

Pilots train for disaster during Open Water Survival

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



An aircrew from the 129th Rescue Squadron flies an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter during open water survival training for nearly all the pilots of the 114th Fighter Squadron at Lake of the Woods, July 9.

LAKE OF THE WOODS, Ore. -- Helicopters, zodiacs and nearly every fighter pilot from the 114th Fighter Squadron converged on Lake of the Woods, July 9, for dramatic training on how to survive a crash in open water. Onlookers were treated to a number of spectacular displays, perhaps none greater than two HH-60 Pave Hawk Helicopters from Moffett Airfield, Calif., kicking up clouds of rotor wash while hoisting 114th pilots more than 50 feet to safety.

“It’s one of the most challenging portions of the rescue mission,” said Maj. Jeffrey “Thug” Edwards while participating in the training. “It is good to have that familiarization with the training so if it happens you

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Airmen help in oil spill clean up

Commentary by Michelle Benson,
Deepwater Horizon Public Affairs

VENICE, La. -- Senior Airman Bryan Nealy, Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett, and Staff Sgt. Addie Carter were deployed to assist with the Deepwater Horizon Response in Louisiana. All three personnel were assigned to external affairs in support of public affairs duties for the Unified Area Command Center. Although

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173rd Fighter Wing PA Staff in the Gulf



Staff Sgt. Addie Carter of the 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs shoots video in support of cleanup operations at the Deepwater Horizon site in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett and recent addition to the wing, Senior Airman Ryan Nealy also deployed to the Gulf region to support an ongoing public affairs need. The three took extensive photos and videos while there. See page 5 for more details.

Guard CBRNE Team wins with Kingsley Airman's help

Story courtesy National Guard Bureau Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark., -- The Air National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Challenge Team took first place overall in last week's Air Force-wide CBRN competition held at the Center for National Response, the premier DoD facility for CBRN response training operated by the West Virginia National Guard in Charleston, W.V.

The annual competition showcases the joint CBRN response strategic partnership of AF Bioenvironmental Engineering (BE) and Civil Engineering Emergency Management (EM) officers and technicians. Each of the 10 major command teams were represented by one BE officer, two BE technicians, and two EM technicians.

The ANG team, which was lead by Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski, finished first in five of seven scenarios and second in two of the seven scenarios for the win. Other team members included Tech Sgt. Ann McCormick of the 180th Fighter Wing based in Toledo, Ohio, Tech Sgt. Tim Booth of the 188th Fighter Wing based in Fort Smith, Ark., Tech Sgt. Jeff Sharpmack of the 189th Airlift Wing based in Little Rock, Ark., and Tech Sgt. Morgan Smith of the 173rd Fighter Wing based in Klamath Falls, Ore.

"The most important lesson from the Challenge was that skilled ANG Bioenvironmental Engineering and Emergency Management personnel can work together, with short notice, to identify and mitigate CBRN hazards," he said. "The greatest compliment we received was when cadre members and visitors would ask,

"Who's BE and who's EM?.' The two career fields integrated so well that no one could tell them apart."

Last year with Antoszewski as the lead, the team finished second with no preparation. "All the other MAJCOMS conducted training scenarios prior to competing so they got a lot of training leading up to it last year," said Senior Master Sgt. Ron Redding, the 188th Fighter Wing's installation emergency manager. "The Guard came in not even knowing each other and almost won."

This year, the Air National Guard team spent five days here at the 188th Fighter Wing from April 26-30 rehearsing for the event. The unit's Regional Training Site is the most utilized facility in the nation for training emergency management personnel on CBRNE response.

Antoszewski said his squad relished the chance to absorb as much training as possible entering the challenge.

"The NGB offered the 188th's facilities, and we gladly took the opportunity," he said. "The 188th has a lot of equipment and facilities you can't find at other units. The 188th also has a lot of experienced personnel, who are teaching what we're going to the challenge to do, all the entry procedures, the sampling. The opportunity to come here for a week and train was huge for us."

