

Kingsley maintainers solve fleet-wide F-15 problem

Story by

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KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.--

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Stroup from the 173rd Fighter Wing Quality Assurance Office was quite a ways from his desk, where his supervisory role usually keeps him. At the senior enlisted rank of E-8 he didn't often have the chance to crawl back underneath a jet.

So here he was with the jets at end-of-runway, the last stop before they climb into the sky for their training missions, opening hatches like he used to do

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Master Sgt. Brett Lundberg holds a replica of a part responsible for generator failures across the F-15 fleet. After trouble shooting the problem he and the other members of 173rd Fighter Wing Quality Assurance isolated the problem to eight disks no larger than this facsimile. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

173rd pilots train with live munitions



114th Fighter Squadron pilots pose for a group photo in front of an F-15 at Tyndall Air Force Base, March 7, 2014. Airmen from the 173rd Fighter Wing spent 16 days at Tyndall to participate in the Weapons System Evaluation Program where they conducted F-15 missions and operations using live munitions. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Penny Snoozy)

Story by **Senior Airman Penny Snoozy,**
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TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- 173rd Fighter Wing Airmen traveled to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Feb. 20, to participate in live weapons training. The Weapons Evaluation System Program provides pilots, aircrew, maintainers, and weapons load crews the chance to operate under more realistic conditions.

"WSEP evaluates all the links in the chain for how we would do going to combat, from our ammo and weapons troops loading up the live missiles and bullets on the jet, to how our pilots employ those in a realistic scenario," said Maj. Ryan McLain, WSEP project manager.

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173rd QA Shop fixes technical order deficiency

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when he was a younger maintenance troop. He opened the hatch housing the generator of the waiting F-15 and saw smoke and read a temperature of 326-degrees Fahrenheit, way outside safe operating range. He turned the jet back to the ramp and returned to his office where his staff was coming to grips with a chronic problem of generator failures due to overheating.

The quality assurance office tracks trends where safety, flying, and money coincide. Their tracking revealed a large number of unexplained generator heat failures, which was strange because an F-15 generator has a dedicated cooling system.

Master Sgt. Brett Lundberg traced the problem to that cooling system. He knew that in many cases it simply quit working and caused a fail-safe solder connection to melt, requiring an expensive depot-level maintenance fix. To make matters worse, the F-15 depot was swamped with orders for this part and was only able to turn out one to two a month—it was a fleet-wide problem. He knew a local fix

would save money and forestall any impact on the flying mission.

Lundberg had the offending part, a heat-actuated bypass valve that controls the flow of coolant to the generator, on his desk and torn down to its individual pieces. According to the technical order it was assembled correctly, and seemed to be in perfect working order.

“When we broke down these cooling units that had overheated they were filled with insoluble sludge,” revealing that said part wasn’t doing its job Lundberg noted. “I had to investigate what was happening in this part to find the root cause.”

Searching for that cause led him along a twisting path. It had them in the break room running water through the faulty part, it had Lundberg researching valve actuators after work, and finally it led to a realization.

“What if these simple little washers are bi-metal disks?” Lundberg asked himself, a bi-metal disk is made to arch when heated. “I threw one on the bar-b-que downstairs and sure

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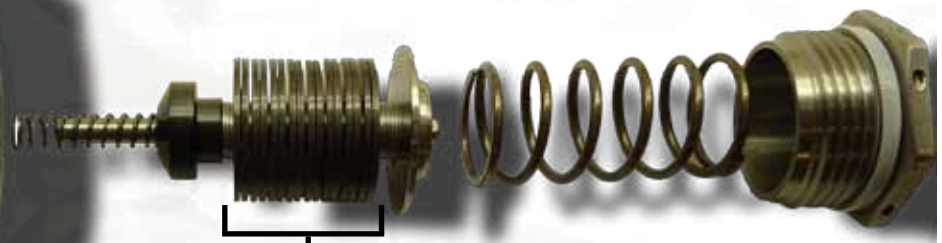
There is no way that left to chance these would end up reassembled properly.



-- Master Sgt. Israel Mackey on updating the Technical Order for valve reassembly



THERMAL COOLING BYPASS VALVE: EXPANDED VIEW



These eight bi-metal disks are shown here, arranged properly. When heated to 225 degrees Fahrenheit they arch or expand opening the flow of coolant to the generator. (Photo courtesy Master Sgt. Israel Mackey)

QA investigates generator failures, solves fleet-wide problem

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enough it changed shape.”

