and next promises more of the same, adds Walker.

"We already have over two-thirds of next school-year's calendar full... local schools are eager to secure their place in our program," she said.

The curriculum is not only educational and beneficial for the students, it's fully accredited. Students spend a week at Kingsley Field, arriving in the morning and leaving at the end of the school day—and it's free to the schools that take advantage of it.

Upon entering the classroom there are models of cars and rockets, a lab area boasting a 3D printer, and contraptions of all shapes and sizes. A shelf holds a dozen programmable robots in one corner, yet one thing is conspicuously missing—stacks of text books. That's by design; the program is entirely hands-on. Science is taught through experiments, bridge building with cardboard, egg drops

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## Kingsley STARBASE works with OIT

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Szonja Kiss, a sixth grader at Ponderosa Middle School, watches a computer controlled router roughing out a small vehicle shape from a block of wood. Once finished the shape is used to form a plastic mold. Kiss and her classmates are participating in an Oregon Institute of Technology and STARBASE program designed to foster an interest in science, math, and technology as a future course of study. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

**KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.** -- A Friday morning finds Oregon Institute of Technology third-year mechanical engineering student Jacob Espinosa working intently with Senior Airman Gunder Coaty, a STARBASE volunteer, to get an automated wood routing machine up and running.

The machine is property of STARBASE at Kingsley Field and, in this case, offers a partnership opportunity between the institute of higher learning and the STEM program.

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## STARBASE and OIT partner to foster interest in Engineering

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Espinosa is part of the OIT Ambassadors program which reaches out to schools in the basin in an effort to generate interest in engineering at a young age, mainly middle school.

A week later finds Espinosa and group of students from Ponderosa Junior High School using the machine to make car body molds. Each student designed the body of a car using computer-aided design software, and now this machine will render their design from a wood block. After that, the molds are placed in a forming machine and the shapes are transferred from the wood models to 4mm thick plastic, in perfect detail.

It is fortunate that STARBASE Kingsley has these pieces of equipment for the junior high students who see how a product like this is made.

“This equipment allows us to introduce these kids to how real engineering works,” Espinosa



Senior Airman Gunder Coaty and Jacob Espinosa a third-year mechanical engineering student at the Oregon Institute of Technology collaborate to get a computer controlled wood router up and working at the Kingsley Field STARBASE facility, May 2, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

said. “I think it’s really important that at the end of the day they get to take home a physical product that they made, starting with its creation in their minds to the real, physical item.”

He added that his experience in school didn’t include STEM subjects

until he joined an after-school robotics program and now he’s working to spread the passion for engineering to a new generation.

“We started by showing them how to use Creo software and its interesting, some of the kids are working at a really high level, as a mechanical engineering student I don’t see this software until this year, my junior year,” and that exposure is paying dividends showing the students that careers rooted in math and science are rewarding.

Senior Airman Gunder Coaty places a wood block into a computer controlled router where it will be milled into the model of a race car at Kingsley Field’s STARBASE lab, May 2, 2014. The effort is part of a collaboration between OIT and STARBASE to encourage students in the basin to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)



## 2015 STARBASE Kingsley finishes school year, wonders about next

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in protective containers and numerous other lab experiments designed to draw students into the worlds of engineering, science, and math. It's the type of educational experience that is at a premium for many districts here and around the state Says Suzette Nieraeth, a Henley Elementary School teacher.

"I have had 36-37 students all year this year in half of a modular unit, about 640-square-feet; we literally don't have room for a beaker much less all of this great equipment," she said pointing to the full lab made ready for her 6th graders to perform experiments involving hot and cold reactions.

Laura Lokey, another STARBASE teacher stands at one of the stations using a mortar and pestle to grind Alka-Seltzer for endothermic reactions.

"We're going to see some fizzy

explosions," she said with a smile. "It's about getting them to say 'ooooh', and then you have them, it's the best part of the job."

Lokey goes on to say that every school who visits the facility confirms that teaching STEM subjects is squeezed by the necessity of teaching the three R's—reading, writing and 'rithmetic—and that virtually no school has the time or space to perform experiments like the one she is preparing—and if and when they are able to teach science it is relegated to a textbook.