During this year's CBRN Challenge, the teams faced a wide variety of scenarios over five days ranging from a chemical gas release on the Washington, D.C., subway system, to a weapons cache in an Afghan mountain cave, to a disgruntled Airman's dorm room at Scott Air



The Air National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Challenge Team took first place overall in last week's Air Force-wide CBRN competition held at the Center for National Response in Charleston, W.V. Team members included from left to right: Tech Sgt. Tim Booth of the 188th Fighter Wing based in Fort Smith, Ark., Tech Sgt. Morgan Smith of the 173rd Fighter Wing based in Klamath Falls, Ore., Lt. Col. Bill Antoszewski and Tech Sgt. Ann McCormick, both of the 180th Fighter Wing based in Toledo, Ohio, and Tech Sgt. Jeff Sharpmack of the 189th Airlift Wing based in Little Rock, Ark. (Photo courtesy of the Ohio National Guard)

Force Base, Ill.

In each scenario, BE and EM team members were given three hours to work with an evaluator/controller "incident commander" and establish scene control, survey and identify CBRN hazards, develop health risk assessments, and provide recommendations for personnel protection and mitigation.

Joint BE and EM technician teams were required to start up, calibrate, and test all detection equipment and make multiple entries into the emergency scene in Level A chemical protective suits and self-con-

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Kingsley airmen conduct, participate in H2O survival

are confident that you can do it.”

Maj. Tony “2Tall” DiCarlo arrived in the Pave Hawk just before noon drenched, but with a visible smile below a foggy, opaque visor.

“That sucked,” he noted as his smile widened.

Rescue crews pulled each of the participating pilots from the water after they had practiced a parachute water landing simulated by hooking them to an outboard powered Zodiac and jerking them from a floating dock.

Once they experienced the sensation of being dragged through the water as if by a parachute, they freed themselves and swam under a waterlogged chute spread on the water—another potential danger of landing in deep water after an ejection. From there it was into a small inflatable life raft, the sort carried in their emergency kits carefully packed in the ejection seats of the F-15 Eagle.

The Forest Service,



Maj. Jeff Edwards is hoisted into a hovering Pave Hawk helicopter during open water survival training June 9 at Lake of the Woods located on Highway 140, west of Klamath Falls.

Klamath County Sheriff’s Office and the 114th Fighter Squadron made a collaborative effort to bring off the training, combining resources to make it all possible. Master Sgt. Joseph McKenzie, an aircrew flight equipment techni-

cian, spearheaded the project and extended a special thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for their part.

“We couldn’t have done the training without the Forest Service, they are the ones who were able to get the permits to fly the helicopters over the lake and to stage them out of the meadow,” he said.

Klamath County Deputy Sheriff Shawn Richards coordinated two sheriff’s office powerboats to keep the operation safe for onlookers and participants alike.

Members of the squadron ran the hands-on training from penetrator hoists to baskets to life vests and even pyrotechnic smoke signals.

“Everything is about safety,” said Tech. Sgt. Curt Palmerton, also a member of aircrew flight equipment. “Every single pilot has been through survival training, so that if it one-day happens, they’ll be ready for it.”



Maj. Robert Mitchell, Assistant Director of Operations for the 114th Fighter Squadron dons his safety gear with help from Senior Airman Randy Moore.



114th Fighter Squadron pilots pose with a flag planned for dedication to troops in Afghanistan

173rd Civil Engineers take top spot around the Nation

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

The 173rd Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Squadron topped all other Air National Guard CE units in 2009 earning The Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award for Civil Engineer Operations Flight of the Year.

Officials presented the award at the 2010 Biennial ANG Security Forces and CE Readiness Conference the week of April 19 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Lt. Col. Lance P. McCuiston, 173rd CES Commander said the entire squadron was instrumental in the award, but that the Operations Flight is the key recipient.

“This award recognizes the outstanding CE Operations Flight in the performance of quality maintenance, repair, and improvement of installation facilities and infrastructure,” he said. “The results included performance criteria for energy reduction and savings, results of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) inspections,

and Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ECAMP) results.”

Some of the reasons the unit received the award include energy savings of 12 percent for electrical power and a 36 percent savings for water consumption and sewer use. The National standard is set by executive order and requires a reduction of

three percent annually.

