

Wing Commander Reaches 4,000 Hours in the F-15

By Master Sgt. Jerry Bynum, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

GOWEN FIELD, Idaho – An Oregon Air National Guard pilot became the third person ever to surpass 4,000 flying hours in the F-15 Eagle, May 5, 2009.

Col. James Miller, Wing Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Ore., reached the milestone in the U.S. Air Force’s premier strike fighter while participating in a training mission at Gowen Field, Idaho.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Barney
 173rd Fighter Wing instructor pilot, Lt. Col. Chris Casson gives Col. James Miller, unit Wing Commander, a traditional pilot's congratulations, following a training mission where Miller reached 4,000 flight hours in the F-15 Eagle.

There are only two others who piloted the F-15 Eagle beyond the 4,000-hour mark; Col. Rich Kelly, also from Kingsley Field, and Col. Jon Kelk of Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo.

“It’s pretty good company to be with,” Miller said about Kelly and Kelk.

Miller has been flying the F-15 since 1990. He has also flown the T-37 Tweet during pilot training, and has more than 5,000 hours in both the T-37 and F-15 combined. He downplayed (See **MILLER** Page 13)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Barney
 Col. James Miller, Wing Commander for the 173rd Fighter Wing, in Klamath Falls, Ore., displays his 4,000 Hour Eagle patch after surpassing 4,000 flight hours in the F-15 Eagle

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Security Forces’ Operation NORTHERN THUNDER “A Success”

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

REDMOND, Ore.-- Members of the 173rd Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron traveled to Biak Training Area near Redmond to develop deployment skills necessary for air base defense, convoy security and personnel security, May 9-17, 2009.

The training known as Operation NORTHERN THUNDER is a requirement every three years to keep security forces troops sharp on the latest tactics and procedures used in forward deployed areas. The specific training includes land navigation, night land navigation, convoy training, ropes course work, and extensive weapons training.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Addie Carter
 Airman First Class Anthony Anderson, 173rd Security Forces Squadron, mounts in the turret while on a convoy patrol training exercise at the Biak Training Center in Redmond, Oregon

EDITORIAL

The OPFOR Perspective

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Shirar, 173rd Fighter Wing Maintenance Operation Flight

REDMOND, ORE. – As I awake on May 16th at 0330 hours to prepare for a busy day, I happen to glance at the thermometer posted next to where I slept that night; it reads 30 degrees. About that time I realize that I'm in a sleeping bag in the bed of Master Sgt. Cody Pemberton's pickup truck in the middle of the Oregon Army National Guard Biak Training Center. As I pull myself from the warmth of my sleeping bag I become acutely aware of two things: just how cold 30 degrees is when you first wake up and that a herd of cows is silently milling through our campsite rummaging through various items. It was at this point that I asked myself, "Why did I volunteer to do this?"

That's exactly what several members of the 173rd Fighter Wing did. They voluntarily gave up a three day-weekend for the opportunity to participate in Operation NORTHERN THUNDER, a Security Forces Field exercise designed to familiarize members with the dangers they may face on the modern battlefield in today's environment of terrorism and guerilla combat tactics.

When one thinks of the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) different perceptions come to mind. We're the bad guys; hey, someone's got to do it. Being the bad guy can be fun but it is not the unorganized, laid-back and random exercise that many perceive it to be. It is the job of the opposing forces to provide realistic and practical training scenarios designed to prepare the trainee for situations that he or she may face in an actual hostile area of operation. But who says it can't be fun?



Tech. Sgt. Levi Clarey, 173rd Security Forces, interacts with Staff Sgt. Dustin Woodworth, a member of the Opposing Forces Team, during the training exercise.

Each intricate detail of the almost 30 scenarios that were thrown at Security Forces were planned out long before leaving Kingsley Field by Security Forces members Master Sgt. Pember-

ton and Staff Sgt. Dustin Woodworth. Events were planned down to the minute and items such as foreign national I.D. cards, costumes, improvised explosive devices, and a multitude



Members of the Opposing Forces Team stage a mock protest at the main gate of the Security Forces base of operations.

of other stage-props were homemade for the event. Their tireless efforts guaranteed a robust training schedule designed to keep Security Forces reeling for the four-day field exercise.

It was not all fun and games for OPFOR either. Our training began two days prior to leaving Kingsley Field, covering topics such as standard and foreign military combat tactics, movement drills, weapons safety, and a multitude of other familiarization and preparation requirements before heading out to set up our base camp about a mile from the Security Forces exercise area of operation.

Being OPFOR is much like being in a stage-production play. Many of us play two or three parts a day over the course of the exercise and wear costumes that range from military style uniforms to "foreign" garb and police uniforms. The art of rapidly changing costumes as we proceeded from one scenario to the next was perfected by the time the exercise kicked off under the watchful direction of Pemberton who acted as director, producer, writer and actor for this event. Yes, our accents were a horrible blend of Russian, Irish, Italian and Arab but it's the best we could do considering that we all forgot to attend acting school.

Every aspect involved with being deployed to a hostile area of operation was tested. This ranged from dealing with both friendly and hostile foreign nationals, mounting offensive and defensive operations, testing the rules of engagement, and the general alertness and observation skills (See **OPFOR** Page 7)

SPORTS



Kingsley Airman Earns National Ranking in Duathlon

An Oregon National Guard member earned a national ranking at the largest run-bike event ever held in the United States at the Duathlon National Championships in Richmond, Va., April 25-26.

Master Sgt. Sean Campbell of the 173rd Fighter Wing completed the course featuring a 10k run, a 38k bike, and another 5k run. He competed against a field of over 1,700 athletes and finished in just under two hours with a time of 1:59:27.

That time makes Campbell the 33rd fastest duathlete in the Nation, at least for this event. The 43-year-old Campbell placed sixth in his age group of 40-44. According to Jason Mucher, a spokesman for USA Triathlons, his finish will allow him to compete at the next level.

