

Wing Continues Mission During Sentry Displacement

By Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

GOWEN FIELD, Idaho – The mission of the 173rd Fighter Wing is to train the best air-to-air combat pilots to fly one of the most sophisticated air defense aircraft in the world. This unit has been accomplishing that mission for many years now at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore. However, for the last four months, members of the 173rd Fighter have been performing their mission over 400 miles away from home during Sentry Displacement.

The removal and reconstruction of the old runway at Klamath Falls Airport has forced the 173rd Fighter Wing to move its flight operations to the 124th Wing at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Twenty two F-15 Eagle aircraft and over 225 - 300 personnel from the 173rd Fighter Wing temporarily relocated to Gowen Field beginning in late April, and are scheduled to be there until early November.

Without missing a beat, aircraft were able to land in Gowen Field and the training mission was up and running.

“I feel (the transition) was fairly seamless. There is always going to be issues, but we never lost a student sortie and student training happened just like it would at home,” said Major Johan Deutscher, the 114th Fighter Squadron Training Officer and Operations Group (See **GOWEN** Page 5)



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
An F-15 Eagle from the 173rd Fighter Wing takes off down the runway for a routine training mission at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho during Sentry Displacement.

Air Force Unveils New Fitness Program

By Daniel Elkins, Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Approval of the new Air Force fitness instruction in the coming weeks will bring about some of the most significant changes to the Air Force fitness program in the last five years.

Those changes, which take effect Jan. 1, 2010, shift a greater responsibility of maintaining physical fitness 365 days a year to all Airmen.

In June, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz announced changes to the service's fitness program following an audit that identified inconsistencies in fitness testing that failed to (See **FITNESS** Page 4)



Commander's Corner

By Col. James Miller, Commander
173rd Fighter Wing

2009 has been a year filled with positive change for Kingsley Field, Ore. and the National Guard. There are still questions out there that need to be answered as we go forward with our 5-year Strategic Plan. SENTRY DISPLACEMENT has gone extremely well (thanks to all the efforts at home and Boise). Our runway construction is on schedule and we look forward to the return of our F-15 fleet and reuniting TEAM KINGSLEY; however, the world around us continues to evolve and we need to posture our wing and our personnel to evolve with these changes. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2008, enacted in January, designated the National Guard Bureau (NGB) as a joint activity of the Department of Defense (DoD).

War. The National Guard has become an operational force that is an integral part of the Army and Air Force, and as such, we need to be able to assimilate into any part of our DoD components as we continually evolve into part of the total force. In order to do that and increase our chances of success, we need to have officers and senior non-commissioned officers willing to step out of their comfort zones and start thinking of career broadening to gain the experiences and networking to be vital as future leaders of our total force.

As a leader and Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing, it is my responsibility to set the tone of this organization, provide the resources and the tools for our members to succeed. I

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The law also elevated the grade of the Chief, National Guard Bureau to the rank of General. With this new stature and an explicit linkage to the Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), NGB is better positioned to represent National Guard issues and concerns at the highest levels in the DoD.

The depth provided by the National Guard is no longer that of a strategic reserve as envisioned during the Cold

War. I must also be confident enough to encourage officers and non-commissioned officers to seek out opportunities outside of this wing knowing it will be a win-win situation. What and where you have been isn't always where you are going; therefore, as officers and NCOs start to move up in the higher echelons of rank, career broadening becomes extremely important for the promise of continued success as well as the success of your organization. The 173d Fighter Wing currently has three officers whom have sought out such opportunities.

Colonel Richard "Buzz" Wedan was recently appointed to a staff position at Joint Forces Headquarters

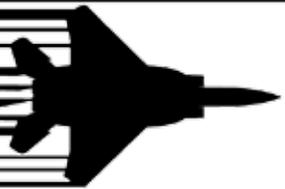


Col. James Miller, Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing

to become the full time Oregon State Director of Operations (A3) reporting directly to Brig Gen Bruce Prunk, ORANG Commander. This opportunity affords Colonel Wedan new and challenging work experiences, state and national level contacts and leadership opportunities that he would not obtain at the group level. Colonel Wedan is lauded for his courage and conviction in constantly seeking out challenging opportunities for the betterment as an officer, leader, this wing and the Oregon Air National Guard.

Conversely - Colonel James "Cannon" Kriesel joins us from the NGB where he was the Division Chief for Requirements Integration (A5) to assume command of 173rd Operations Group. I perceive this to be a very rewarding symbiotic relationship. Colonel Kriesel will broaden his career by returning to the field, working with the best F-15C instructor (See CORNER Page 7)

Commander's Hotline



Question:

Sir, I have a concern as of late with the amount of blogging from military members; especially the local Herald and News columns. The civilian public is creating and responding to columns on-line and the response from the military members is starting to display negatively upon the base due to military members personal opinions and not those of the Air Force, ANG, or Kingsley Field. I personally don't want to be labeled by our community due to these bloggers from Kingsley using this platform as their political tool and pushing their views as if they were the views of Kingsley Field. Most of the blogging is being conducted while on duty from government owned computers (if you check the base internet usage history you can see who the offenders are). Please help protect our image to the public, I do care how the community looks at us and that blogging is also against government computer usage policies. Have a great day Sir.

