

Col Jeffrey Silver takes command of the 173rd



Col. Jeffrey Silver (right of center) stands ready to assume command of the 173rd Fighter Wing during a change of command ceremony, Sept. 11, 2011. Brig. Gen. Steven D. Gregg (left of center), commander of the Oregon Air National Guard officiated the passing of the wing guidon to Silver after Col. James Miller (center), the outgoing commander relinquished it. Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon stands at the far left. Command Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Gauntz accepted the guidon from the outgoing and incoming commanders during the ceremony.

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Photo by James "Hazy" Hazeltine, High-G Productions

Kingsley wraps up Sentry Eagle 2011

Five aircraft participating in Sentry Eagle 2011 fly in formation over iconic Crater Lake, Ore. The aircraft in the photo include from top to bottom: a 120th Fighter Wing, Montana F-15 Eagle, a 173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon F-15 Eagle, 138th Fighter Wing, Oklahoma F-16, and two VX-9 US Navy NAWS China Lake, California F/A-18 Hornets.

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Top command position changes hands at the 173rd FW

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



KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- Col. James C. Miller relinquished command of the Oregon Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing to Col. Jeffrey M. Silver during a change of command ceremony at Kingsley Field, Sept. 11, 2011.

Miller has served as the wing commander of the unit since May 14, 2008. Miller leaves behind command of the 173rd and an impressive record as a command pilot.

He has amassed the second most hours in the F-15 behind former 173rd Vice Commander Col. Richard Kelly with 4,413.9 total airframe hours.

"That is a mark I don't think we'll see overtaken, possibly ever," said Master Sgt. Pete Weigman, who is responsible for tracking flight hours for Kingsley pilots.

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard, thanked Miller for a "wonderful, wonderful command tour," and added that he's "taken on all of the tough jobs," turning to Miller with a smile on his face said "you've even spent a little time at state headquarters as the director of staff."

Miller responded with his signature wry grin.

"We truly appreciate the standards you've set here, well done," Rees added.

Under Miller's leadership, the 173rd Fighter Wing underwent a major runway upgrade which involved relocating the entire wing for more than six months, upgraded every airframe with a new 220 engine and chalked up "Excellent" ratings in a UCI and ORI inspection. Additionally, he oversaw the consolidation of formal F-15C training to Kingsley Field, Ore.

In his outgoing remarks, Miller reminded the assembled members of their



Above: Every available member of the wing stands in formation during the change of command ceremony passing command from Col. James Miller to Col. Jeffrey Silver. Photo by Airman 1st Class Penny Hamilton. **Right:** Brig. Gen. Gregg passes the guidon to Col. Jeffrey Silver in the traditional passing of the guidon signifying the transfer of command from one commander to the next. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Thompson. **Below:** F-15 crew chief Tech. Sgt. Michael Curry peels off Miller's name to reveal Silver's in a traditional part of the ceremony. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Thompson.



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Multiple commands change hands at 173rd

LtCol Baenen takes over Ops Group



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

Col. James "Cannon" Kriesel relinquishes command of the 173rd Operations Group to Lt. Col. Jeremy "Weed" Baenen. Kriesel departs Kingsley for NORTHCOM, located at Peterson AFB, Colo. Baenen was previously assigned to the 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland, Ore.

LtCol Andrews takes MXG helm



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

Lt. Col. Matt "Freak" Andrews assumes command of the 173rd Maintenance Group following the departure of Col. Mark Favetti the outgoing commander who transferred to the 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno, Calif.

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outstanding track record citing accomplishments from every group.

"All of you throughout the wing have earned the right to look in the mirror and be proud of your accomplishments and what you do for our state and Nation every day," said Miller.

As for Silver, he served as the 142nd Fighter Wing operations group commander before becoming the 173rd Fighter Wing vice commander in June.

His career began when he was commissioned in 1984 through the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science and was assigned to the 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland Air

National Guard Base, as a Weapon Systems Officer in the F-4C.

His duty assignments in the 142d Fighter Wing have included Operations Support Flight Commander, Maintenance Squadron Commander, Maintenance Group Commander, Operations Group Commander, and Vice Commander.