“That result qualified him to be a part of Team USA to

compete at the ITU Duathlon World Championship in Concord, N.C., this September.”

Between then and now Campbell is set to compete at events in Portland and Bend. He says these races will keep his fitness level up and help him peak at the right time for the World Championship race. He says this opportunity just makes him want to do more.

“It opens the door to do (See **RANK** Page 11)



Oregon Air National Guard Visit to Impact SW Idaho Economy

BOISE, Ida.-- Gowen Field Air National Guard Base at the Boise Municipal Airport will act as host to the Oregon Air National Guard's temporary relocation of its 173rd Fighter Wing from about May 2 to Nov. 2.

The temporary move of 23 F-15 fighter jets and about 250 support staff to Boise is expected to inject about \$9 million into the Treasure Valley economy, based on their anticipated spending, Boise Municipal Airport officials said in a release.

The relocation will allow the 173rd Fighter Wing to continue critical F-15 aircraft training activities while a major airfield improvement program is conducted at the unit's home airfield at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Ore.

While deployed to Gowen Field, the 173rd Fighter Wing will use an unoccupied hangar and associated facilities recently vacated by the 124th Fighter Wing of the Idaho Air National Guard.

The F-15s will operate similarly to those of the Idaho Air National Guard to mitigate an expected increase in aircraft noise – flying several sorties per day, Monday

through Friday plus one weekend each month – with most touch-and-go takeoff and landing training conducted at Mountain Home Air Force Base and in special-use airspaces.

The F-15s flown by the 114th Fighter Squadron of the 173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, are afterburning jets. Boise airport staff said the public may notice the aircraft's loud thrusters on takeoff with their high gross weights and high summertime Boise temperatures, which simulate extreme temperatures found in the Middle East or in Southwest Asia.

“The unit will go to great lengths to avoid populated areas but must adhere to standard FAA departure and arrival tracks,” said Lt. Col. Robert Erickson, 114th Fighter Squadron deputy commander for operations.

The Air National Guard will activate a round-the-clock phone line to respond to the public's questions or concerns.

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LRS Keeps it Moving for Sentry Displacement

By Staff Sgt. Bobbie Dawson, 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Sentry Displacement serves as the largest and longest deployment in the history of the 173rd Fighter Wing. Temporarily relocating an entire flying operation for six months requires a tremendous effort on behalf of the entire wing. The success of a deployment of this duration and magnitude depends on the ability of an organization's behind-the-scenes logistics component to efficiently deploy, sustain and redeploy resources. The 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron professionals are working to accomplish just that.

On the supply side, the unit transferred over 434 units of property; three times more than any past deployment. They scrambled to acquire the proper sizes and amounts of containment equipment; 14 conexes, 13 fly-away bins, 2- 463 pallets and an ISU 90. The assembled mission support kit in itself is valued at over 11 million dollars. The maintenance support section organized separate bins for the hydraulics and engine shop as well. For parts not on hand, they pre-assembled a tri-source supply system to ensure the right parts are on hand at the right time. Between Boise, Mt Home, the weekly supply

run from Kingsley, and thanks to a recently created parts tracking tool, Supply's flying support has not missed a beat. All of this was seamlessly accomplished during a significant supply reorganization and regionalization that places substantial demands on all involved.

The relocation of the entire operation fell on the shoulders of the Transportation Management Flight professionals. These individuals prioritized, scheduled and transferred almost one million pounds of cargo in under a week. With the help of maintenance troops and others, they successfully deployed over 50 commercial trucks to Boise. No one involved had ever been involved in any operation remotely close to this magnitude. All equipment was delivered, staged and ready to operate prior to the first sortie. The organization upgraded our local trucks to accommodate F-15 engines. The weekly run has safely transferred over 10 F-15 jet engines in

addition to other key parts and equipment. The Vehicle Maintenance (VM) Flight identified and prepped 38 vehicles, including the air craft tug, four R-11 refueling vehicles and general support vehicles that required servicing and shipment prep. VM technicians coordinated and prioritized these requirements well in advance to ensure the fleet was



Chief Master Sgt. Richard Vieira, 173rd LRS Transportation Management Chief, operates a fork lift during the wing's preparation for deployment to Gowen Field, Idaho.

prepared for operations. To accomplish this, the unit converted a mobility truck box to house all repair tools and equipment needed. This serves as a temporary garage to maintain the vehicles during the deployment. Vehicle Maintenance personnel also played a key role in assisting the Traffic Management Flight in staging all necessary equipment for the deployment.

The deployed flying schedule cannot be supported without the efforts of the Fuels Management Flight (POL). These Airmen planned to ensure they had all equipment necessary to operate both at Kingsley and at Boise. Preparing four R-11 refuelers for shipment required substantial time and effort. They also effectively coordinated computer connectivity and laboratory and accounting processes with the least possible impact on Boise POL. The Gowen Field Fuels Flight integrated our Airmen and equipment into their organization and fuel support is right on target. By the end of May the team serviced over 250 aircraft and delivered 402,000 gallons of jet fuel.

The Readiness Flight serves as the coordination corner stone for this (See LRS Page 9)



Members of the 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron load equipment on to a truck in preparation for the wing deployment to Gowen Field, Idaho.

Honoring a Fallen Pilot

Local Street Named for Robert 'Lefty' Brett Jr.

By Megan Doyle, Herald and News Staff Writer

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.- Capt. Robert Arthur "Lefty" Brett Jr.'s name will be added to the list of roads in Klamath County that honor military veterans.

Local roads now recognize Air Force Gen. Hap Arnold, fighter pilot Richard Bong, Gen. Muir Stephen Fairchild, fighter pilot Dominic Gentile, Air Force pilot Phil Rand, Gen. Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg and fighter pilot Buzz Wagner.