Response:

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Information regarding proper use of government computers has been distributed throughout the entire wing via annual Information Protection training, Warrior Call in February, numerous updates through Wing Information Assurance (WINGS) e-mails. I cannot imagine any member of Team Kingsley blatantly disregarding Air Force and Wing policy. So, I have to assume the wing needs to do a better job disseminating information because apparently it has not been received 100%.

Let me make it perfectly clear to each and every individual assigned to the 173d Fighter Wing. This type of activity is expressly prohibited! AFI 33-100; Paragraph 3.9.1 addresses inappropriate use of the Internet and Information Technology resources. The AFI specifically states this under inappropriate use: (para 3.9.1.6) "Participating in non-DoD or non-government "chat lines," "chat groups," "blogs," or open forum discussion to or through a public site, unless it is for official purposes and approved through SAF/XCP and DoD Global Information Grid (GIG) Waiver Board."

Additionally, statements made in an official capacity on behalf of the Oregon National Guard need to be approved by the State PAO or designee. Command Policy Memorandum #108 also addresses professional behavior of Oregon National Guard members.

From a legal perspective, there are long lists of permitted as well as prohibited actions that pertain to political activities. Publishing political views on behalf of Kingsley Field or the National Guard is not permitted. Air National Guard personnel are expected and encouraged to carry out their responsibilities as citizens of the United States. Accordingly, they retain the right to: Express personal opinions as individual's citizens on candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the military; Members of the National Guard must not use their POSITIONS in the National Guard (such as by campaigning in uniform or using one's rank or grade) or endorsing a political candidate or issue.

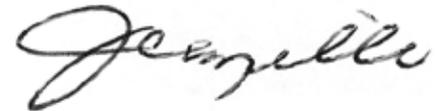
If you see this type of activity oc-

curing on duty, it needs to be reported through the chain of command. Offenders can expect disciplinary action.

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or the National Guard is
not permitted.**

If you have any further questions on the proper use of information systems please see your commander's support staff or reference AFI 33-100, USER RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDANCE FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS.

Thank you,



If you would like to submit a question, suggestion, or comment to the commander's hotline follow this link:

<https://173fw-ii-01.ang.ds.af.mil/KFGroups/WingCommand/NewCCHotline/Default.asp>

This is your direct link to the base commander, it is a way to voice concerns and/or make suggestions. You can omit from providing your contact information, the choice to remain anonymous is yours. The commander may choose to publish your comments along with his reply.

SPORTS

(FITNESS, continued from page 1) create a culture of fitness required to meet the warfighting demands on today's Airmen.

"I take fitness seriously, and so should you," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy. "The new Air Force fitness test is coming soon and will incorporate significant changes aimed at creating a continuous culture of fitness."

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Force's enlisted promotions, evaluations and physical fitness chief, also underscored the importance of fitness in maintaining that combat capability while at the same time advising that Airmen shouldn't wait until the new year to begin preparing for the changes.

"The culture of fitness that began with earlier endeavors intended to prepare Airmen to be 'fit to fight' established a sound foundation to build



upon," Chief Long said. "We've come a long way in the last five years, only now it's time to incorporate changes that will bring about not only increased fitness, but greater clarity and understanding for both commanders and Airmen."

Some of the significant changes outlined in the new Air Force Instruction 10-248, Fitness Program, include the testing frequency, establishment of fitness assessment cells to proctor tests and increased emphasis on the aerobic component in scoring. The instruction is expected to be signed and approved by the Air Force chief of staff in the coming weeks.

Until then, Airmen can learn more about some of those changes on the horizon and view the approved fitness charts and other valuable fitness related information at the Air Force fitness program Web site at

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp>.

September Fitness Testing Times

September 12th

0800
0900
1000
1100 Step test only **
Lunch
1300

September 13th

0800
0900
1000
1100 Step test only**

**Note: 1100 will be the only time the step testing is accomplished.





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
Two F-15s from the 173rd Fighter Wing and two A-10 Thunderbolts from the Boise Air National Guard perform a fly-over during the University of Oregon versus Boise State football game.



Members of the 173rd Fighter Wing Phase Element perform a routine inspection on an F-15 Eagle at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho during Sentry Displacement.

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representative for Sentry Displacement.

However, this smooth transition from operations at Kingsley Field to operations at Gowen Field did not happen on its own. It took a great deal of hard work and preparation of many individuals to make it turn out as it did.