In a letter of support for the award 173rd Fighter Wing Commander James C. Miller stated that the savings are evidence of the sustained superior performance of CE members and that the unit is extremely deserving of the award.

“Without a doubt, they earned it,” he wrote.



Important Finance Information

By Staff Sgt. Justin Love, 173rd Finance Office

Welcome to August drill!

According to customer surveys, there is some confusion about our hours of operation.

Our hours are posted in the hall above our drop box, on the FM Web Page, and will be viewed in this and every article in the future.

Customer Service Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Drill Weekends: 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Travel Vouchers:

We consistently have members who are submitting an outdated voucher form.

We recommend downloading the most current form from our website located via the travel forms link, under Customer Service, on the top right of the page.

You can also obtain a copy from the document bins in the hallway just outside our FM office.

BAH Recertification:

We are still waiting for several DSGs to submit their BAH recertification.

Please obtain the AF 594 BAH-BAQ form from our website located via the Entitlement forms link, under Customer Service, on the top right of the page.

You can also obtain a copy from the document bins in the hallway just outside our FM office.

Thank you, have a great drill!

Oil clean-up efforts involve Kingsley Airmen

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Bennett and Carter were assigned to the Satellite Joint Information Center (JIC) in Venice and Nealy to the Satellite JIC in Grand Isle, their duties and responsibilities remained the same – support leadership in providing the timely release of information in a scalable and flexible way, as the incident situation evolves.

Among their duties, each provided documentation of the response by photography and/or videography to support leadership and media needs. They coordinated activities in conjunction with other Federal, state, and local counterparts, and developed strategies for capturing valuable imagery and/or video of the incident. They

also ensured that imagery and video products captured, were collected, processed, and distributed in a timely manner.

As a liaison for the Satellite JIC, each presented themselves in a professional manner, exhibiting high work ethics and ensured communication between media, leadership, and other agencies, was accurate, transparent, and conveyed in a timely manner.

Each day the three of them were diligent in effectively capturing the clean-up efforts at all levels while dealing with the extreme weather conditions.

The skills and expertise they brought to the satellite JICS was invaluable to our daily missions, our overall strategy and our team!



Above: A sea turtle is swabbed free of oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill July 19, 2010. Specialized volunteers from numerous organizations worked to mitigate the damage done to sea turtles and other wildlife following the spill.

Below: VENICE, La. - A boat with the Vessel of Opportunity program stands by while oil and gas is flared off during a controlled In-situ burn which supports in the cleanup of surface oil July 17, 2010. A trained specialist lights a flare within a U-shaped boom and monitors the burn closely for the duration. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs.)



LRS Command passes to Lt. Col. Erickson

*Commentary by
Col. Curtis Waite, 173rd Mission
Support Group Commander*

Lt. Col. Megan Erickson took the reins of the 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, June 7.

As commander, she will direct five separate elements including material management, distribution, vehicle management, compliance, and fuels.

Lt. Col. Erickson brings a credible array of experience to the position. She spent eight years on active duty where she functioned as the deputy chief of protocol and squadron section commander at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., prior to her arrival here at Kingsley Field.

She also served as an executive officer at Langley AFB in Virginia. She further broadened her career as a personnel officer while stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Her family arrived at Kingsley Field in 2002. She initially filled the role of community manager from 2002 to 2005 before transferring to the wing comptroller position in 2005.

She was selected as the LRS Commander based on her superb efforts saving hundreds of thousands of dollars during Operation Sentry Displacement and leading the wing through several resource-challenged years.

Lt. Col. Erickson is pleased to have this opportunity and stated that she is pleased to lead an organization filled with mission-oriented professionals.

New Cyber Warrior Commander at Kingsley: Maj. Johan Deutcher



The new Air Force cyberspace badge was approved recently. The design element of the badge holds significant meaning. The lightning bolt wings signify the cyberspace domain while the globe signifies the projection of cyber power worldwide. The globe, combined with lightning bolt wings, signifies the Air Force's common communications heritage. The bolted wings, centered on the globe, are a design element from the Air Force seal signifying the striking power through air, space and cyberspace. The orbits signify the space dimension of the cyberspace domain. (U.S. Air Force photo)

*Commentary by Col. Curtis
Waite, 173rd MSG Commander*

Maj. Johan Deutcher is Kingsley's new base communications officer.