STARBASE teacher Tamara Walker says more than half of the 2014-2015 school year is booked pending the necessary funding and though they still don't know if that will come to pass, they are proceeding in the hopes that it will. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

"STARBASE provides the avenue to leave the textbook behind and not only learn, but get excited about a future in one of these disciplines," said Lokey.

For more information about STARBASE Kingsley please call the office manager, Alesha Earnest at (541) 885-6472 or e-mail her at [aleshaearnest@gmail.com](mailto:aleshaearnest@gmail.com)

## Firefighters climb Seattle's tallest for charity

**SEATTLE, Wash.** -- Three Kingsley Firefighters participated in the 23rd Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb, a benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, March 9, 2014. Dan Hall, Derek Sherrell, and Kyle Tecmire climbed 69 flights of stairs to reach the top of Seattle, Washington's tallest building and raised \$1,574 while doing it. Sherrell posted the fastest time with 15:43, Hall followed 19:06, and Tecmire reached the top in 23:22 and each of them did so with a single self-contained breathing apparatus bottle, something Tecmire says is a rarity for the competition.

"I was starting to worry that I wouldn't make it on one bottle, my pres-

sure on the bottle was really low," said Tecmire of his first time at the event. "But I had just enough air to make it to the top."

Each participant wears full firefighting gear weighing 50 lbs. and attempts to make all 1,311 steps in as little time as possible, a punishing event. However, in the event of a collapse from physical exhaustion help is nearby as 1,683 firefighters participated, many of whom are paramedics. Hall and Sherrell both set personal records compared to years past; the top overall finisher completed the climb in 11:05. The fundraiser netted nearly two million dollars for cancer research.



From left: Daniel Hall, Kyle Tecmire, and Derek Sherrell, inset: Columbia Center.



## Kingsley Field base wide clean up day

**Left:** Dave Calzacorta, of the 173rd Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Flight, edges a sidewalk while Airman 1st Class Daniel Hart clears the edgings for removal during a base clean-up day at Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, May 30, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

**Right:** 2nd Lt. Jacob Reece a student pilot with the 114th Fighter Squadron pitches in on base clean-up day, blowing debris from around the command building, May 30, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)



# Equal Opportunity Office welcomes new officer

**Letter by**

**Capt. John Cascamo**

**173rd Equal Opportunity Officer**

**KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.** -- The 173rd Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office is proud to introduce its newest member, 2nd Lt. Amber Spotten.

Amber Spotten enlisted in the Active Duty Air Force in 2000.

She spent the first six years of her career in munitions and cross-trained into personnel to finish her Bachelors of Science in Social Psychology before separating and joining the Idaho Air National Guard Munitions Flight.

Spotten transferred to the Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, in 2011 as a personnelist and worked on finishing her Masters of Science in Human Services, specializing in

Mental Health Counseling.

She attended the Academy of Military Science and earned her commission in 2013, becoming the newest officer on our Equal Opportunity office staff.

Spotten became interested in the EO office to better align her civilian professional career goal of being a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with her military career and is hoping to bring a different perspective and be an advocate for anyone who is in need of assistance.

Spotten's primary goals for the EO office are to enhance EO programs and improve connectivity and communication between EO and the base personnel.

If you need to reach Lt. Spotten or another member of the Equal Opportunity office call 885-6504.



This most recent photo available of 2nd Lt. Amber Spotten was taken as prior enlisted in 2012. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

# Announcements

## **Recent Promotions!**

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 MSgt Douglas G. Underdown  
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 A1C Kodie E. Carroll  
 A1C Jonathan C. Raye  
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## **New Members! Welcome to Kingsley Field!**

TSgt Royce A. Mace  
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Retirees and their families who need information or assistance with a "Retiree Issue" please contact the Oregon National Guard Retiree Service Office.

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You Are Not Alone!



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charles Fleek, 173rd Fighter Wing F-15 crew chief, closely inspects an Oregon Air National Guard F-15 Eagle, following a routine training mission May 16, 2014 at Kingsley Field, Ore. Following every flight, each aircraft is recovered and closely examined for any damage. The 173rd Maintenance Group has a solid reputation for excellence and attention to detail, leading the way in performance for the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jennifer Shirar)

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