Multiple offices, briefing rooms, debriefing stations and computers all had to be set up prior to the aircraft landing so that the mission could be accomplished. In addition to all that, one of the biggest projects was preparing the aircraft ramp for the F-15s.

“We basically took a ramp with no striping on it and painted 25 aircraft positions, got them all lined up correctly so that we could land the jets and put them in a safe spot with the correct wing tip clearance,” said Deutscher

Another key factor in the seamless transition was the computer set up. “We had to work with (Communications Flight) to get our database set up so that everything we did here got stored back at Klamath Falls in a correct manner. This was extremely important because we now do all of our student training grade book digitally. So that was very important for us to get done,” added Deutscher.

More than fifty trucks needed to be unpacked during the set up with all the equipment and supplies needed for daily operations.

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Brown, 173rd Fighter Wing Maintenance Production Superintendent said, “The setup went fairly smooth. The people at home prepped very well to send the equipment out there and the people we had here were the right people to get the job done.”

However it wasn't only the men and women of the 173rd Fighter Wing that have made this a successful deployment thus far. The support they have received from the hosting unit, the 124th Wing, has made this a successful deployment thus far.

“The people here at Boise are very welcoming and they have helped out all that they could. It has been a good transition,” said Brown.

The members of the 173rd Fighter Wing have just under three months left in their deployment to Gowen Field, and once again the skies of Klamath Falls will be filled with the roar of the F-15 Eagles.

“We have learned a lot coming here. It has been a good deployment and the moral has stayed pretty high. As a unit we have learned a lot about each other,” added Brown.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
Major Alaric Michaelis, 173rd Fighter Wing, briefs Lt. Vic Knill, Col. Rick Wedan, and B-course student Lt. Adrian Anulewicz before a routine training mission at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho during Sentry Displacement.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
Major Johan Deutscher, 114th Fighter Squadron Training Officer, reviews the maintenance forms before a routine training mission at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho during Sentry Displacement.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Pollution Prevention is Kingsley's Priority

By 2nd Lieutenant Aurora Robeson, 173rd Fighter Wing Environmental Manager

When thinking of storm drains, one should always remember storm drains are for storm water **ONLY!** Anything dumped, washed or swept into the storm drain flows directly, unfiltered and untreated, into our waterways.

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. There is a fundamental difference between the two. A storm drain system is designed to handle excess rainwater, whereas a sewer system is designed to transport wastewater to a treatment facility. Unlike the sewer system there is not a treatment facility for the storm drain

Storm drains are for storm water ONLY

system. So whatever goes down the storm drain ends up in our beaches, lakes and rivers.

Direct pollutants into our storm drains can lead to drinking water contamination, harm and/or kill fish and add toxins to our streams and lakes. Discharging wastes into waters of the state without a permit is a violation of Oregon Statutes and likely to result in monetary and civil penalties.

Your community, family and base are counting on you to reduce pollution and help improve the water quality!

If you have questions about disposing chemicals or storm water questions, please call the base Environmental Office at 541-885-6326 or 541-885-6183.

Tips to Remember:

- Educate new employees within 30 days of hire
- Wash vehicles at the wash rack
- Do not use soaps or detergents when cleaning building exteriors
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off sidewalks
- Dispose of hazardous chemicals and cleaners properly
- Do not litter, pick up FOD as you come across it
- Clean spills immediately, isolate nearby drains

Wood Chipper Purchased With Base Qualified Recycling Program Funds

By 2nd Lieutenant Aurora Robeson, 173rd Environmental Manager

Members of the Civil Engineering Squadron are often seen working hard at beautifying the grounds. A new piece of equipment has made their job easier.

Recently, Colonel James Miller, 173rd Fighter Wing Commander, approved the purchase of a wood chipper using net proceeds from the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP).

The QRP is managed by the Environmental Office and the proceeds are a direct reflection of the wing's recy-

cling efforts. These funds are generated by recycling scrap metal, paper, cardboard, and wood; earnings can qualify for pollution prevention activities as well as revenue for the Base Morale Welfare and Recreation fund.

CE will use the wood chips generated by this equipment for weed control around the base..

"The wood chipper was needed equipment for weed control, as well as to improve the appearance of (See **CHIPPER** Page 14)



Sexual Assault, Substance Abuse Reduce Readiness

By Sgt. Malcolm McClendon, Texas National Guard

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (8/04/09) – Sexual assault and substance abuse are readiness issues, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said here Tuesday.

“We need to be focused on what we need to do when we see the signs,” Gen. Craig R. McKinley told Sexual Assault Prevention and Response and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators at a training workshop here.

“We are at a point in this journey, but we have not reached the destination yet,” McKinley said. “We haven’t solved the problems of sexual abuse. We haven’t solved the problems of drug and alcohol abuse.”