Brett Way, formerly Wings Way near the runway at Kingsley Field, was dedicated May 29, 2009 in honor

of missing-in-action Air Force Capt. Robert A. "Lefty" Brett Jr. Among attendees were family members from Oregon, local veterans and military personnel. They had a police escort from Kingsley Field to the ceremony at the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Lefty was 25 when he was reported missing in action. His wife, Patrice, and young daughter, Camille, lived in Corvallis. His parents, Bob and Florence Brett, lives in Klamath Falls.

Florence Brett said she remembers she was getting out of the shower



when there was a knock at the door. A friend of the family and the Kingsley Field chaplain were there. (See **BRETT** Page 11)

Runway Construction Underway



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson

SAFETY



"101 Critical Days of Summer" Safety Campaign

By Lorie Bellamy, 18th Wing Safety Office

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety campaign officially kicked off May 22, Memorial Day weekend, and ends Sept. 7, Labor Day.

This is historically the period where we lose more Airmen to preventable mishaps than any other time of the year. Most of the mishaps occur during off-duty activities because increased daylight hours and better weather provide more opportunities for travel and recreation.

Team PACAF had an outstanding summer campaign in 2008 and did not experience a single fatality. Commander focus, supervisor involvement and personal risk management are key to mishap prevention during these critical summer months. Unfortunately, many people ignore the risks associated with summer activities. Last year, 19 Air Force members were killed and nine were from fatalities that occurred with private motor vehicles or motorcycles.

Five of the fatalities involved members operating motorcycles; three of the members lost control of their bikes and were fatally injured, the fourth member struck a tree and the fifth individual struck a

private vehicle that pulled out in front of him. Completing the proper training, operating the bike at safe speeds and wearing the right gear are critical to minimizing mishaps and saving lives.

There were three fatalities last year caused by vehicles striking pedestrians. Two members were struck by a vehicle while walking their pets and the third was struck

by a tractor trailer after getting out of their vehicle on the side of the road to assess

damage after striking a concrete barrier.

Exiting a vehicle while it is parked on the side of the road is extremely dangerous; it is safer

to stay inside the vehicle.

Two individuals drowned last year; one while snorkeling and the second while kayaking. Water safety is critical in Okinawa. Always check the sea and weather conditions and respond properly to the warnings. Utilizing Risk Management principles, commanders and supervisors must emphasize risk awareness for their personnel engaged in swimming and water related activities.

Airman should not swim, scuba dive or snorkel alone or combine al-

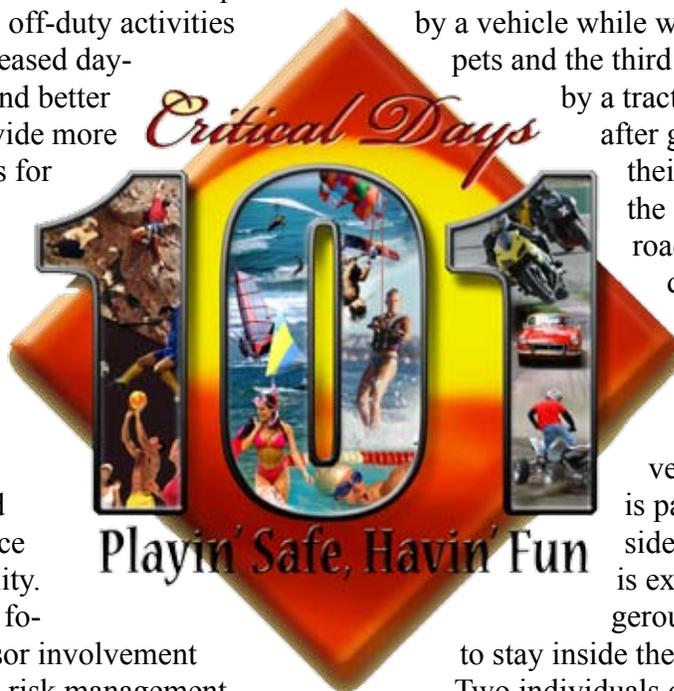
cohol with these activities because it will increase the potential for a mishap. Swimming, snorkeling or scuba diving in unfamiliar areas should be avoided. If you are boating this summer, take a boating safety course. Boaters must be alert, sober and wear life jackets.

Although alcohol was a factor in only one of the fatalities last year, it still continues to be a problem within the Air Force. Drinking and driving simply cannot be tolerated and has been proven time and time again to be a deadly combination. Utilize the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program, take a taxi or make arrangements to spend the night. Having a plan for the evening and the Wingman concept is key to looking out for one another to ensure everyone gets home safely.

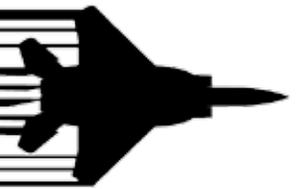
To lessen your chances of becoming involved in a vehicle crash, remember the following:

- **Don't drink and drive or ride with anyone who has been drinking.**
- **Drive within the posted speed limits. Speeding is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes resulting in over 13,000 lost lives.**
- **Fatigue and driving are a lethal combination. Do not work an entire shift and then drive long distances.**

Seat belts save lives and are your best defense to preventing or minimizing injuries. Wear your seat belt 100 percent of the time and (See 101 Page 15)



Safety is everyone's responsibility.