It was a breakthrough because then he understood how the bypass valve opened or closed. There were eight pairs of these bi-metal disks that look like washers, arranged to open the valve allowing coolant oil to circulate around the generator. But if each disk isn't properly situated to press on the one next to it, then the valve wouldn't open. And so the members of the 173rd QA shop surmised that there was a problem with the way these little washers were placed.

Sure enough, the technical order—a detailed set of instructions on how to assemble a part—didn't specify that these small washers needed to be assembled in any particular fashion.

“I took the actuator switch apart knowing that it needs to go back a certain way and I dropped three of the washers,” said Master Sgt. Israel Mackey, Lundberg's coworker. “There is no way that left to chance these would end up reassembled properly.”

And so, by rigorous investigation the 173rd Quality Assurance Office revealed the very root of the problem, a small metal disk the size of a quarter. When those eight disks didn't function properly the valve to circulate the coolant never opened, the heat from the generator wasn't dissipated, and jets that were ready to fly, in every other respect, couldn't.

At this point they knew the process here and around the fleet needed to change. Mackey wrote a detailed change to the technical order for distribution to all the units currently flying the F-15. That request was approved and will soon help the entire F-15 fleet worldwide avoid a costly problem.



Master Sgt. Brett Lundberg refers to the process of finding the root cause of a problem as an investigation. He draws upon his years of experience, both as an engine mechanic and quality assurance professional, and has investigated other problems that have plagued the F-15 fleet. In 2013 he played a pivotal role in diagnosing jury link failures and bringing that problem to a resolution. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

When asked to distill how they solved the problem Lundberg says it's simply a matter of looking at the problem, seeing what information you can gain and then being willing to follow that information down the path to its logical conclusion. “Once you start down that path it will lead you to the solution,” said Lundberg.



Each of the bi-metal disks slide onto the valve stem assembly with the visible stamped “H” facing out on each disk. The QA shop determined this during an investigation into generator failures. The root of the problem was a technical order, which did not specify the proper configuration. Today the fleet has updated TOs thanks to the efforts of Kingsley Maintainers- most notably the 173rd QA shop. (Photo courtesy Master Sgt. Israel Mackey)

VALVE STEM ASSEMBLY

Klamath SWAT teams with 173rd



Members of the Klamath Falls SWAT team catch a ride from a 173rd Security Forces vehicle driven by Master Sgt. Joshua Hilton as they practice their urban assault techniques here at Kingsley Field, March 19, 2014.

**Story and photo by 2nd Lt. Adrian Mateos,
173 Fighter Wing Antiterrorism Officer**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- Klamath Falls law enforcement agencies and the 173rd Fighter Wing face challenges where missions with growing demands suffer shrinking resources. Partnerships are playing a vital role in maintaining those missions.

Kingsley Field's shooting range and Security Forces training facilities provided the latest venue for the Klamath Falls City Police SWAT Team to partner with the 173rd Fighter Wing, March 19, 2014.

During an exercise the KFPD SWAT Team practiced mounted approaches on an all-terrain vehicle operated by a 173rd Security Forces Defender normally used for recovery operations. Upon dismounting, the team entered and cleared numerous simulated urban training structures on the base.

Those structures called a mount village simulate an urban environment and are the only ones available in the region. Security Forces troops constructed the en-

tire village as a self-help project in their off-duty hours.

"We have saved money for our guys going TDY since the closest facilities are at Camp Rilea and Redmond," said Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Stickel, 173rd Security Forces Superintendent. "It also saves a lot of other local agencies money because they can use the buildings, so it's a good partnership opportunity."

Detective Jack Daniel, SWAT Assistant Team Leader, explained to Airmen and police officers that this partnership allows local law enforcement agencies to provide a high quality training experience to their personnel while reducing training costs. Also, the proximity to the KFPD headquarters allows them to respond to a real-world incident, should the need arise.

Efforts like this garnered the 173rd Fighter Wing the Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award for the Air National Guard for its Public-Public, Public-Private (P4) program. P4 is an initiative designed to find new and innovative ways to partner with the local community.

173rd FW live-fire training

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The program includes gathering weapons performance data from the 114th Fighter Squadron pilots and analyzing it.