Sexual assault and substance abuse impact unit readiness, McKinley said. In some instances, resulting investigations significantly reduced mission effectiveness in theater, he said. “We need to preserve the readiness of Soldiers and Airmen so they can perform their jobs,” he said. See CHIEF Page 10)

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(CORNER, continued from page 3) cadre and assuming a leadership role in command. The wing will gain from Colonel Kriesel’s vast experience

working for the Combat Air Forces, NGB, and the liaisons he has established along his career path.

Lt Col Gregory “Snap” Johnson,

recently accepted a 1-year Title 10 tour on the Air Staff (A8) at the Pentagon, where he will be working Strategic Plans and Programs. He will gain first hand experience in the long-term planning processes of the multi-billion dollar Air Force Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) and how it drives the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) for the F-15C. Lt Col Johnson will be researching, addressing and advocating future capabilities, concepts and strategies that are directly affiliated to securing the future of the USAF and our nation’s security.

All three of these officers/leaders should be commended for making smart and difficult career choices in order to better serve their nation in these arduous times.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
A F-15 Eagle lands on the runway at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore. during a routine training mission.

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4. Getting involved in community efforts

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SSGT Morgan Smith @ 541-885-6162



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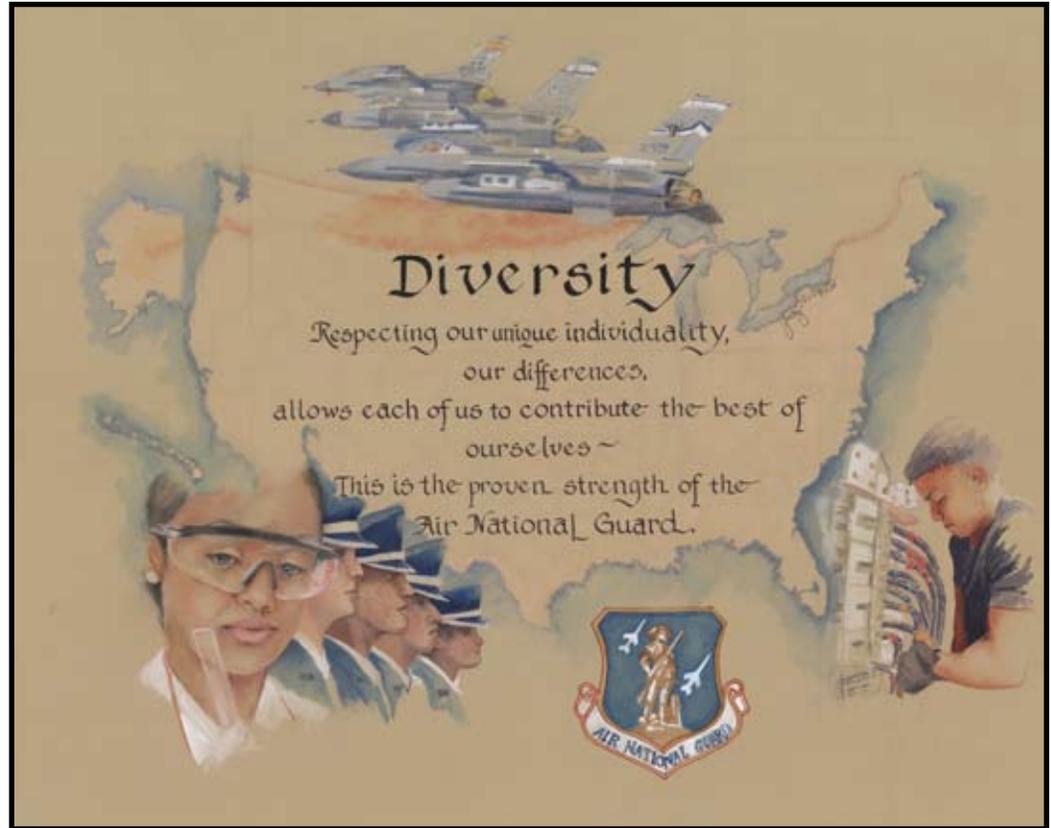

September Focus: Innovation Through Ideas

As the youngest of America's five Services, our battle traditions are just a hundred years old. Nevertheless, we are heirs to a proud heritage. The Airman Warrior tradition was built by heroic visionaries and practitioners - such as Mitchell, Arnold, Chennault, Doolittle, LeMay, and Schriever - who charged us to believe in and advocate the value of air power for the Nation. They left us a spirit that fosters initiative, innovation, and forward thinking. They left us an institutional belief in leading by example, from the front, and assuming the full measure of risk and responsibility. They left us a heritage of valor, honor, service and sacrifice. This legacy - the contrails they left behind - defines who we are, shapes what we do, and sets the vector for our future. We stand on the shoulders of giants.