Rees praised Silver for his vast experience including flying Operations Northern and Southern Watch, flying the alert mission in Portland, and commanding the 142nd Maintenance Group.

"You are going to do a great job; we truly appreciate you stepping up to this challenge," said Rees.

Gregg echoed those remarks citing Silver's operational experience in

maintenance and flying operations.

"We look forward to the bright future of the 173rd Fighter Wing," said Gregg.

After those remarks, Gregg published the order for the change of command and Silver took the guidon as a symbol of his new responsibility and position.

"I'm proud and excited to take command of the 173rd Fighter Wing," said Silver. "Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility."

Silver thanked those leaders who have gone before him in leadership of the wing mentioning by name Billy Cox, Tom Scheiss and Jim Miller; he pledged to lead the wing with the same high standards.

Surviving 'Band of Brothers' members visit Kingsley Field

Story by

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

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.--

Two surviving World War II veterans made their last formal appearance to a packed house at Kingsley Field, Aug. 31, 2011.

Lynn "Buck" Compton and Donald G. Malarkey, were members of "E" Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne, better known as "Easy" Company, parachuted into Normandy, France June 6, 1944—the infamous D-Day.

With the help of Vance Day, the man responsible for tailoring the presentation focused on leadership the three have delivered all over the country, the two vets recounted throwing themselves into battle amidst a hail of anti-aircraft fire.

Compton wryly recollected putting nearly everything into his leg bag including his weapon, rations and ammunition that night only to have it ripped from his leg upon exiting the aircraft.

"And I haven't seen it to this day," he chuckled. "I sure wasn't much of a threat to the Germans without even a weapon."

Malarkey, at 90 years of age, explained to the assembled Airmen what was behind his decision to go to war and risk his life.

"I wanted to be part of a tough, new outfit, and I wanted to avenge two of my uncles killed in World War I by the Germans."

To that end he spent more

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Top: Members of Easy Company of the US Army 101st Airborne division. The HBO mini series *Band of Brothers* brought in to national consciousness the experiences of Easy Company, a group of soldiers whose mission took them through D-Day and Operation Overlord to Victory in Japan Day and the conclusion of World War II. Two of the surviving members recounted those experiences first-hand at Kingsley Field, Aug. 31.



Right: Col. Jeffrey M. Silver and his wife Theresa take a photo with both Malarkey and Compton following their presentation to the base.

Below: Airman 1st Class Amanda Blodgett has her picture taken with Lynn "Buck" Compton following the presentation. She holds in her lap two books written by Compton and Malarkey respectively, recounting their experiences leading up to and during their days as Easy Company paratroopers. The two distinguished veterans happily signed books and took photographs with all who asked.



Band of Brothers: a presentation of frontline leadership

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consecutive days in combat than any other “Easy” Company soldier.

“I was struck by the fact that these two have continually given to their country and even now at their age they are still doing it,” said Tech. Sgt. Mike Shirar. “Being a military history major makes this extremely special for me. It would be like someone else meeting a movie star or a celebrity.”

The presentation consisted of scenes taken from the HBO Special *Band of Brothers*. Vance showed a particular vignette and asked the two for their reactions.

On an occasion or two, he pointed out that the adaptation wasn’t entirely accurate, while at other times he confirmed their eerie reality.

“When we first began this Don couldn’t watch the video clips without breaking down, but now he can watch it and he’s fine,” said Vance. “He’s healed through this

process and we’re talking about a man who has had PTSD for all these years.”

The presentation lasted two full hours in the Kingsley theater. When it was over, the Airmen of the 173rd rose and applauded the two men.