In this capacity he is responsible for Kingsley's communications infrastructure, computers, telecommunications, wireless communications, and information management and transport.

Maj. Deutcher graduated from his AFSC awarding school in June and is among the initial cadre of officers to receive the new cyberspace operator badge.

This badge identifies cyberspace professionals and symbolizes this new operational mindset and the Air Force's commitment to operationalize the

cyberspace domain.

Maj. Deutcher is a decorated aviator with over 1,600 hours of F-15 flying time.

His active duty flying assignments include duties at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

He also served in the Air Force Intern Program at the Pentagon in 2002.

Maj. Deutcher and family arrived at Kingsley in 2007.

While with the 173rd he has served in training, scheduling and as MXG QA OIC prior to his move to communications.

He is married to Alexis and together they have three children; Caden (9), Kobe (7), and Anya (June 2010).

Guard team takes top spot against active Air Force

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tained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to identify the CBRN hazards. They were also evaluated on their ability to properly operate the detection equipment, sample and containerize hazardous materials for off-site analysis, and preserve criminal evidence.

BE officers were evaluated on their ability to manage an emergency response team within the AF Incident Management System (AFIMS) framework, develop appropriate sampling and detection plans, and their use of the entry team's information to identify the overall CBRN hazard and health risk.

Antoszewski said each team is graded on a series of objectives cataloged on a checklist, and points are deducted from each item missing

from the list.

Antoszewski, McCormick and Booth specialize in bioenvironmental. Sharpmack and Smith hail from the emergency management career field.

"We're coming from four different bases from four different parts of the country and have never worked together," Antoszewski said during the training. "The ability to work together as a team before we compete will help I think. Plus, the equipment and instruction at the 188th I think will really help us. They have a live burner, a smokehouse to work in. There just aren't that many in the Guard. We're hoping that some familiarity with the equipment and each other will help us out this year."

Antoszewski said the most vital aspect of the training and the

competition is that it helps foster the cooperation between the two career fields and exists as a boon to the overall mission.

"Bioenvironmental and emergency management personnel are who the Air Force expect to go downrange, to do analysis, surveys and quantification of hazards," he said. "It's a special skill set that both career fields share. We have to work together for a common mission."

"Until a few years ago, both career fields did their own thing and the two sides didn't talk. The training we've received and this competition have been hugely beneficial for us to get on the same page."

(Capt. Heath Allen of the Arkansas National Guard contributed to this report.)

Chaplain's Office Info.

Need to reach the chaplain?

Capt. Kroeker is on base each day from 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. and here on UTA weekends. Maj. Linzy Laughhunn is here on UTA weekends. Drop by their office or call to make an appointment.

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The 173rd FW Chaplains COP is up and running. Have you been looking for a place to worship? Got a suggestion? Need Buddhist Contact information? Did you miss a Chaplains Chatter article in the past? Want to comment on a prior article in Wings or Chronicle? Need to ask the Chaplain a question?

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LRS recognized as 'best in the Air National Guard'

Commentary by Col. Curtis Waite, 173rd Mission Support Group Commander

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.-

The 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron won the 2009 Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award, also known as the Daedalian Award. The Order of the Daedalian Foundation established the annual award in 1962, honoring the unit that achieves the best supply effectiveness record in the Air Force in support of mission aircraft and weapons. The award is presented annually to the best logistics readiness squadron in the Air National Guard, which exhibits the highest levels of direct mission support, innovative management and quality of life impact. Here's what a few observations from the some of our key members.

"This validates what everyone in the squadron has known all along, that we are the best at what we do in the entire Air National Guard," said Chief Master Sgt. David Telle, 173rd LRS Superintendent and Chief of Compliance.

"It was something we have worked toward for quite some time and are very pleased to receive," said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Vieira.