McLain said similar training missions are completed at home, but here pilots experience the feelings and sounds of firing live weapons and receive precise analysis of their performance.

He also said maintenance and weapons crews arm 173rd Fighter Wing jets with heavy loads of missiles and ammunition, and get the satisfaction of seeing them return empty.

The Wing honed their weapons skills for 16 days and were evaluated on their performance at every step. The 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron is responsible for observing and evaluating the weapons employment performance throughout the two-week period. They share their analysis so the unit can see both strengths and weaknesses.

Maj. Tyler Cox, 173rd FW assistant project manager, said the Wing members are, "proving to be world-class, as always," using their deep experience to flawlessly execute their tasks.

Staff Sgt. Kayla Rettman, credits the experience saying, "it is just a little different than the training at home."

"It's the same concept," she said whether here or there. The crews inspect the ammunitions that are brought to them, transport them to the aircraft and upload the M-9 missiles or 20 millimeter rounds to the F-15. The biggest differences are the number of opportunities the crews get to upload and the fact that ammunitions are live.

"It's great that we have the opportunity to come do this and I hope that we're able to do this as much as possible," she added.

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173rd Fighter Wing and KCC partner, educate Airmen

Story by

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KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore. – If an Airman expects to eventually reach the pinnacle ranks of senior or chief master sergeant, they need to plan on earning a Community College of the Air Force degree as a result of a change to promotion requirements beginning Oct. 2015. Master Sgt. Dan Hutchison, 173rd Fighter Wing, was aware of this requirement and knew he had to consider options to complete his CCAF.

“I had various avenues to finish my degree, but they weren’t exactly convenient,” said Hutchison.

However, thanks to a partnership between Klamath Community College and the 173rd Fighter Wing, Hutchison and many other Kingsley Field Airmen have been able to attend CCAF specific courses on-base.

“The convenience of having classes on base has made it so easy to take classes, it has been great,” added Hutchison.

Master Sgt. Summer Jordre, 173rd FW, agrees. “I could have taken the courses online, but with three children at home that would have been difficult; I like being in the classroom environment.”

The courses KCC offers on-base are designed to meet the requirements for the CCAF.

CCAF is set up on a semester hour basis, and the local colleges, KCC included, are on a quarter hour system. However, through planning and partnering, KCC and



Oregon Air National Guard Col. Gregor Leist, 173rd Fighter Wing Vice Wing Commander, and Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, Klamath Community College (KCC) President, sign a Mutual Understanding agreement at KCC in Klamath Falls, Ore., April 16, 2014. The agreement between Kingsley Field and KCC outlines the continuing partnership where KCC will offer classes specifically tailored to meet CCAF requirements on Kingsley Field. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Penny Snoozy)

the 173rd FW were able to develop courses that would meet the semester-hour requirements.

“It motivates me to actually take the courses, when otherwise I would not have signed up for them,” said Senior Master Sgt. Pete Weigman, 173rd FW. “I’d have just kept putting it off year after year as a minimum requirement.”

This continuing partnership was formed in 2013 and provides accessible education opportunities for Airmen at Kingsley Field. On April 23, 2014 Colonel Gregor Leist, 173rd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, and Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, KCC President, signed a memoran-

dum of understanding outlining the details of this continuing partnership.

This partnership is mutually beneficial, providing the ability for Kingsley Airmen to complete their CCAF degree in a more efficient manner while providing an “outstanding population of new students for KCC.”

For more information on what courses are being offered and how to sign up contact Base Training or visit with the KCC Veterans Advisor, Mr. Tracy Heap, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base testing room in building 211, room 310.



173rd Medical Group Change of Command

Lt. Col. Kristen Leist assumes command of the 173rd Fighter Wing Medical Group with the symbolic passing of the guidon from Col. Jeremy Baenen, 173rd Fighter Wing Commander during a change of command ceremony, April 6, 2014, at Kingsley Field, Ore. Col. Eric Swanson relinquished command during the ceremony. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

2013: Top ANG Clinical Dentist at 173rd Fighter Wing

Story by

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173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore. -- Maj. Paul Anderson, a 173rd Fighter Wing dentist, was named top clinical dentist for the entire Air National Guard for 2013 and was presented his award here April 6, 2014.

His accomplishments helped the 173rd garner the top spot in individual medical readiness across the Air National Guard and even at one point, the Department of Defense in May 2013.