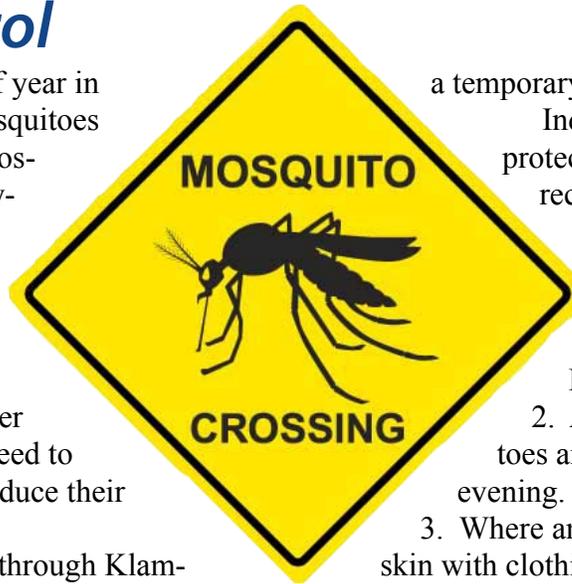


Mosquito Control

They're back! It is that time of year in the Klamath Basin, when mosquitoes make their yearly appearance. Mosquitoes have the potential of carrying and spreading various vector borne diseases, to include West Nile Virus. The good news is that there have been no identified cases of West Nile Virus in Klamath County this year, however that can change and individuals need to take an active approach to help reduce their exposure.

Currently, Civil Engineering, through Klamath County Vector Control periodically spray in and around Kingsley Field, however, this is only temporarily effective at controlling mosquitoes. The primary reason behind this is the vast amount of standing water that can be found around the installation. These areas are prime breeding grounds that can not be drained and would require a significant amount of spraying in order to effectively control the population. This is a difficult and expensive approach that is not 100% effective.

Civil Engineering will continue to periodically spray for mosquitoes but this will only reduce the population on



a temporary basis.

Individuals assigned to Kingsley Field can protect themselves by following the below recommendations.

1. Wear insect repellent that contains an active ingredient such as 10% to 30% DEET. Individuals may personally procure and use insect repellent on Kingsley Field.
2. Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are active such as early morning and early evening.
3. Where and when possible, cover exposed areas of skin with clothing.

More information on mosquitoes and mosquito borne disease can be found on the sites below.

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/list_mosquitoborne.htm

www.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2008/ch2/insects-arthropods.aspx

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/mosquito-tick.aspx>

http://www.co.klamath.or.us/HealthDept/west_nile_virus.htm

If you have any questions regarding vector-borne illnesses please contact Tech. Sgt. Rene Lunsford at ext. 5-6607.

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of the members of Security Forces. I



Master Sgt. Cody Pemberton, a member of the Opposing Forces Team, interacts with the Security Forces during a training exercise.

am happy to say that, in my opinion, Security Forces responded to each scenario successfully and professionally in the manner in which members of the 173rd FW have become accustomed to observing. Yes, they even managed to keep their game faces on in the face of some seriously bad acting on our parts.

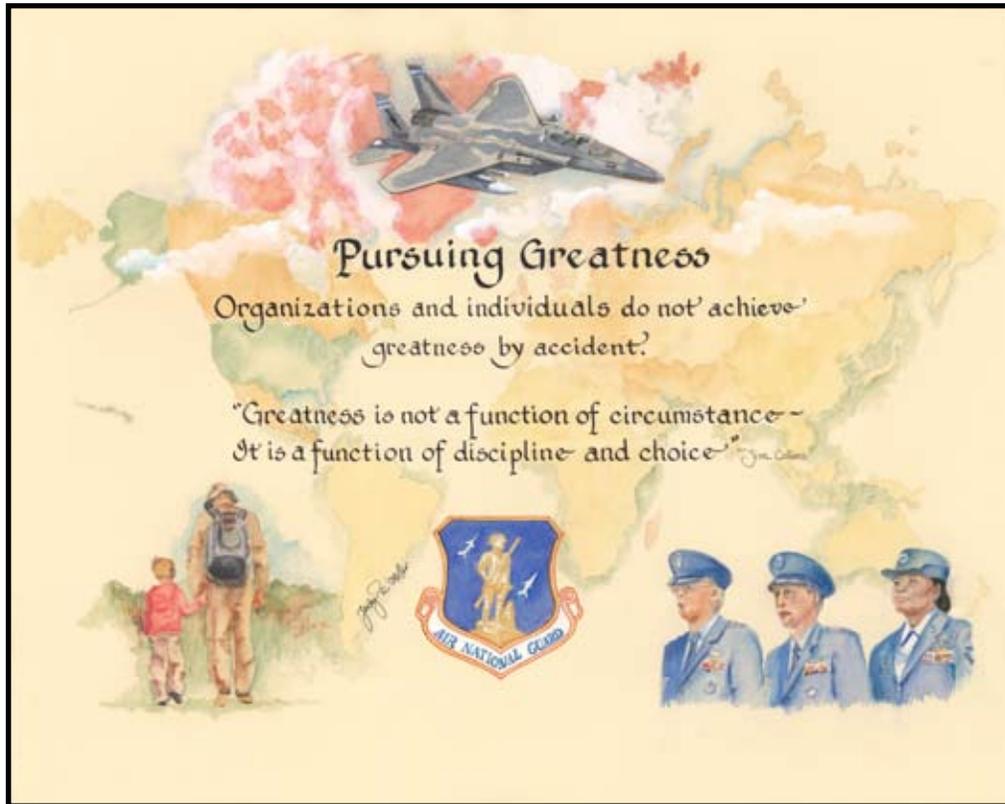
The hard work and dedication of all participating members on both sides resulted in a hugely successful training exercise and proved to be fun above all. The selfless, determination of the OPFOR members that I witnessed are a credit to the "No Slack" attitude of the 173rd FW. All participants were none the worse for wear and the training provided will hope-

fully prove invaluable when needed. Everything else that we brought back with us is nothing that a couple of hours in the shower couldn't cure.



Members of the Opposing Forces Team stage a mock protest outside of the main gate during a training exercise.