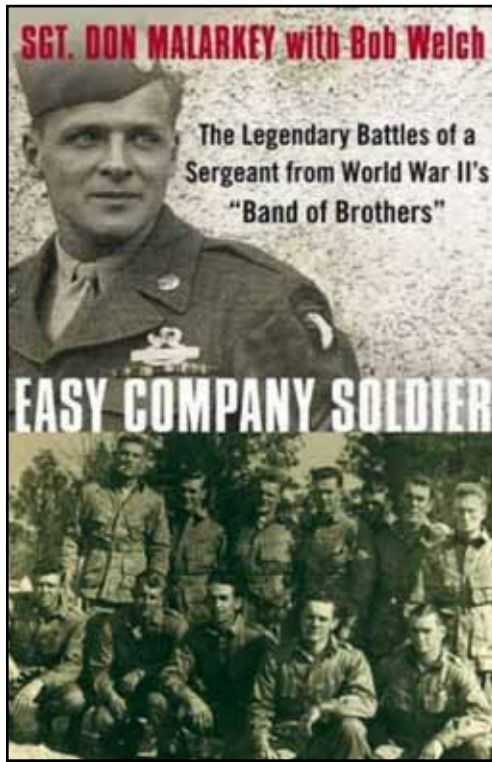
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-- Tech. Sgt. Mike Shirar
Military History Major



BAND OF BROTHERS



Master Sgt. Don Malarkey's autobiography details, among other things, his Oregon roots. He recounts the horror of war and the sharp contrast with his birthplace in Astoria, Ore. He withdrew as a student from the University of Oregon to enlist in the paratroopers who would parachute behind enemy lines on D-Day. After the war, he returned to graduate. He now resides in Salem, Ore.

After the HBO *Band of Brothers* series premiered in 2001, I began receiving invitations to speak at various business and education meetings. On one occasion, a police academy training conference asked me to present my experiences in a leadership-training format. I was a bit taken aback, but thought it could be done. I contacted Vance Day, a good friend of mine and a local attorney, who had worked as a history teacher. I figured that he was familiar with putting together something along the lines of what the conference wanted. I was right. Vance jumped right into it and we created an ever-evolving presentation called *Frontline Leadership*.

We presented it first at the police academy conference, and we began getting calls from other police, firefighter, and military organizations.

Frontline Leadership:

Don Malarkey explains in his own words how the presentation came into existence.

Frontline Leadership was adapted into various formats to fit different venues: after-dinner presentation, ninety-minute, four-hour, and eight-hour versions. Vance put together a course syllabus for those organizations needing class credit. Pretty soon we were giving the presentation three to four times a month. It was kind of a "Mutt and Jeff" show. Vance would run video clips and give the leadership theory side of the presentation. I would share stories from my Easy Company and life experiences that exemplified the points we were making. The two of us have a great deal of fun together, and the audiences enjoy it.

Since the initial event we have given the presentation, in one form or another, dozens of times. Vance and I have traveled Europe and North America together, lectured at the United States Military Academy at West Point, the Lazard Lecture Series, Focus on the Family's National Family Policy conference, the Heritage Foundation, the Family Research Council, in addition to various military bases and numerous organization and educational institutions. Not a bad run. In May of 2005 we were asked to give *Frontline*

Leadership on Capitol Hill for members of Congress, followed by a presentation to senior staff at the White House. Buck Compton joined us for Washington, D.C., events and several other occasions. Bill Guarnere even joined on a trip to New York City to give a presentation.

I feel humbled by the attention, even a bit embarrassed. But then I remember that I owe it to the guys who did not return. It's as if I am keeping faith with them. Somehow, as I tell of their courage, trauma, and accomplishments, I am helping to establish a legacy of leadership for future generations. So many Americans have done so much that we might enjoy this liberty that we, and other nations, possess.

Frontline Leadership brings home that point. It reminds people that we have such a rich heritage of sacrifice that not only demands our reverence, but calls us to leave a legacy.

We are Americans—we lead and are looked to as leaders in the fight for liberty.

We dare not shirk this responsibility.

Right: At 90 years-of-age Malarkey made the journey for his last formal appearance from Salem. Compton (left), several months his junior, turns 90 in December. Vance Day (center) moderated the discussion.



MS fundraiser ride nets thousands in search of cure

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

COLUMBIA GORGE, Ore.-

Members and friends of the 173rd Fighter Wing mashed the pedals in an effort to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis, during the Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour Aug. 6 & 7.

After traveling to Mount Hood Community College eight riders wearing jerseys featuring Kingsley Field F-15s rode bicycles over 1,200 miles cumulatively through the Columbia Gorge past notable sites including Multnomah Falls. The Oregon Chapter's efforts have raised more than \$324,000 cumulatively for MS related research.