He led a 20-member team to Martin, Tenn., where they provided free dental care to those unable to afford it on their own as a part of Innovative Readiness Training in an exercise called 'Hope of Martin'.

During this exercise Anderson and his joint team of 130 Navy and

Air National Guard troops served more than 2,000 patients, with over 4,000 procedures completed at an estimated value of \$300,000 in medical services.

Anderson was also selected for being generous with his time as evidenced by his mentorship of 25 dental students currently attending Oregon Institute of Technology.

When he is not on military status



Maj. Paul Anderson, a 173rd Medical Group general dentist treats a dental patient at the Iao Intermediate School in Wailuku, Hawaii, June 9, 2013. Over 500 U.S. service members spread across Hawaii for Tropic Care 2013, an innovative readiness training exercise offering free health care to medically underserved areas of the state. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Michael Quiboloy)

with the 173rd Fighter Wing Anderson is a clinical dentist with Veteran's Affairs Outpatient Clinic in White City, Ore.

Kingsley Firefighters team up with Klamath District #1

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

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. – 173rd Fighter Wing firefighters spent two days strengthening community partnerships while honing structure fire and mass casualty response skills March 11-12, at two exercises.

Klamath Falls Fire District #1 invited the 173rd firefighters to participate in a “burn-to-learn” event held on a condemned structure on the west side of town.

The structure, an old home with a visibly buckling roof, hadn’t outlived its usefulness though it was no longer fit for habitation.

The owners donated the structure to the Klamath Falls Fire District to serve as a tool for training. Kingsley and district #1 firefighters set small blazes in different rooms in the house and observed how the fire behaved. They squelched these initial fires at a certain point to avoid burning the entire structure.

“This is a skill we use here at Kingsley, we respond to house fires in the community, but it’s not something we can train for on-base,” said Craig Andresen, a Kingsley firefighter.

The final step in the “burn-to-learn” process? Start a number of fires throughout the structure and observe the ensuing inferno while protecting trees and a small shed nearby.

“That way, they can watch the fire behavior from start to finish,” Andresen said.

The opportunity for collaboration continued into the next day as members of Kingsley and Fire District #1, as well as Sky Lakes Medical Center, reconvened at the Oregon Institute of Technology Campus for a mass casualty drill, March 12, 2014.

Local volunteers from the college lay on the track with simulated injuries and an unidentified white powder sprinkled liberally on their persons.

Firefighters wearing air tanks and full facemasks



173rd Fighter Wing Firefighter Derek Sherrell braces the newest firefighter to join the Kingsley department, Brent Hulstrom during a joint “Burn-and-Learn” exercise with Fire District #1 in Klamath Falls, Ore., March 11, 2014. The operation is part of an ongoing program Kingsley Field has undertaken called P-4, the Public-Public, Public-Private partnership program, which seeks to foster deeper community relationships.

carried the victims in slings to a waiting decontamination site where they were loaded into waiting ambulances for further treatment.

After the initial response, it was time to test for a possible bio-agent simulated by white powder on many of the victims. Participants put on HAZMAT suits ranging from full-body enclosures, sealing even the air tanks inside the suit, to lesser ones that sealed just the body from possible exposure.

Kingsley firefighters set up a second decontamination site for the day. They rolled the edges of tarps in such a way that they held water and made cleaning stations at three intervals. Once the initial District #1 responders tested the suspect material Kingsley firefighters cleaned the outside of their suits thoroughly scrubbing every square inch to include the soles of the boots, and contained all the water used to rinse as well. After three iterations the suits are deemed uncontaminated and the wearers could remove them.

The two exercises allowed firefighters from both teams to work together enhancing an actual response should it occur in two different scenarios. Whatever befalls the community, both of these districts know they will more than likely respond together.

Batkid takes on special mission at Kingsley Field

*Story and photos by
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The exploits of a local “superhero”, Batkid, continued when Miles Scott, call sign, “Batkid”, reported for duty at the 173rd Fighter Wing as part of the Pilot for a Day program, April 10, 2014.

He donned the uniform of an F-15 pilot to include helmet, mask, and at one point even night vision goggles. Instructor pilot Maj. Richard Giampietri escorted him and his family to watch take-offs up-close and personal, sat Batkid in the cockpit of a fighter jet, and introduced him to crew chief Tech. Sgt. Cliff Rutledge and other maintenance personnel.