July Focus: Pursuing Greatness



The historical list of noble, heroic and impressive acts by Airmen is endless. Today's Airmen are no different than those who have previously served. Airmen continue to be a remarkable force in the war on terrorism. America's footprint has been embedded in the soils of Iraq and Afghanistan because of the great deeds our Airmen accomplished. Today's Airmen are making their own history. No plan or abstract theory accomplished all these great deeds -- it was our Airmen being great! How do we continue to attract Airmen who will deploy at a moment's notice, miss their first wedding anniversary, the celebration of their children's birthdays and will spend Christmas sitting on a mountain in Afghanistan? How do we continue to attract the best Airmen to accomplish great deeds?

First we set the example by serving with honor and accepting no less than excellence from any Airman. Secondly, we continue doing what we are doing -- being the greatest Air Force in the world.

As noted in his book, "Good to Great" by Jim Collins, we can find pockets of greatness in nearly every difficult environment. Every unit, section, squadron and flight has its unique set of difficult constraints, yet some make a leap while others facing the same environmental challenges do not. This is perhaps the single most important point in all of Good to Great. Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline.

The great units, in contrast, focus on getting and hanging on to the right people in the first place—those who are productively neurotic, those who are self-motivated and self-disciplined, those who wake up every day, compulsively driven to do the best they can because it is simply part of their DNA.

The Soldier and statesman retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell wrote, "Organization doesn't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything either. Theories of management don't much matter. Endeavors succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds."

The Air National Guard's greatest resource is our Airmen. Some of you may consider this statement the "company line," while others may have worked side by side with an Airmen that has inspired, encouraged and challenged you. Know without a doubt that Airmen are our greatest resource. Airmen have not just contributed to the mission, they make the mission happen.

Flywheel Challenge:

Ask yourself: "What did I do today to push on the flywheel?"

- * In the pursuit for greatness, how do you capture the richness of our diverse Airmen?
- * Do you set the example by serving with honor and accepting no less than excellence from any Airman?
- * What skills, abilities, knowledge, education and information can I garner daily to gain greatness in my chosen field?
- * Does your leadership culture cultivate leaders who are highly capable individuals, strong contributing team members, competent supervisors, effective leaders?
- * Does your unit do an exceptional job of retaining the right Airmen, in the right AFSC's? ;
- * Does our unit promote a climate where the truth is consistently heard?
- * Do we build cumulative momentum on our challenge from Good to Great?
- * How do you set the example for greatness? Do you exude -- duty, honor and commitment to the Air National Guard and our great nation?

August Focus: Execution Through Engagement

Embracing and fostering a culture of diversity endears us to each other and forms lasting relationships that bond us together. On the other hand, when misunderstanding of diversity is found lacking in an organization, the absence can damage the institution's ability to respond appropriately to members' needs. Mission failure then becomes a very real possibility.

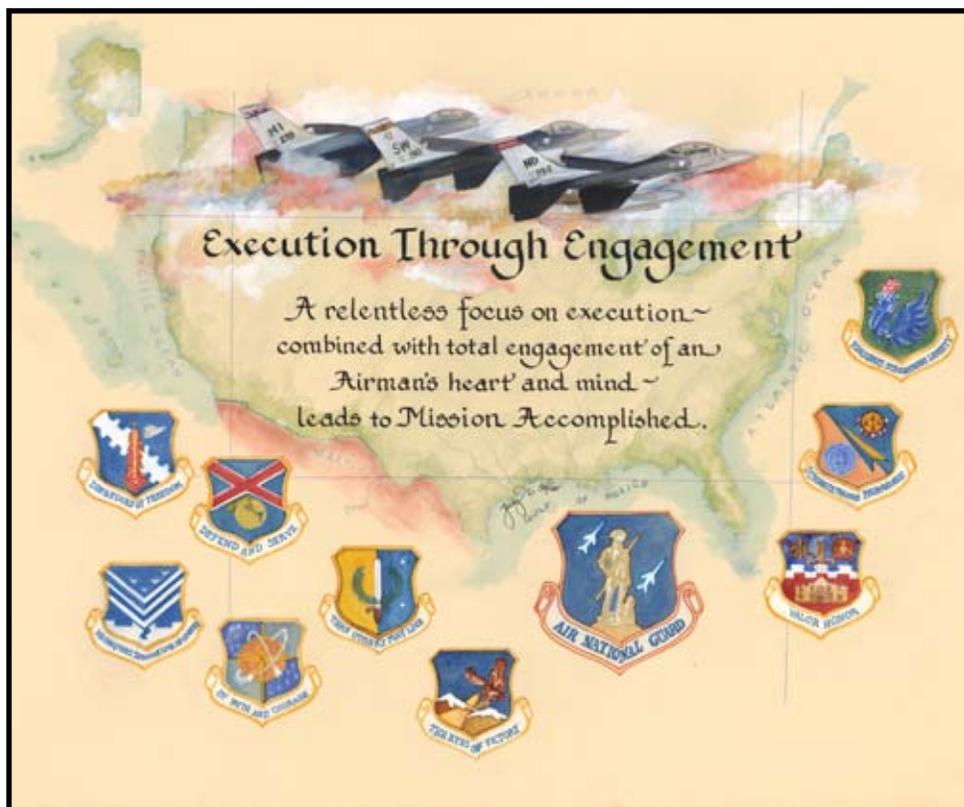
Proactively supporting diversity and leadership initiatives begins with our teammates and fellow Airmen. We have invested valuable time and limited resources on every unit member -- civilian, enlisted and officer. In today's challenging times everyone matters... everyone! We should always treat people with respect and dignity.

Ask Yourself:

- What is a diversity / leadership initiative you have currently in your organization?
- What is the cost to your organization if you do nothing about it?
- How does this effect morale, retention, or productivity on base?

We should all make every day count by giving 100 percent effort all the time - our Nation expects no less. Care for your mission; put the maximum effort into your work as though someone's life depended on it, because in many of our duties someone's life does depend on our actions.

As Airman, and especially the leaders of Airmen, it is important to remember we possess a valuable resource that is never-ending, abundant and valuable - the ability and responsibility to cultivate a culture of diversity for our Airmen.