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

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.

This year Barb Cloninger, Bob Morehead, Anthony Morehead, Rafe Pierce, John Whiddon, Brian Wigen, Jason Pham and Vic Ford rode to cure multiple sclerosis.

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



Above: Just prior to the ride scheduled for Aug. 6-7, members of the Kingsley Field Bicycle Team posed for a shot on the ramp in front of their namesake the F-15 Eagle aircraft. Members of the team then made their way to the Columbia Gorge to participate in the 2011 annual Oregon Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour.

Right: Anthony Morehead pedals along a level stretch of road near the Columbia River on the way to tallying more than 80 miles for the day.

Below: Team members Anthony Morehead (left) and Chief Master Sgt. Victor Ford (center) begin a days cycling at the starting line.



Kingsley sends SFS troops off in mobilization ceremony

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

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- Nearly half of the assigned members of the 173rd Security Forces Squadron deployed from Kingsley Field bound for Afghanistan in a mobilization ceremony, Sept. 1, 2011.

The 26-member team returned following their pre-deployment training in Texas where they prepared to conduct "outside the wire" missions in an overseas Area of Responsibility (AOR).

Colonel James C. Miller, the 173rd Fighter Wing Commander, presided over the ceremony and reminded the troops and their families of the importance of family care and readiness.

"When I saw you at the Yellow Ribbon event, I meant what I said. 'Do not hesitate to lean on your Kingsley family. If you have any need at all, we are here to support you both now and following this deployment.'"

Brig. Gen. Steven D. Gregg, Oregon Air National Guard Commander, hailed the deployment as another example of Oregon answering the Nation's call.

"These men and women have the best training and equipment available, they are Oregon's finest, and we look forward to their safe return."

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon detailed how the Air-



Top: Klamath Falls Mayor Todd Kellstrom presents a flag with the city's logo on it to the 173rd Fighter Wing Security Forces troops deploying as part of the ceremony. Accepting the flag on behalf of the assembled troops Maj. Fredrick Testa, 173rd Security Forces Commander.

Right: During the Ceremony Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon greeted each family member, wishing them well.

men represent the Oregon National Guard Core Values: Competence, Confidence, Courage and Commitment. He expressed his faith in the high caliber of work they will perform while deployed.

From Kingsley, the first stop is Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., for survival training.

Once survival training is complete, they will leave directly for their actual deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and are set to return home in April

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-- Col. James Miller,
173rd Fighter Wing Commander



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Chief Master Sgt. Joseph W. Stickel, Jr., 173rd Security Forces Manager, says the deployment poses some unique challenges when compared to those of the past.

"This deployment is unique in the

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National News

AF Clarifies Dress Code, Grooming Standards

Story by Jennifer H. Svan
Courtesy Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany--The U.S. Air Force this week published a new instruction manual on dress code and appearance that provides Airmen with more specific guidance on acceptable uniform and personal grooming standards, as well as body art, jewelry, cosmetics and "dental ornamentation." Airmen say this is the first time all the regulations have been easily accessible in one document.

Air Force officials say that most of the changes in the 179-page manual involve the addition of more detail and clarification to existing policy, something that Airmen working at Kaiserslautern-area bases say was long overdue.

"It was a mess before," said Staff Sgt. Richard Wynn, 28, referring to the disorganization and ambiguity of the previous guidance. "It was so confusing ... it was so outdated. If you were out of regulation, people didn't say anything because 'you can't prove that.'"

The updated guidance will make it harder for Airmen to get away with dress violations, Airmen at Vogelweh said Tuesday, but it will also be easier for Airmen to understand what the regulations are, and limit room for subjective decisions on what is and is

not allowed.

"It's a big relief," Wynn said.

No longer up for debate, for example, is spandex during physical training. Senior Airman Joyce Painter, 23, a calibrations technician at Ramstein Air Base said the old guidance was unclear, with confusion on whether spandex was allowed at all or whether it could be Capri-style

Painter isn't bothered by some of the detail added to the instruction, such as listing which nail polish colors are unacceptable. Those would include purple, gold, blue, black, fire-engine red and florescent colors. Before, the instruction said only that polish must complement one's skin tone and couldn't be too distracting, which was too subjective, she said.