Miles, a Tulelake, Calif. native, earned his call sign Nov. 15, 2013 on an historic day for both the City of San Francisco and a young boy from the Klamath Basin. That was the day a new superhero emerged—Batkid, the sidekick to the older Batman.

The day was a special one for him and his parents Nick and Natalie in large part because Miles was there on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He became Batkid that day, but for his parents the special part was simply having Miles there at all after battling leukemia for several years.

At eighteen months he was diagnosed with the blood cancer, and in June 2013 he received his last chemo treatment; now doctors have pronounced him in remission.

Giampietri commissioned Batkid to serve a mission fit for a superhero; namely, to thwart a plan by super-villains The Riddler and Joker, who planned to use stolen Russian MiGs to wreak havoc on the world at large.



Top: Miles Scott, call sign, “Batkid”, reported for duty at the 173rd Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls, Ore., April 10. Scott is in remission from leukemia and had the opportunity to be a part of the Fighter Pilot for a Day program. He donned a flight suit and helmet and Maj. Richard Giampietri, F-15 instructor pilot, escorted Scott to watch take-offs up close and personal, sit in the cockpit of a jet, and meet the crew chief and other maintenance personnel.

Right: The jet bears a batman symbol which crew chief Tech. Sgt. Cliff Rutledge had affixed to the jet in honor of Scott's visit. Scott has battled leukemia and his doctors have recently said he is in remission.



After his training across the base at places like the parachute shop and Aircrew Flight Equipment, Miles was ready to face the villains and stepped into the 173rd Fighter Wing F-15 Simulator for his mission. He emerged victorious and with a wide smile.

The 114th Fighter Squadron at Kingsley Field hosts the Fighter Pilot for a Day program, which brings children to the base to experience “a-day-in-the-life” of a Kingsley pilot. The Squadron began the new outreach in late 2009.

Stay connected with social media without sacrificing career

Story by

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FORT MEADE, Md. -- Engaging in social media can be a positive experience that entertains, keeps people connected and allows opinions to be expressed on a wide variety of topics.

In some cases though, social media can ruin personal reputations or careers, and create an open window for criminals to access personal information.

According to the Air Force's top social media expert, safe use of social-media outlets is simple -- use common sense.

Tanya Schusler is the chief of social media for the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. She said in many cases, problems arise when people are "too trusting" with their personally identifiable information.

"It can be something as simple as sharing your location when visiting your favorite store or restaurant," said Schusler. "This tells your social network one critical piece of information -- you're not home."

To take full advantage of social media, and still post to Facebook and tweet to friends safely, Schusler offered the following advice:

Many Airmen cause issues by posting photographs of themselves violating appearance standards, acting inappropriately and most importantly,

violating operational security protocol. If you're not within regulations, don't post it.

Airmen should not post information about deployments or photos of secure areas within their workplace. Even if the Airman takes the information down shortly after posting, someone has already seen it. The information can be printed, screen captured, copied etc. Once information is released to the internet, it's there permanently.

When posting personal opinions about Air Force topics, provide a disclaimer stating the opinion as your own, and not that of the Air Force.

This can be done either as a disclaimer on a profile, or

on each individual post and will alleviate any potential confusion from followers reading the post.

If an Airman posts a statement about hurting himself or others, time is of the essence. Contact 911 if you know the location of the Airman. If you do not know the person's location, contact the command post or your supervisor for assistance in locating the Airman. It is important to seek help for these individuals im-

mediately.

Using certain security features within social media sites can help mitigate some of the risk of personal information being shared. However, privacy policies change almost daily, and Airmen may not know about the updates.