Leveraging Diversity impacts the bottom-line!

- Retention
 - Loyalty ~ It is not enough to have a great recruiting team. Recruiters recruit, Organization cultural retains!
- Airman Contributions
- Value Airman. They will in return 'buy' into your mission.
- Airman Satisfaction
- Satisfied Airman are innovative! They produce quality and variety of ideas!

Whether in adversity or success your attitude to your circumstances empowers you to move or evolve towards your desires and create new, innovative ideas. Let's make sure the efforts and innovations of all Airmen are welcomed and appreciated. Your nation demands no less.



Flywheel Challenge:

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

- * Do you set an institutional belief in leading by example, from the front, and assuming the full measure of risk and responsibility?
- * What ideas do you help shape and define for the future of our Airmen of tomorrow? * What skills, abilities, knowledge, education and information can I garner daily to gain greatness in my chosen field?
- * Do you always work to turn your resources to use, that deliver the results you want? * Does your unit do an exceptional job of retaining the right Airmen, in the right AFSC's?

"Just as energy is the basis of life itself, and ideas the source of innovation, so is innovation the vital spark of all human change, improvement and progress"

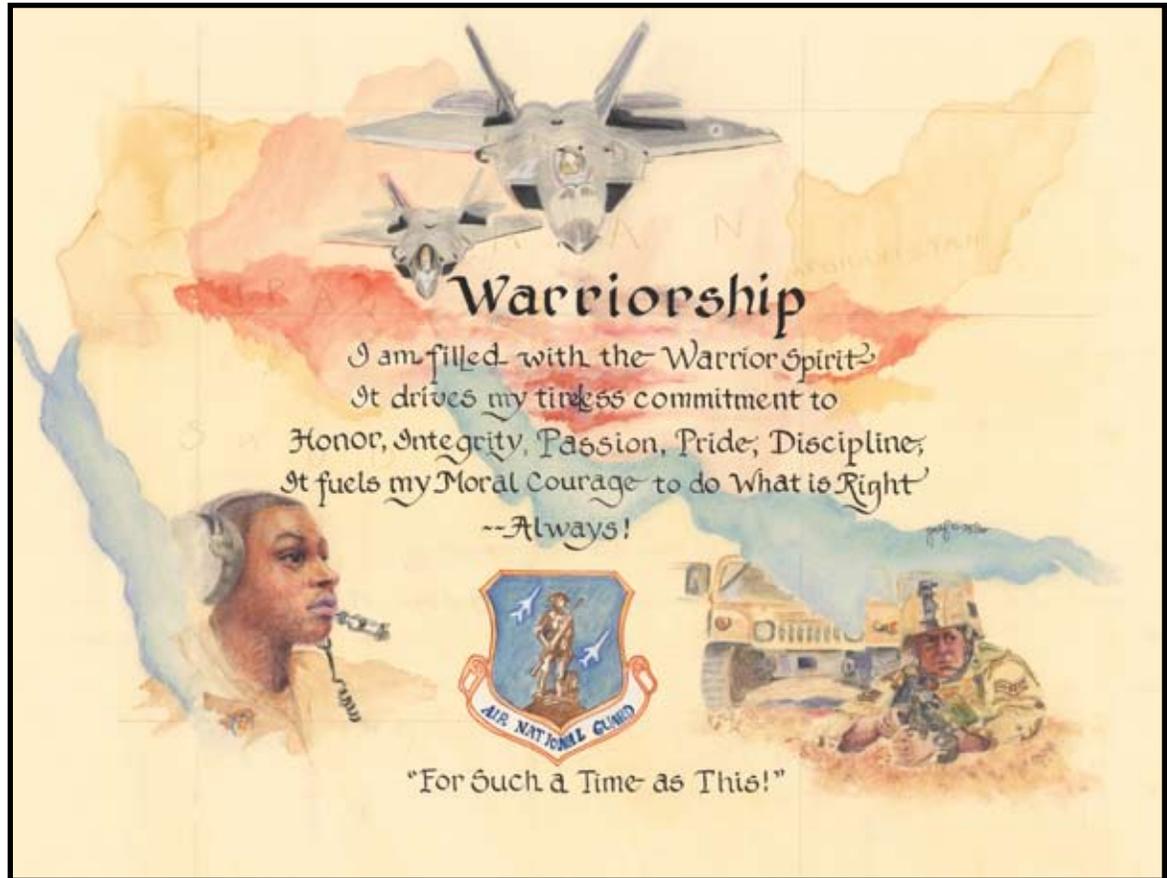
October Focus: Warriorship

The foundation of Warriorship is that “All men are created equal.” Warrior ethics have respect for human equality as the premise – just as it is stated in the Declaration of Independence. It is our noble courage to put others before ourselves as the protectors and defenders of freedom. We must cultivate the willingness to develop the bravery to apply that ethic to an enemy that has arisen from another culture, with a code of warfare of their own, in this global war on terror.