Flywheel Challenge:

Ask yourself: "What did I do today to push on the flywheel?"

- * What is your personal commitment to support and develop your Airman to lead?
- * What contributions are you making to engage your Airman in preparing themselves for future possibilities?
- * Do you lead so that your Airman can tell their Airman that you stood for something and you acted on it?

We should always treat people with respect and dignity.

(LRS, continued from page 4) operation. They played a critical role in identifying, securing and managing the contract housing and have directed the rotation and accountability of over 275 personnel through the end of the deployment. They have also been instrumental in linking personnel to both rooms and vehicles. Thanks to

their efforts acquiring supplemental airlift between Kingsley and Gowen Field, the unit saved over \$20,000 in transportation costs. Readiness Airmen devised a detailed vehicle plan and they were able to acquire six spare GSA fleet vehicles, saving an additional \$3,000 per month.

Kingsley's logistics professionals

tackled the myriad of challenges to this operation head on.

The sustainment and redeployment challenges have yet to be met. Given the success of the deployment portion the rest of the operation should prove seamless and successful.

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“We are preparing for our Field Training Exercise (FTX) which lasts for about three days-- and everything we’ve done since we got here will culminate into those last three days,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Patterson, Operation NORTHERN THUNDER Flight Leader.

The FTX reflects the needs of overseas operations. It emphasizes ground base defense, urban military operations training, relationship building with local populations, and convoy operations.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Addie Carter
Staff Sgts. Eddie Lebeau and Ryan Deane, 173rd Security Forces Squadron, cross the low wire confidence course.

Ultimately, Patterson hopes to garner critical experience that will help his unit transition from peace time to a deployed environment should the need arise.

“What I hope to gain in an education form the tactics we employ and learn from the mistakes we make and the things we’ve done well and put that together in the forward operating bases we go to so we don’t have to make those mistakes any longer,” he said.

One key aspect of the training was the ropes course where participants learn to work as a team while being forced to communicate non-verbally.

“It’s a confidence course using

the team concept because you can’t do most of the obstacles by yourself you have to have anywhere from five to 10 people in order to get beyond them. They do not want us to talk other than by hand and arm signals, which reinforces the team concept, it’s a great confidence builder,” said Patterson.

One obstacle that proved tricky was the cable walk where teams were required to make their way across a series of cables strung between telephone poles at a height of around a foot. The spans of cable between

poles grew increasingly wider with each passing segment and required larger and larger feats of balance and teamwork for team members to navigate without touching the ground.

“I think that one was probably the hardest one, and it took probably five or six tries for the guys I was with yesterday to get across,” said Staff Sgt. William Briones, 173rd Fighter Wing Security Forces Member.

Another key aspect of training at Biak is the access to a state-of-the-art EST or Engagement Skills Trainer which replaced the FATS system previously used to simulate range weapons training. The new system boasts better simulation graphics and the ability to use nearly every weapon in the military arsenal from the M-4 carbine to the M-249 squad automatic weapon to AT-4 anti-tank weapons.

“You are able to take real weapons that are hooked up to the system and there will be a scenario up on the screen you



Photo by Staff Sgt. Addie Carter
Tech. Sgt. Levi Clarey, 173rd Security Forces Squadron, directs his squad to load the five-ton during the training exercise.

and your squad can engage-- like guys coming down the hill toward your position,” said Briones. “It even has a grenade launcher that is part of the simulation,” he added.

Patterson says the bottom line for the deployment is that it serves as a focal point for getting real-world knowledge from the battlefield to those who need it most.

“Some of the reports that have come down from Iraq and other deployments share all of the real-world experience that our troops have gained overseas, and those lessons will help us learn the skills that may one day save our lives and the lives of those we are sent to protect,” he concluded.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Addie Carter
Staff Sgt. Claudia Marburym 173rd Security Forces Squadron, adjusts her night vision goggles during a training exercise

(RANK, continued from page 3) more, and gives you a sense of accomplishment to want to do more.” Campbell plans to compete in all the USA Team events this year.

This marks the fourth year running that Campbell has been ranked.

“You have to race every year in USA Triathlon sanctioned events and



Master Sgt. Sean Campbell makes his way up a hill during the USAT National Championships in Richmond, Va. April 24. The course featured a 10k run, a 38k bike and a 5k run.

your finish is where you are ranked every year. I have been ranked both nationally and internationally since 2006,” said Campbell.

He says the most crucial part of his training regiment doesn’t involve any type of exercise at all.

“The key to my success is my wife,” he said. “If it was not for her support and keeping me motivated and focused I would not be where I’m at today.”

A duathlon is typically a run-bike-run event and is an off-shoot of a traditional triathlon. Campbell found his way into duathlons because of his cycling experience. He says he raced for the Armed Forces Cycling Team one year and that his love of the sport stems from seeing so much “country side” while out riding. He says combining running

and cycling was natural when he was hired into the Oregon Air National Guard in 2001.

“Part of my job commitment is staying in shape. I looked around for a sport that combined running and cycling and that sport was Duathlons,” Campbell said. “I Located and tried some races, liked the combination and continued to improve my skills to become a top athlete.”

It’s a passion he integrates even while TDY. During Operation Sentry Downunder Campbell found an opportunity to compete.

“I did my homework to see what the race scene was like and found that the Australia National Duathlon Championships were being hosted near our deployed location,” he said. “I contacted the race director and he allowed me to race. Along with all the memories from the deployment, I took home a silver medal in my age group for my efforts.”

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It was so sudden, she said. Her son had left the country just four days prior.

“It really wasn’t anything I gave much thought to,” she said.

The F-111 fighter-bomber Lefty was flying over Laos Sept. 29, 1972, with Col. William Coltman disappeared from radar screens.