The Air Force last revised its "dress and personal appearance" instruction in 2006. That was prior to the release of the Airman Battle Uniform, which replaces the Battle Dress Uniform and Desert Camouflage Uniform, Nov. 1.

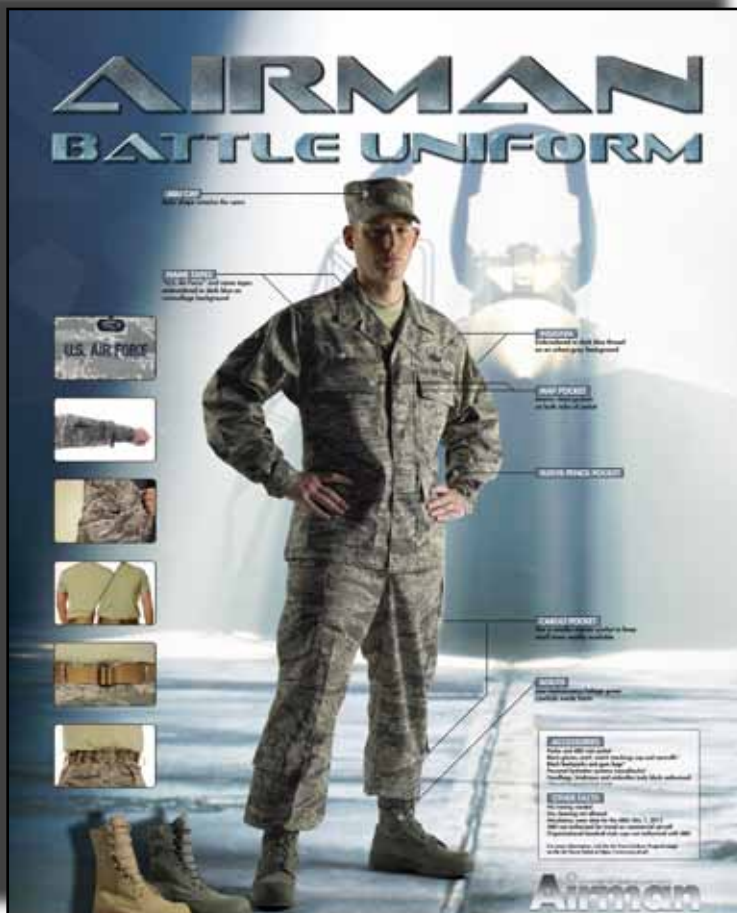
The changes were prompted by Airmen requesting clarification, leadership approving more specific policy, and the need to integrate new policy approved since 2006, said Ruth Ewalt, the Air Force Uniform Programs and Policies chief at the Air Staff, in an Air Force news release.

"We wanted to make this AFI as 'user-friendly' as possible," Ewalt was quoted in the release as saying. The new instruction

covers every Airman, "from the first-day recruit in Basic Military Training to the 30-plus-year career" Airman.

The new manual includes photographs of uniform combinations, diagrams of appropriate hairstyles and

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or to the ankles.

"Short, mid and full length solid black or dark blue form fitting sportswear (i.e. spandex, lycra or elastic) may be worn and visible under" shorts with the physical training uniform, the updated manual reads.

173rd SFS troops head downrange

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sense that our members are deploying as part of the Area Security Operation which is an outside-the-wire mission," said Stickel.

"Although we have had members in the past perform some security outside the wire, this is the first deployment where the mission is exclusively outside the base perimeter."

He notes that security operations at the 173rd Fighter Wing will continue normally with the help of numerous Kingsley Airmen who have stepped up to augment the deployed security forces members.



Col. James Miller, 173rd Fighter Wing Commander greets Makayla Clarey the daughter of Master Sgt. Levi Clarey during a portion of the ceremony where the children of those deploying were presented special blankets and backpacks.