The Air National Guard has a commitment to the ethical principles of leadership and diversity because it strengthens and validates our warrior ‘ethos’. It is our commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; to do what is right – always of which our Core Values are built.

Our moral courage is fueled by the institutionalized character we establish in ourselves each day. Sound morals go beyond our ranks or positions; they cut to the heart and to the soul of who we are and what we are each and every day as Airmen of character. The warrior ethos also emphasizes that today’s Airmen are “Battlefield Airmen” and that this moral courage is continuously built upon to arm us with the challenges to come and unite us as expeditionary Airmen.

“For such a time as this!”



Flywheel Challenge:

Ask yourself: *“What did I do today to push on the flywheel?”*

- * What is a moral, mental or physical exercise you can develop in your path to being a noble warrior?
- * How do you demonstrate character and integrity in your actions?
- * What displays of nobility do you exhibit in the area of diversity?

I am filled with the “Warrior Spirit” -- it drives my tireless commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; and it fuels my Morale Courage to do what is right -- always!

Kingsley Field Ready to Accept all F-15C Training

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

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The Air Force has decided to merge its active-duty F-15C training with the Oregon Air National Guard.

The merger comes as Air Education and Training Command adjusts to the drawdown of F-15 fighter aircraft following Defense Secretary Robert Gates recommended phasing out 112 of the service's 405 in current use, said Col. Jeff Kendall, deputy director for flying training at AETC Headquarters, in a recent interview with Air Force Times.

The 173rd Fighter Wing currently shares the training mission with the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. however the planned merger would leave the Klamath Falls base as the sole provider.

"As a wing, we are prepared to accept all of the F-15C training for the Air Force and Air National Guard if or when the Air Force makes that decision," said Col. James Miller, the 173rd Fighter Wing commander.

Currently AETC has not said what they plan to do with the crew chief ap-

prentice course, which provides the final step for student crew chiefs as they move join the operational Air Force, but Kendall says Kingsley Field is one option.

"Recently, we received correspondence that AETC had done two site visits to determine which locale would assume the crew chief apprentice course and apparently, AETC has opted to continue that training mission at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.," said Miller. "It has gone forward for formal coordination although a final decision has not been made yet."

Until now Tyndall AFB has trained approximately 60-80 pilots in a given year and the 173rd over 40. According to Kendall that is approximately the number the Air Force will need following the draw down.

"Being the sole F-15 training base would not increase our flying hour program too dramatically," said Miller. "We currently fly between 4,800 and 5,200 hours and we would be able to accomplish the F-15 training mission within those hours and are postured to fly more."

Perhaps the most obvious sign of the merger for Klamath Falls residents will be four additional F-15 D-models which will increase the wing's aircraft count to about 25, said (See **CHIEF** Page 12)



Photo by Sgt. Malcolm McClendon
Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, spoke to Sexual Assault Prevention and Response and Sexual Assault Response coordinators at a training workshop in San Antonio on Aug. 4, 2009.

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"We're fighting a two-front war."

Coordinators should be prepared, recognize warning signs and know how to react, McKinley said.

Many Guardmembers balance family lives, civilian careers and military service.

"We have to be very diligent about taking care of our Soldiers and Airmen in a different way than the active component takes care of theirs," McKinley said. "Our people do not have the access [to resources] our active-duty partners have."

Training workshops such as this are vital to providing appropriate help

to Guardmembers, McKinley said.

"I sense we have the right people, in the right job, in the right time to continue the journey to be the best National Guard ever," he said.

Sexual assault and substance abuse are readiness issues

Immunizations

Obtain your **SEASONAL INFLUENZA vaccine** as soon as it is available to you unless advised otherwise by your health care provider.

Vaccination will be an important countermeasure to both seasonal and H1N1 influenza. Efforts are underway to produce a safe and effective H1N1 vaccine.

Further information regarding DoD, State, and Local efforts in planning for and executing an H1N1 influenza vaccination campaign will be forthcoming.



Information

Use your Health Care Provider, Chain of Command, and the below websites as sources of information.

Websites

<http://www.flu.gov/>
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
<http://fhp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard/>

Each State National Guard Joint Force Headquarters should be communicating with their leadership and civilian authorities to ensure they understand how their specific State's Pandemic Influenza Plan includes them and how their Guardsmen may be utilized and, as appropriate, prioritized and included for future flu vaccines and other countermeasures.