On Nov. 20, 2000, remains were found at a crash site in Laos. On March 5, 2002, they were identified as the bodies of Lefty and Coltman.

Lefty never lived in Klamath Falls, but Bob and Florence Brett moved to Klamath Falls in 1969, when the senior Brett served as Kingsley Field’s personnel director. He retired in 1971, after 31 years of service during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The road dedication came about when current Army National Guard members in Klamath Falls found a

certificate that stated the C Troop, 1st Battalion, 82nd Cavalry Oregon Army National Guard unit had adopted Lefty through the National League of Families, an organization that works to draw attention to the 1,740 personnel reported missing from the Vietnam War.

The Bretts became involved in the National League of Families.

“It is easier if you’re with people in the same situation,” Florence Brett said.

Lefty always wanted to fly, ever since he was a little boy, his mother said. He acquired his private pilot’s license before entering the ROTC and Air Force.

In honor of his service, Lefty’s family was given an Oregon Honor Medal in his name, framed photos of Brett Way with a photo of Lefty and a brick in the Veterans Memo-

rial at Veterans Memorial Park.

“Now his memory will live on as we drive down Brett Way,” said Klamath County commissioner Cheryl Hukill.

Lefty’s brother, Joe, said this he intends to bring his grandchildren to Brett Way this summer.

On behalf of his family, he told the audience during the ceremony that they are appreciative of the community support from the time Lefty went missing through today.



Planning for Success

By Capt. Kraig Kroeker, 173rd Fighter Wing Chaplain

This week I received yet another gadget in my life: a Blackberry. This is another important tool to keep me in communication when I am away from the office. I, therefore, hold it in high esteem and put it in its proper place right beside my cell phone, iPod, Palm, laptop, and every other little electronic device I currently own. And, just like every other electronic device, I execute a plan to learn about it, learn to use it, and take a great bit of care and time to set it up to my liking. My plan is to utilize the device to its fullest extent.

Plans are important. It reminds me of the plot of the novel turned movie *The Hunt for Red October*. The story is about Jack Ryan's pursuit of finding out the plans of Captain Marko Ramius. Is he defecting or is he prepared to launch a nuclear attack on the United States? It is Ryan's job to go to sea, intercept Ramius, and find out. At the pinnacle change point in the movie when Ryan is aboard the USS Enterprise, the Captain Davenport antagonizes Jack and says with a thick southern drawl, "A Rusky don't take a dump without a plan, son."

I have to admit this is one of my favorite quotes from the movie. Not only because of its importance to the plot of the movie, but also because I understand that many times I need to be more like Ramius and have a plan. Currently I am looking to build my first house. I am learning that nothing proceeds without the plans. Not one permit is issued. No ground breaking begins. Not

It is difficult to succeed at any task without a plan.

one hammer swings without first having the blueprints. The plans are the guidelines to make sure that every

element of the house is included and built to proper spec so that it is a long-lasting dwelling for my family.

I believe it is universal knowledge that it is difficult to succeed at any task without a plan. So why, then, do we sometimes approach our most important relationships without one? Do we really think that successful relationships happen by chance or luck? As I have been able to deal with the fallout of people who have let their relation-

ships fail, I have noticed that the majority simply did not plan for their relationship to succeed. They did not pour over the manual. They did not invest the time and energy. They did not have a goal. They did not have a plan.

During the next year, the Chaplains office and family support will be offering opportunities for those that are looking for plans to make sure that their relationships succeed. In the meantime, take a few moments and do some analysis. How have you been handling your relationships? Have you been betting on luck, or are you planning for success?



Chaplain's Office Information

Service Hours:

Need to reach the chaplain? He is on base each day from 0730-1530 and here on UTA weekends. Drop by his office or call to make an appointment.

Contact information:

Office: x5-6239, Cell: 541-331-3739 or 541-331-2611

Chaplain Assistant: SSgt Osten Coaty
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UTA Services:

Catholic Service: Medical Conference Room, Sunday's at 0730

Protestant Service: Medical Training Room, Sunday's at 0730

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the accomplishment, and instead pointed to other pilots' flight time on various missions.

"I like to think that there are some guys who have a thousand hours, and there are some guys who have one hour a thousand times," Miller said, emphasizing the importance of the individual mission as opposed to the total number of hours a pilot accumulates.

"It is definitely a privilege to have been able to fly this airplane this long."

Miller has flown the F-15 for 19 of his 25 years as a pilot.

The milestone aside, Miller said he enjoys flying and instructing other F-15 pilots.

"I appreciate being able to do my part in producing



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Barney
Col. James Miller, Wing Commander for the 173rd Fighter Wing, in Klamath Falls, Ore., lands his F-15 Eagle after reaching 4,000 flight hours at Gowen Field, Idaho.

the world's finest air-to-air combat pilot graduates," Miller said. "I'm very fortunate to have had a career allowing me to fly and instruct in the F-15 Eagle."

Airmen from the 173rd Fighter Wing are conducting training missions at the Idaho facility while the main runway at Kingsley Field undergoes construction. Dubbed "Sentry Displacement", the project will be completed in about six months.

The Oregon Air National Guard consists of two fighter wings; both the 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland, as well as the 173rd Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls.

The 142nd Fighter Wing conducts the air sovereignty mission over the Northwest sector of the United States, while the 173rd Fighter Wing is one of two active duty U.S. Air Force F-15 schoolhouses in the nation.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Barney
Col. James Miller, Wing Commander for the 173rd Fighter Wing, in Klamath Falls, Ore., guides his F-15 fighter onto the flightline at Gowen Field, Idaho.

Civilian Employment Information (CEI)



Take the Civilian Employment Information Survey!!