Kingsley JENC sponsors 1st fun run

*Commentary by
Airman 1st Class Shawn Blodgett,
5k Run Committee Chairman*

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.— The 173rd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council (JENC) recently held its first annual 5K Run to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project and the local Veterans Flag Exchange Program.

With 52 runners, the event was a terrific success and included participants from Kingsley Field and the local community.

Runners voiced their support for our troops and for the programs supported by the run. The Wounded Warriors Project provides programs and services to help meet the needs of injured service members.

The JENC established the local Veterans Flag Exchange program as a way to thank local veterans in Klamath County.

Veterans can request a flag if they don't currently have one, or exchange a worn or tattered flag for a new one. The JENC partners with a local Boy Scout troop to ensure all exchanged flags will be properly retired.

Due to its initial success Kingsley Field Junior Enlisted Council has scheduled next year's 5K run June 30, 2012 at the Steen's Sports Complex in Klamath Falls.

If you would like more information please contact me, Airman 1st Class Shawn Blodgett at (541) 885-6686 or shawn.blodgett@ang.af.mil.

Dress & Appearance

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cuts for women and men, and a mustache chart for men.

The old instruction "just said in writing that you can't go beyond the corners of the mouth," said Maj. Joel Harper, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon. "Now you see in that chart what is meant by that."

Also included is a tattoo measuring chart for commanders and Airmen. The standard has not changed: A tattoo cannot cover more than 25 percent of an exposed body part, but "it was a little ambiguous," Harper said.

"It's really all about clarity and ease of reading," Harper said of the updated guidance.

There are some policy changes. "Dental ornamentation"—decorating teeth "with designs, jewels, initials, etc."—is now prohibited, as is the use of yellow gold, white gold or platinum caps not medically necessary.

But cosmetic tattoos for medical reasons are allowed for men and women, while women are allowed non-medical cosmetic tattoos done as permanent facial make-up, such as eyebrows and eyeliner. Tongue piercing is still off-limits.

The appearance standards, though strict, seem reasonable, said Airman 1st Class Reece Harvey, 23, an Air Force heavy equipment operator. "We're in the military," he said. "They don't want people to look too crazy."

Oregon News

Yellow Ribbon Symposium helps deployers from Oregon

*Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. John Hughel
142nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

PORTLAND, Ore.-- Over 200 military members and their families gathered at The Governor Hotel in Portland, Sept. 23-25, during the Oregon Air National Guard's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program symposium.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program is a federally-mandated program designed to serve members of the National Guard, their families, friends and employers throughout the deployment cycle.

Col. Michael Stencel, 142nd Fighter Wing Commander, opened with reflections on his recent deployment.

"The Yellow Ribbon Program is such a value to helping our members and families find the resources they need before, during and after deployment," said Stencel.

The key note speaker for this event was Ryspodii King, a motivational speaker. His address, "How to get an F in leadership", engaged the audience with life stories, humor and group discussions focusing on the "5 F's": Focus, Freedom, Fun, Friends and Faith. He touched on the fact that deployments are not easily understood by non-servicemembers.

"People don't care what you have lost or what you are going through... But they expect for you to always deliver," said King.

After the morning event, members broke into groups focusing on issues including mental health, family life,



Col. Michael Stencel, 142nd Fighter Wing Commander welcomes over 200 military members and their families to the Yellow Ribbon Event held at the Governor Hotel in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 24, 2011.

Airmen and Family Readiness, and Operation Military Kids. Terri Chapman, the 142nd Fighter Wing Director of Psychological Health came well prepared with a host of information and props for her breakout session.

"There are adjustments in coming home; learning to communicate better and confronting healthy ways to discover the gaps are the goal," said Chapman.

Traumatic stress has emerged as a significant injury for many returning combat veterans. Veterans as well as their spouses struggle to both understand and recover from these 'hidden' injuries. One of the more interesting break-out classes involved the Tapas Acupressure Technique (TAT), a self-administered acupuncture-derived

technique that can begin to shift one's cognitive behavior perspective, sometimes as fast as even as just one session, according to workshop trainer Carla Austin.

Many members in attendance participated in the workshop and learned firsthand how to help reduce stress and learn new ways to enrich one's awareness and sense of harmony. Austin said TAT training is useful in helping reduce anxiety, fears and phobias, panic, post traumatic stress, and painful memories for many returning veterans.