NGB
 Joint Surgeon's Office
 1411 Jefferson Davis Highway
 Arlington, VA 22202-3231

Force Health Protection

H1N1 Influenza

July 2009



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NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU JOINT SURGEON'S OFFICE FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES H1N1 INFLUENZA

Background

A global pandemic of H1N1 influenza is underway. More than 70 countries have reported cases. All 50 of the states in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands have reported H1N1. Outbreaks are ongoing and in some cases with intense activity. H1N1 in conjunction with seasonal influenza poses the potential to cause significant illness.

Although most who have become ill with H1N1 have recovered without significant medical care, it is anticipated, more cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with this pandemic will occur.

H1N1 is a new (novel) flu virus that first caused illness in Spring 2009. H1N1 flu spreads like seasonal influenza, mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus, but it may also spread by touching infected objects and then touching your nose or mouth. H1N1 infection has been reported to cause a wide range of flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some have also reported nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. It is important for all to recognize their risk for exposure, understand what symptoms prompt medical attention and taking appropriate measures to mitigate infecting others.

Preventive Measures

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP, especially after you cough or sneeze — alcohol based hand cleansers are also effective

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or use crook of elbow when you cough or sneeze

Discard used tissues in trash cans

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth—Germs spread this way

Avoid close contact with sick people

Clean surfaces of tables, desks, door knobs, keyboards, and phones

Get adequate rest and eat well to help your body fight off infection

Follow public health advice regarding social distancing

Response Measures

Individuals have an important role in protecting themselves and their families.

Seek attention from a health care provider if you develop a fever, headache, extreme tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Limit contact with others if you are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Stay home for at least 7-days after illness onset or until you have been symptom free for 24 hours, whichever is the greater period of time, except to seek medical care. This is to keep from infecting others and spreading the virus.



WWII Triple Ace Recognizes Klamath Falls Ace Teacher

By Lt. Colonel Curtis Waite, 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- A group of military representatives gathered at Henley Elementary School (Klamath Falls) to present the "Air Force Association (AFA), Bill Harris Chapter, Teacher of the Year Award" to Ms. Sharon Sue Lewis.

The award recognizes classroom teachers for preparing students for studies that will eventually allow them to contribute to tomorrow's technologies.

Ms Lewis has served as a teacher for 39 years in a wide variety of capacities. She has functioned as a resource room teacher at Henley Elementary for the past eleven years. The award was presented in front of her peers during a recent staff meeting.

Lt Colonel Curtis Waite, local AFA Chapter President, and Mr. Bill Harris presented the award. Mr. Harris (92)

achieved WWII Triple Ace status (16 confirmed enemy shoot downs) in the Pacific theater and is the namesake of the local AFA chapter. The organization recently changed its name from the Southern Oregon Chapter to the Bill Harris Chapter in honor of Mr Harris's aviation heritage.

The Air Force Association is the largest Air Force support lobby group. They focus on legislation related to new weapon systems, veterans concerns and military family support.

Ms. Debbie Vought, Klamath County Military Affairs Committee co-chair, then presented Ms Lewis with a certificate from the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce. The Klamath County Military Affairs Committee is a organization under the Chamber and works to forge a working partnership between the county and our military



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bobbie Dawson
Mr. Bill Harris present Ms. Sharon Sue Lewis the "Air Force Association, bill harris Chapter, Teacher of the Year Award" at Henley Elementary School.

presence.

Cheryl Hukill (Klamath County Commissioner), Colonel Richard Kelly (173rd Fighter Wing Vice Commander), Staff Sgt. Bobbie Dawson (173rd FW), and Bill's daughter Patti also attended the event.

Ms Lewis is the first teacher from Klamath falls to receive this award.



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Kendall.

Another piece of the shared training mission is air battle manager training.

"In the last two years, the 173d Fighter Wing has hosted approximately 80 air battle manager students and instructors in support of the air battle manager syllabus and we continue to work with AETC to maintain this support," said Miller.

Tyndall AFB currently runs the new F-22 Raptor student pilot training course.

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
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2009 Oregon's Chief Advisory Council Scholarship Awarded

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The Oregon Chief's Advisory Council is please to announce the 2009 winner of the \$1,000 Scholarship. This year's winner is Veronica Miller of Klamath Falls. She is the daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Mark Miller from the 173rd Fighter Wing.

Veronica Miller is attending the University of Oregon at Eugene. She is majoring in Biology and Elementary Education.

Veronica is a recent graduate of Klamath Union High School with a 3.8 GPA. Veronica has been in a leadership position with the Associated Student Body each year at Klamath Union. She has been the captain of the swimming team, the soccer team, and the drum line. In addition, she has been working as a lifeguard at the Ella Redkey pool teaching children how to swim. Veronica has been a reading tutor at Klamath Union, helping freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with their reading skills.

The Oregon Chief's Advisory



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
Oregon Air National Guard Chief Master Sgts. David Telle, Cynthia Gauntz, Richard Vieira and Les Tyree present Veronica Miller with a scholarship check for \$1,000.