"The men and women of the 173rd LRS come to work every day to prove that we are the best at supporting the logistics mission," said Capt. Dean McHugh, the unit installation deployment officer.

"When you're recognized with an award of this magnitude at the end of the year it makes everyone feel that all the hard work was worth it," said Capt. Dreama Hutchison, the unit Operations Officer.

In honor of the award, Col.



Above: Members of the 173rd Logistics Readiness Squadron gather on stage at the base theater June 20 as Col. David Mansfield from the National Guard Bureau in Washington D.C. presented the trophy to the unit.

Right: Mansfield also presented Chief Master Sgt. Richard Vieira with the Air Traffic Management Senior NCO of the Year Award during the ceremony.

David Mansfield and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas LaClair traveled from Air National Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C. to present the trophy in front of the assembled 173rd Fighter Wing, June 20. The presenters focused on the LRS efforts in support of Operation Sentry Displacement. The organization was specifically recognized for their performance during the wing's six-month deployment to Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho. In support of these efforts, logistics professionals flawlessly coordinated and executed the relocation of more than 600 people and more than 1,000 tons of equipment. Their efforts during the deployment, sustainment, and redeployment allowed the wing training mission to continue uninterrupted.

The award highlighted the accomplishments of each LRS section and I'd like to mention each by name here: Material Management- Senior Master Sgt. Jimmy Crook, Distribution- Senior Master Sgt. Joe Oyler,



POL/Fuels- Senior Master Sgt. Neal Rutter, Plans and Integration- Senior Master Sgt. Johnny Pires, Compliance- Chief Master Sgt. Telle, and Vehicle Management- Chief Master Sgt. Richard Vieira.

Representatives from the Air National Guard Readiness Center will travel to Kingsley to present the award this summer.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Chief Richard Vieira who was recognized as during the trophy presentation as Air Traffic Management Senior NCO of the Year for his role in coordinating the Gowen Field deployment.

173rd dominates TAG marksmanship competition

Story courtesy Spc. John Dowd, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

WARRENTON, Ore. -- Approximately 100 soldiers and airmen arrived at Camp Rilea to compete in the 2010 Oregon National Guard's Best Warrior Challenge, May 21-23. This year's challenge consisted of four different events, the Best Warrior Challenge, The Adjutant General's Match, and Army Combative tournament, and the Squad Challenge for the Recruit Sustainment Program.

"I am very excited because the soldiers and airmen are super motivated," said Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk Conley, State Command Sgt. Maj., Oregon Army National Guard. "Even though they are competing against each other, I have noticed a real camaraderie amongst the soldiers and competitors. They want to win, but not at the expense of someone else. They want to win because of their great performance."

The Best Warrior Competition is a grueling competition between the best Oregon Army National Guard soldiers, consisting of seven different events ranging from land navigation to combatives, to win the prestigious honor of Oregon Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

"Everything that is done here this weekend is a soldier skill," said Master Sgt. Manuel Martinez, Competitive Sports Coordinator from Joint Force Headquarters, Salem, Ore. "We are just honing that blade and sharpening those skills."

Sgt. Donald Snyder, from Recruiting and Retention Command, LaGrande, Ore., winner of last year's Soldier of the Year and recently promoted, said "I am going up against a lot of motivated people who want



The members of 173 Fighter Wing Kingsley Field Rifle Team pose with their awards following the competition at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Ore.

to win, and this year's competition is more physically demanding."

"I have a lot of respect for these soldiers because for the most part they are traditional guardsmen who have to study on their own time," said 1st Sgt. Seven Richmond, from 249 Regional Training Institute, Monmouth, Ore. "It just shows a lot of dedication."

Winners of the Best Warrior Challenge will compete in the regional Soldier and NCO of the Year in Alaska, early June.

The Adjutant General's Match, an annual marksmanship match of the best shooters in the Oregon National Guard, is comprised of both individual and team matches.

Competitors get to use a variety of weapons ranging from an M9 pistol to an M-240B machine gun at different ranges to test their shooting abilities.