"I first became aware of this technique a few years ago and have been demonstrating this since 2008 at Yellow Ribbon events," said Austin.

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Yellow Ribbon event for ORANG

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Trent Hansen, a 142nd Fighter Wing Airman, recently returned from a Middle East deployment and attended the event with his wife Kelly and their children. Half-way through his deployment Hansen said he returned home because of his mother's death, eventually returning back to his assignment overseas.

"Our family became stronger but there was a great deal of support we had to help us all get through it," he said.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is broken into several parts. Phase I, pre-deployment events are specifically designed to prepare the servicemember and their family for all aspects of being deployed: emotional, organizational, and financial. Reunion previews and other events during the deployment are included in this phase.

Phase II focuses on the 30, 60 and 90-day periods following the servicemember's return.

Many of the pre deployment issues are revisited in these follow up periods with an emphasis on reintegration at home and the work place.

This is an especially important time for the member and family to address unique needs in physical and emotional health issues.

The three day event was coordinated by Amy Schmid, the reintegration manager for the Oregon Air National Guard. There were 32 support agencies present for the information fair with members from the 142nd and 173rd Fighter Wings, the Marine Corps Reserves and Army National Guard in attendance.

"Amy's hard work to put this [Yellow Ribbon] event together really showed with the speakers and participation for this event," said Stencil.

Vietnam-era Vets return to Kingsley after 50 years



Photo courtesy Roberto Juarez

Roberto Juarez of Alice, Texas (Left) stands with Ernest Bierman of Eugene, Ore. October 11, 2011 outside the new main gate at Kingsley Field. The two had not returned to the area since shipping out for Vietnam in 1966.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- Two Kingsley veterans paid a visit to the base nearly 50 years after leaving Klamath Falls for the Vietnam War and not returning to the area since.

Ernest Bierman of Eugene, Ore., reunited with Roberto Juarez of Alice, Texas after not seeing each other since serving leaving Vietnam.

The old squadron mates made a trip back to Kingsley, Oct. 11, 2011.

Both served at Kingsley from 1964 through 1966 doing radar maintenance. They predominantly worked at the now defunct radar site on Haymaker Mountain with about 20 other Kingsley Airmen.

Upon their return they noted that the base has moved, "it used to be across the road!" said Bierman. "The only thing we recognize is the big hangar."

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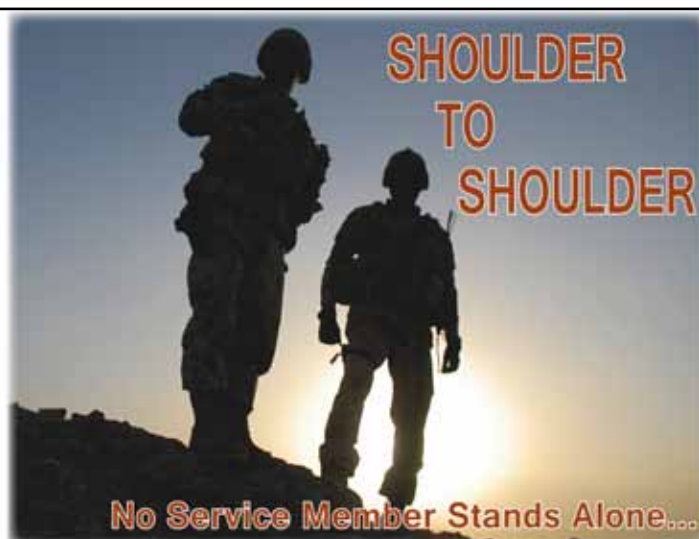
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would like to volunteer or learn more
about the Friday Night Movies.*

Movies subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Reminder: Blues Mondays Over

As we enter Fall and move into Winter, weather once again dictates 173rd Fighter Wing members should not wear blues. Blues Mondays will return May, 1, 2012 and run through Nov. 30, 2012.

2011 UTA Schedule

<u>Nov. UTA:</u>	<u>Dec. UTA:</u>
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11/6	12/11

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