By now, every one of you should have seen the email instructing you to log on to the Civilian Employment Information (CEI) website and fill out information regarding your civilian employment. This is an annual mandatory survey that must be

completed by 30 Sept 2009. Headquarters is paying close attention

vey MUST be completed. It takes less than five minutes, and as it stands, the ORANG is only at 8.24 percent. Please take a few minutes and log on to the website

All Airman Must Comply!!!!!!

to it. Regardless of your status (Drill Status Guardsman, Technician, Air Guard Reserve) this sur-

and update your information. See the next page to read the memorandum regarding this program.

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/esgr/logonAction.do>



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MEMORANDUM FOR The Adjutants General of all States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

FROM: NGB/CF

SUBJECT: Civilian Employment Information Program

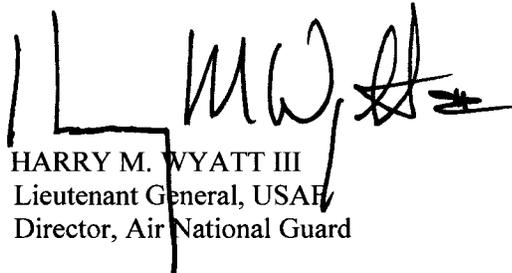
This memorandum outlines the procedures for the collection and management of civilian employment information (CEI). References for this memorandum include Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Armed Forces Sections 10204, 10205, 10149(a), and 12302; DODI 7730.54, *Reserve Components Common Personnel Data System*; and the Privacy Act of 1974.

DoD Instruction 7730.54 requires, at a minimum, an annual certification of the CEI by Ready Reserve members. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has set the goal of achieving a 95% compliance rate for the Selective Reserve. As of 23 Feb 09, the Air National Guard (ANG) was at 11.75% members current in reporting CEI information.

This program makes it possible for Defense officials, including those responsible for mobilizing our traditional Guard and Reserve members, to know who can be called up for active military duty without jeopardizing the civilian forces responsible for safeguarding our country. This program will also facilitate communication between the Defense Department and civilian employers regarding the reservist's rights and responsibilities under the 1994 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Additionally, effective 1 Apr 09, OSD will begin a new reporting process to the Secretary of Defense and above, making it imperative that all Airmen update their information with current, accurate data.

This memorandum applies to all Airmen within the ANG. All ANG members should visit the CEI web page (<https://pki.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/esgr>) and complete the applicable portions. Active Guard Reserve (AGR) members will not have full-time civilian employment, since their full-time employment is military; however, they may have a part-time job or specific voluntary service and are required to access the updated page. The minimum requirement is that AGRs check the box that says "Not Applicable." Military Technicians are required to provide their civilian employment information relative to their technician (civilian) employment when on duty in their military status. Civilian employment information on military technicians will not be collected at anytime while in their civilian status.

The point of contact for this issue is Major Eric Stubbs, NGB/A1PS, commercial (703) 607-5930, DSN 327-5930, and email eric.stubbs@ang.af.mil.


HARRY M. WYATT III
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard

Attachment:
Asst SecDef Memo, 22 Jul 08

Announcements



NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES, Need help paying for child care costs? We can help!

We appreciate the sacrifices that National Guard families make and are honored to help these great families with the application process that will connect them to the funding that can relieve the financial burden of child care, especially during deployment. Call 1-888-642-2799 today to determine your family's eligibility and supplement amounts. It's free, it's easy and it's worth it.

The advocates of the National Guard Child Care Program, want to ensure that every eligible family of the National Guard is aware that these supplements are available and assist them with the application process.

Supplement rates are based on several factors including child care cost and family income. All income levels may be eligible to receive a minimum* of \$100 per child per month for full time child care while the spouse is working, going to school full time, or looking for work. Guardians may also apply.

Guard Family Examples:

- E4 with two children is receiving ~~\$200~~ per month for toddler and school age care.
- E4 with one child is receiving ~~\$210~~ per month for full time infant care.
- E7 with three children is receiving ~~\$310~~ per month for full time day care.
- O3 with two children is receiving ~~\$100~~ while spouse attends school part time.



*Minimums vary depending on branch of service.

What We Will Do For You:

- Conduct a brief 10-minute phone interview to determine your family's needs and eligibility.
- Answer your questions and research your options.
- Help you locate eligible care if needed.
- Complete the applications for you.
- Work with your child care provider and explain the process so that you won't have to.
- Support and defend your family's unique situation when necessary.

"It was easy! Didn't take much time at all. I'm really pleased with the program." - Elisha B

"You guys are awesome! I would never have been able to do this without you. Thanks so much." - CPT R

"It is amazing to actually talk to someone right away and not a machine! The process is quick and the information needed is basic stuff with the military. - Tom S

Don't wait until child care costs and military commitment take a toll on your finances, or your spouse's career or education.

Call 1-888-642-2799 or NGCCP@GuardFamily.org

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wear it properly. If you have children, protect them by having them in the appropriate child restraint device.

The goal this summer is to have zero fatalities and prevent needless mishaps as mentioned above. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Risk management must be incorporated into daily activities. Every commander, supervisor and worker must be committed to avoiding mishaps.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable summer, continue to focus on safety and take the required measures to protect yourselves and loved ones.

Free Friday Night Movies!!!

Join us every Friday,
7:00pm at the Kingsley
theater for free movies

Volunteers are needed to keep this program going. Please contact the Public Affairs office at x5-6677 if you would like to volunteer or learn more about the Friday Night Movies.

Movies subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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2009 UTA Schedule

July UTA:

7/11 - 7/12

Kingsley Aug. UTA:

8/1 - 8/2

Boise Aug. UTA:

8/15 - 8/16

Sept. UTA:

9/12 - 9/13

Oct. UTA:

10/17 - 10/18

Nov. UTA:

10/31 - 11/1

Dec. UTA:

12/5 - 12/6



Construction commences on the main runway at Kingsley Field. The construction of this runway has caused the 173rd Fighter Wing to temporarily relocate their flying operations to Gowen Field, Idaho.

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