"It's pretty awesome because I am getting paid to shoot," said Sgt. John McCully with Charlie Company, 7th Battalion 158 Aviation, Salem, Ore.,

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Oregon Army Guard no match for Kingsley Rifle Team

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“There is a lot of knowledge here and I have learned many techniques that I can bring back with me to my unit.”

The Combatives tournament, another event in the challenge, is a hand to hand combat competition with four different weight classes for soldiers to fight in ranging from Lightweight to Welterweight.

“Combatives is as much a part of warrior training as shooting your weapon,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dave Hagen, State Combatives Instructor with 249 Regional Training Institute, Monmouth, Ore. “Shooting a weapon is a distance range and shooting a pistol is at close range. Ultimately the potential of getting into a hand to hand combat is fairly great. Most soldiers have never been punched in the face before and the Army Combative System gives them the ability to say that I am confident in what I have been taught to be able to aggress the enemy.”

The winners for the combative tournament will represent Oregon in the National Combatives tournament at Fort Benning, Ga., next year.

Newest to the Army were the RSP soldiers competing in the Squad Challenge. The RSP is designed to train soldiers before going to basic training, so the competition contained events ranging from Drill and Ceremony, to running the obstacle course and to help build Army core values.

“When soldiers compete, they can’t help but become a better soldier in the end,” said Conley.

The winners for the Oregon Soldier and NCO of the Year were Sgt. Jared Burkham and Sgt. Robert Krause, respectively.



Above: Sgt. John McCully with Charlie Company, 7th Battalion 158 Aviation, Salem, Ore., carefully sets his sites on the target with his M9 pistol during The Adjutant General’s Match held at Camp Rilea, Warrenton, Ore., May 22. TAG Match is an annual shooting competition between the best shooters in the Oregon National Guard. McCully, from Aumsville, Ore., is one of more than 58 participants in this year’s competition. Photo by Spc. John Dowd. Senior Master Sgt. Mike Sheppard was selected for the top individual award for the competition. Photo courtesy Senior Master Sgt. Mike Sheppard.

Winners for TAG Match were: Senior Master Sgt. Mike Shepherd for the individual section. Winner and runner up for open class were Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Jones and Tech Sgt. Daniel Silva, and for novice were: Cpl. Daryl Hager and Spc. Lee Sweet.

For teams, the winners were: the Kingsley Eagles with team captain Senior Master Sgt. Mike Shepherd and shooters, Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Jones, Staff Sgt. Buck Dugger, and Senior Airman Daniel Gardner. Runner up for teams were: the Kingsley Phantoms with the team captain Tech Sgt. Daniel Silva and shooters Tech Sgt. Michael Krouse, Master Sgt. Michael Loomis, and Tech Sgt. Isaac Nunn.

The team challenge cup winner was the Kingsley Phantoms.

The winner of the Brent McTaggart Unit Achievement award was



173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field.

For combatives, the winner of the Lightweight class was Sgt. Trevor Wesley, Cruiserweight was Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Grajo, Middleweight was Staff Sgt. Jeremy Caver, and Welterweight was Pfc. Adam Jordan.

The RSP Squad Challenge winners were squad Southern Comfort consisting of Pfc. Livingston, Pfc.

Annual ride honors former Kingsley member

Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Victor Ford, Kingsley Field Bicycle Team Organizer

COLUMBIA GORGE, Ore. -- Members and friends of the 173rd Fighter Wing pushed the wheel forward to cure Multiple Sclerosis July 31 and Aug. 1, during the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour. After converging on Mount Hood Community College, 19 riders wearing bright red jerseys featuring Kingsley Field F-15s rode bicycles over 2,500 miles cumulatively through the Columbia Gorge past notable sites including Multnomah Falls.

One reason the ride is personal to 173rd Fighter Wing members is the memory of Master Sgt. Bob Miller, a former weapons troop who died of the effects of Multiple Sclerosis in 2000. He has been commemorated each year since by the Kingsley Field bicycle team who ride in his honor during the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour. Their efforts have raised more than \$8,000 for MS related research.