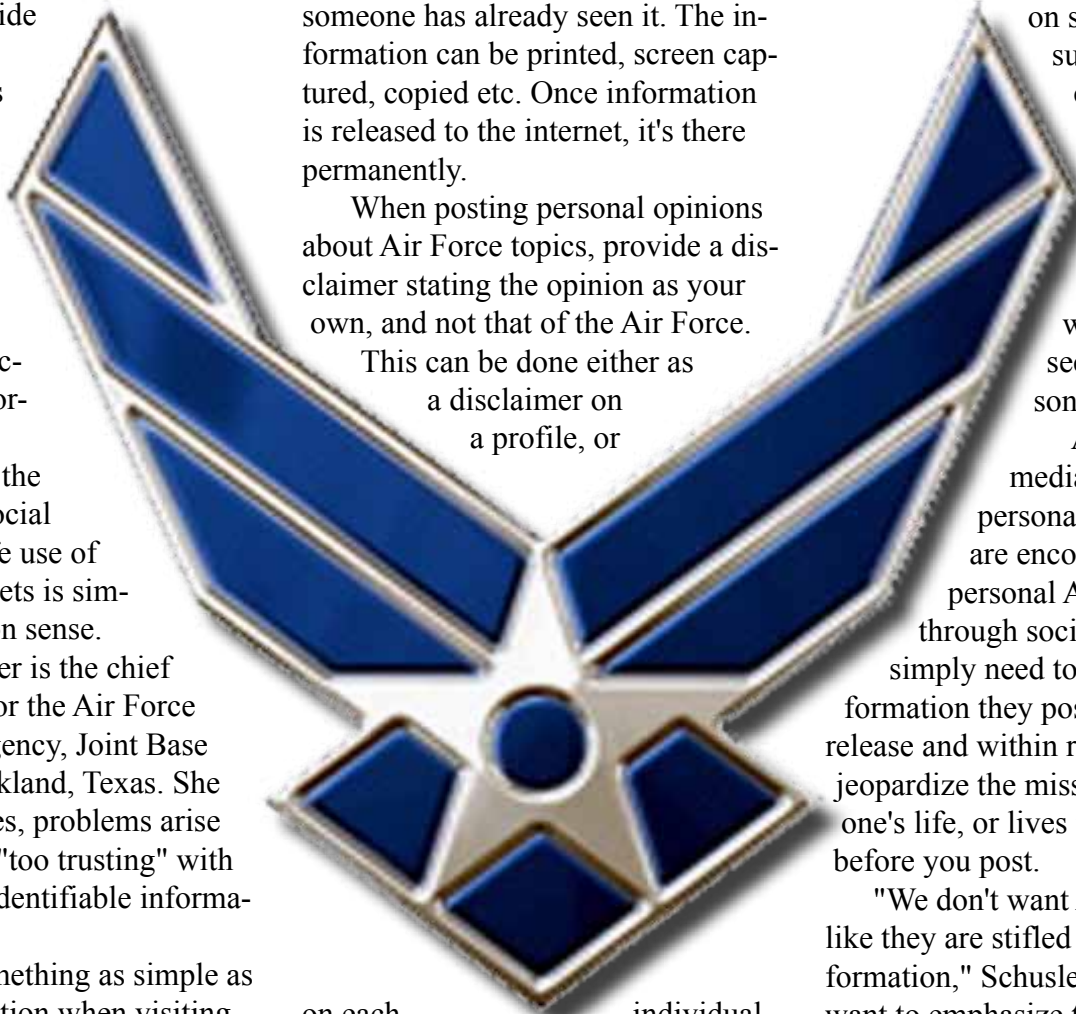
Therefore, do not rely on site security measures alone. Be careful of whom you allow into your social media networks, and don't trust that the account will always remain secure. Assume personal responsibility.

Airmen's social-media pages are their personal space, and they are encouraged to tell their personal Air Force stories through social networks. They simply need to ensure the information they post is cleared for release and within regulations. Don't jeopardize the mission or put anyone's life, or lives in danger. Think before you post.

"We don't want Airmen to feel like they are stifled from sharing information," Schusler said. "We just want to emphasize the use of common sense to keep people safe."

If Airmen have questions about acceptable posting to social media, there are resources available to them for guidance.

AFPAA has published a new booklet, the Air Force Social Media Guide, available for download here, or at <http://www.af.mil> on the homepage under the social media icons. Airmen can also contact their local public affairs office with questions.



173rd MSG wins fitness challenge over 142nd MSG

**Commentary by
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173rd Support Group
Commander**

KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore.-

The 173rd Mission Support Group prides itself on setting and maintaining high fitness standards for its members. Our main goal is to help our members be relevant, ready, and reliable both mentally and physically.

To give ourselves added incentives and foster a little friendly rivalry with our sister unit up north in Portland, Ore., we challenged the 142nd MSG to a fitness duel. We threw down the gauntlet and kept it simple: whichever group had the highest percentage of excellent scores would be the winner.

The winning group received the much-coveted Annual Fitness Challenge Trophy while the command staff of the losing group received a pie in the face.