Council Scholarship is a partnership between the Enlisted Association of the National Guard for Oregon and the Chief Master Sergeants of Oregon. The scholarship program is intended to help further the educational desires of

its Oregon Air National Guard members and their families and is awarded annually. It also is intended to help provide financial support for the selected scholarship winner.



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Character, Values Needed In Future Leaders

By Staff Sgt. Rebecca Palmer, Nevada Air National Guard

LAS VEGAS -- In developing its future leaders, the Air Force should consider character and values rather than the physical attributes that are irrelevant to ability, a senior Guard official said here at the 38th annual Tuskegee Airman Inc. (TAI) National Conference Aug. 7.

“Let us endeavor to make carbon copies of the character and values that facilitate excellence,” said Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, the director of the Air National Guard. “Values, such as integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do, embolden our dedication, strengthen our resolve and guide our commitment to service, to nation and to the immutable principles of freedom.”

Wyatt said no one would argue that our Air Force is not the greatest on the planet, but “this greatness is not based on the aircraft, the bombs, the missiles or the bullets we have in our expansive weapons inventory.”

Wyatt said the military’s greatness is personified by its people. “It is on

the face and in the heart of every Airman - every citizen - that puts on the uniform and stands up to defend our nation,” he said. “And it is this aptitude for excellence that will ensure our success.”

With the Army’s recent promotion of Gen. Ann Dunwoody, “the Department of Defense now has members in leadership positions of all races and of both genders,” Wyatt said.

At her promotion ceremony, Dunwoody said, “the Army nurtured me and mentored me, and today the Army offers me a chance to return the favor.”

Wyatt said her statement “implies an institutional focus on the vital nature of diversity within the Army ranks and within its core cadre of leaders. If this were not the case, my bet is that Gen. Dunwoody would not have received the mentorship, or even the opportunity, required for advancement.”

Diversity is more than skin color and gender, Wyatt said. “The concept

covers all the aspects that make people ... people. We must move beyond the physical characteristics that maintain a prevalent place in the diversity discourse.”

Wyatt said diversity also includes differences in background, in thinking, in ability, in motivation, and in perspective. “It is within these less obvious realms of distinction that the infinite power of diversity can be harnessed.”

Rod McKinley, the former chief master sergeant of the Air Force, wrote in his perspective paper earlier this year that Airmen bring their innate differences to bear when executing the Air Force mission.

“Our Airmen are indeed our most vital asset,” Wyatt said. “As leaders, we owe them our very best efforts, and it cannot be with closed minds that we undertake this endeavor.”

“We must train, equip and educate in the functions and expertise that are required to secure our nation at (See **VALUES** Page 15)

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unwanted dead wood. Wood chips keep moisture and un-compact the soil to help the grass grow and allow less fertilizer,” said Bruce Gosnell, 173rd Civil Engineering Squadron Roads and Grounds.

Chipping wood and other ground debris will provide mulch used for weed reduction and moisture conservation around interior plants or landscaped trees and shrubs. Mulching with wood chips conserves soil moisture, reduces weeds, and eliminates the use of herbicides.

“Combined with a mulch spreader this represents a true reduction in

chemicals used by the base,” added DonnaJane Palmer, 173rd Fighter Wing Environmental Specialist.

This will prove to be a great way for the base to re-use its natural resources, as well as save money from fees associated with hauling wood debris off-base

The base-wide effort in conserving the wing’s natural re-

sources and making recycling a priority has made this possible.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar
173rd Fighter Wing Roads and Grounds crew Monte Hill and Bruce Gosnell feed old branches into the newly purchased wood chipper.

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(VALUES, continued from page 14) home and defend freedom around the world."

As part of their training and education, Wyatt suggested that Airmen should seek out the differences that make the Air Force strong.

"We must ensure they understand how to value the diversity of their peers, to synergize their abilities and to focus them on a common vision," he said.

Wyatt then paraphrased Lt. Col. Herbert Carter, a pilot and engineering officer with the 99th Fighter Squadron, known as the "Red Tails," who said: "We must train them and then get out of the way."

"This is an insight that I think is vital to dynamic and effective leadership," Wyatt said. "The outstanding performance of the men in this room - who made up the famed Tuskegee Airmen - proved it to be so."

2009 UTA Schedule

Sept. UTA:

9/12 - 9/13

Oct. UTA:

10/17 - 10/18

Nov. UTA:

10/31 - 11/1

Dec. UTA:

12/5 - 12/6



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Shirar

A fuel truck waits to drive off as a helicopter taxis down the ramp at Gowen Field, Boise Idaho. The 173rd Fighter Wing has temporarily relocated to Gowen Field while the main runway at Kingsley Field is being replaced.

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