This year's "Kingsley Heroes" riding to cure multiple sclerosis were Micah Lambert, Tabitha Lambert, Aurora Robeson, Dale Keefer, Brian Wigen, Vic Ford, John Carter, Barb Cloninger, Crash Carlisle, Rachael Carlisle, Jason Carlisle, Brent Asay, Bob Morehead, Anthony Morehead, Maureen Sevigney, Heather Ogawa, Mary Hefty, Linda Aeder and Viki Points.

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



Above: Just prior to the ride scheduled for July 31- Aug. 1 members of the Kingsley Field Bicycle Team posed for a shot on the ramp in front of their namesake the F-15 Eagle aircraft, July 30. Members of the team then made their way to the Columbia Gorge to participate in the annual Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour.

Right: Senior Master Sgt. John Carter sets the pace for Anthony Morehead on a stretch of road along the Columbia River Gorge on the way to tallying more than 80 miles for the day.

Below: Team members from left to right: Senior Master Sgt. John Carter, retired Master Chief Bob Morehead, and his grandson Anthony Morehead, and Chief Master Sgt. Victor Ford.



Klamath Falls teacher first-ever recipient of AFA Teacher of the Year Award

*Commentary by Col. Curtis Waite,
President, AFA Bill Harris Chapter*

A group of military and community representatives gathered at the Triad School in Klamath Falls, Ore., to present Mrs. Christina Wehr with the Air Force Association (AFA) Teacher of the Year Award for both the Southern Oregon Chapter of the AFA and the State of Oregon.

This is the first time that a Klamath Falls teacher has won the state award which recognizes the classroom teacher who goes the “extra mile” inspiring students to pursue studies that will lead to a career in the military; specifically the Air Force.

The award was a complete surprise for Mrs. Wehr and was presented in front of the entire student body during the year end student award assembly conducted by her husband David Wehr, the school principle.

Mrs. Wehr used her role as Triad Christian School Music Director to develop an elevated sense of military pride and patriotism among the 200+ students at her school.

That effort has translated into a higher percentage of Triad students entering the military and the Air Force than any school in the County and a gracious attitude of appreciation amongst hundreds of Klamath Basin servicemembers and veterans.

She is exclusively responsible for the most comprehensive Veterans Day recognition event in the county; the annual Triad Veterans Day musical event.

Triad is the only school in the Klamath Basin to formally recognize the holiday in this manner and Chris-



Above: Klamath Falls teacher Christina Wehr is honored during a ceremony for the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year for her work at Triad Christian School as music director. Bill Harris, a World War II ace and namesake for the former Southern Oregon Chapter of the AFA, stands with Wehr during the presentation.

Right: Col. Curtis Waite, president of the local AFA chapter, the Bill Harris Chapter, presided over the ceremony

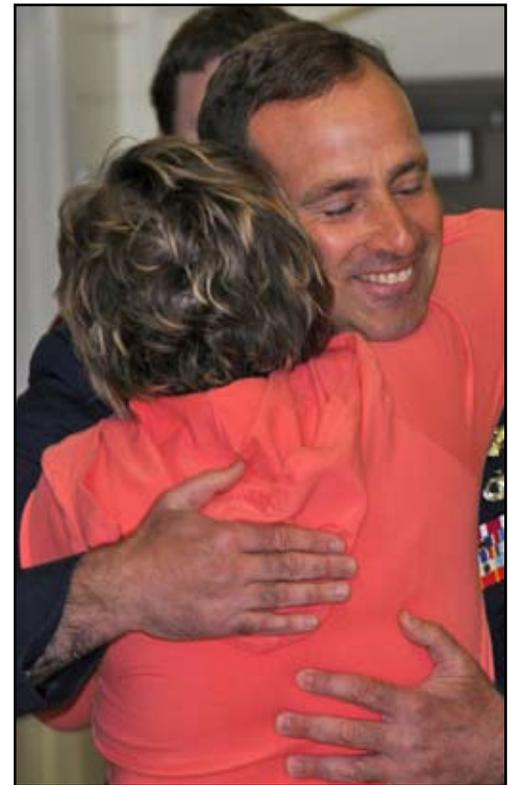
tina produces and directs the performance. This production involves the entire elementary school and high school band who perform for over 250 veterans in attendance at this standing-room only celebration.