The competition was fierce and many friendly barbs were hurled during the battle, but when the dust settled and the numbers were crunched the 173rd MSG came out victorious!

162 participants from the 173rd MSG completed their fitness test with an average score of 84.48-percent. Not only that but 60-percent of the 173 MSG put up a score of 90-percent or better! OUTSTANDING!!! The 142nd MSG gave us a run for the money and honored their end of the bargain by sending us a video of their

leadership enjoying a pie in the face.

Our trophy is proudly on display here at Kingsley Field as a reminder of the fruits of our hard labor. We are greatly anticipating renewing our rivalry again this year. The great benefit of this challenge is that when it comes to increasing fitness, everyone is a winner!

The 173d Mission Support Group would like to congratulate the following top performers:

Mission Support Group staff:
Tech. Sgt. Tia Williams 93.7; Lt. Col. Lance McCuiston 97.5



Top: An Oregon Air National Guard member rounds the half-way point during his annual physical fitness test at Kingsley field, Ore., Sept. 8, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)

Right: Oregon Air National Guard members, 173rd Fighter Wing Mission Support Group, pose for a photo after winning the Oregon Air National Guard Annual Fitness Challenge award for the best physical fitness scores during a competition between the 173rd MSG and the 142 MSG at Kingsley Field, Ore., Jan. 5, 2014. The friendly rivalry between the two groups provided motivation to improve fitness scores. The leadership from the Portland Air National Guard received a pie to the face due to their loss of the competition. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Penny Snoozy)



Civil Engineer Flight: Master Sgt. Tonia Brown 99.0; Maj. Timothy Bruner 98.6

Logistics Readiness Squadron: Airman 1st Class Seena Frantz 100; Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Crook 99.8

Force Support Flight: Master Sgt. Meghan McMackin 99.0; Tech. Sgt. Justin Wright 96.0

Communication Flight: Airman 1st Class Tina McAllister; 96.7; Airman 1st Class Jerry Gregory 97.9

Security Forces Squadron: Senior Airman Sarah Hunt 94.0; Airman 1st Class Ty Case 99.3

The video is available via Facebook at the following link. <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=720764641280584> or if the link does not work copy and paste it into your browser. ~Ed.

Director ANG visits Kingsley

Air National Guard Director Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III paid his first visit to the 173rd Fighter Wing, March 25. After presenting ceremonial coins to five Airmen selected for superior achievement. Clarke explained the significance of the coin and thanked the Airmen for their efforts. He visited Kingsley Field, during a tour of both Air National Guard Wings in the state. Clark assumed responsibilities of his current position a year ago. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)



Keno Girl Scouts donate cookies to deployed Airmen



Keno Girl Scout Troop 50402 donates four cases, a total of 48 boxes, of Girl Scout cookies to deployed members of the 173rd Fighter Wing and the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron, March 18, 2014.

Elizabeth Huggins, the troop leader (Center), said the scouts worked for four weeks to earn enough money to buy these cookies for donation to “our great American Hero's serving overseas.”

Each of the Girl Scouts wrote personal letters, which they included with each box of cookies.

Airman and Family Readiness Director Tami Narramore (Right) accepted the cookies and will mail them to deployed members. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson)



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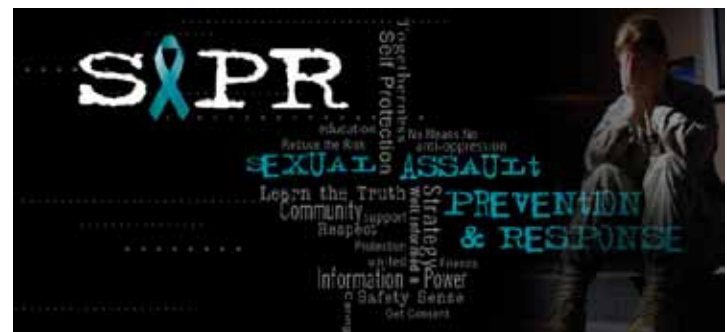
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New Members!

Welcome to Kingsley Field!

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Oregon Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Kayla Rettmann, 173rd Fighter Wing Weapons Group, inspects an uploaded live missile on an F-15 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Feb. 25. Pilots from Kingsley Field travelled to Florida for the Weapons System Evaluation Program (WSEP) where they fired live munitions such as this AIM-9 Sidewinder, a rare occasion for fighter pilots. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Penny Snoozy)

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