During part of the event, the children performed over a dozen patriotic songs, read several individual pro military testimonies, and recognized the veterans in attendance.

Many of the over 250 veterans in attendance claimed that it was the best school musical performance they have ever attended and could not wait until next year.

Each year Mrs. Wehr’s production out performs the previous year.

In addition to this unparalleled annual musical event, she invites veterans from around the county to speak to her students.



She has also directed several school musicals with military themes; South Pacific, and 1776. Additionally, her high school band superbly marched in the Klamath County Veterans Day Parade sponsored by

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2010 Oregon's Chief Advisory Council Scholarship Awarded

Commentary by
Chief Master Sgt. Les Tyree

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.--

The Oregon Chief's Advisory Council is pleased to announce the 2010 winner of the \$1,000 Scholarship.

This year's winner is Anna Hawkins of Klamath Falls, Ore. She is a drill status guard member with the 173rd Medical Group.

Currently, she works at Sky Lakes Medical Center as a respiratory therapist and attends Oregon Institute of Technology as a full-time student. Her passion is helping people; however, her interest has always been in the field of forensics. She is working toward a baccalaureate degree in forensic chemistry with a minor in anthropology. In this endeavor the Oregon Chief's Advisory Council is proud to support a worthy Citizen-Airman with this scholarship. Hawkins plans to continue her educational goals at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Ore. this fall.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson

Oregon Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Mark Russell (right) along with 173rd Fighter Wing Command Chief Cindy Gauntz (center-left) present Tech. Sgt. Anna Hawkins with a scholarship check for \$1,000. Chief Master Sgt.'s Patrick Gauntz (left), Rodney Neils (2nd from right) and Danny Ross (left-front),

Council Scholarship is a partnership between the Enlisted Association of the National Guard for Oregon (EANGOR) 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. It also is intended to help provide financial support for the selected scholarship winner. This scholarship is awarded annually.

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the Klamath Falls VFW. Her efforts guarantee that her students are more likely to support the many Air Force Association initiatives for the rest of their lives.

Wehr received a certificate and a \$250 Air Force Association check for winning the Southern Oregon Chapter award and an additional check for \$500 and an AFA jacket for winning the state of Oregon award.

The AFA awards were pre-

sented by the chapter namesake, Mr. Bill Harris (94) who 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.

Wendy Rohrbacker and Sharon Hartley of Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union, the chapter's primary

community partner, presented an award of \$100 to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of Wehr during the ceremony.

Also, John Elliot, Klamath County Commissioner, recognized her performance with a wooden plaque from Klamath County.

Finally, Darren Rutledge honored her on behalf of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Curtis Waite, local Air Force Association President, presided over the ceremony.

Announcements

What's For Lunch??? August UTA

Saturday, Aug. 21

Baked Ziti, Italian Herb Chicken,
Mozzarella Sticks, Italian Herb Noodles,
Green Beans, Italian Vegetables, Garlic
Bread Sticks, Salad Bar and Tiramisu

Sunday, Aug. 22

Fish Tacos, Chili Mac, Rice, Corn,
Carrots, Rolls, Salad Bar, Assorted
Desserts

Save the Date: Commissary Sale

Take advantage of spectacular savings on popular grocery items at the Commissary On-site Sale.

Location: Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, OR

Dates & Times: Fri., Sep. 3: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat., Sep 4: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

National Guard and Reserve members, military retirees, and active duty military service members and dependents can take advantage of the great savings at the Commissary.

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2010 UTA Schedule

<u>Aug. UTA:</u> 8/21 - 8/22	<u>Oct. UTA:</u> 10/16 - 10/17	<u>Dec. UTA:</u> 12/4 - 12/5
<u>Sept. UTA:</u> 9/18 - 9/19	<u>Nov. UTA:</u> 11/13 - 11/14	



Photo by Jim "Hazy" Haseltine, High G Technologies/ Productions

Two Ore. Air National Guard F-15 Eagles from the 173rd Fighter Wing fly in formation over Crater Lake, Ore. during a routine training mission over Southern Ore.

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