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RANS launches missiles in downtown Miami

By Maj. Curt Pool
266th Range Squadron

MIAMI, Fla. --
Eight members

of the 266 Range Squadron traveled to Avon Park and Miami, Fla., to provide threat emitter and surface-to-air missile visual cueing support for an urban exercise there recently.

The exercise was in support of the Army's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and other special operations agencies. The main focus of the exercise was a night extraction of a high value target from the abandoned Grand Bay Hotel. RANS threat operators set up in a parking lot across from City Hall and launched Smokey SAMs as the helicopters were positioning for fast rope operations onto the hotel.

"The Smokey SAMs added a great touch to the whole operation," said Maj. Tim Pearson, who was the main coordinator for the exercise.

The Smokey SAM launch in the middle of an urban environment was also a great experience for RANS operators, as the SAMs are normally restricted to range use only. "It was a

unique opportunity for everyone involved," said Idaho Air Guard Master Sgt. Jim Schmidt, the detachment commander for the 266 RANS.

Miami Police and numerous other local and federal agencies oversaw the exercise but did not send out the news release to the public until the night prior to the exercise for security reasons.

RANS radar technicians also had two threat emitters in place at the Avon Park Range near Melbourne, Fla., about 170 miles north of Miami. The threat emitters were used to enhance the scenario and add training for the helicopter crews and carrier-based close air support aircraft that were participating in the exercise.

This is the second long-range support exercise the RANS has provided for the 160th SOAR and the joint support continues to grow. A threat emitter team traveled to Fort Campbell, Ky., in March to provide threat recognition to new crews on the Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters. Range squadron operators also

supported U.S. Navy electronic warfare training in Washington in February, and Apache Block III testing at Fort Irwin in California in March.



Photo courtesy of 266th Range Squadron

RANS members launch a GTR-18 Smokey SAM in downtown Miami as part of multi-agency training exercise recently. The Idaho-based squadron has deployed active-duty Airmen to several locations around the country this year, bringing unique threat simulation capabilities with them.

Col. Richy moves to BHS as Brig. Gen. Shawver steps down from full-time post

Staff Report

After nearly five years of serving as director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Brigadier General William Shawver stepped down from his full-time post to take a job in the private sector. His last day in his BHS role was July 27.

General Shawver, a 37-year veteran of the Air Force and the Idaho Air National Guard, concurrently served as Assistant Adjutant General, Air, and Commander, Idaho Air National Guard since 2010. He will remain in his command role, serving as a traditional Air National Guard member.

"It's hard to believe that almost five years has passed since I was named the director," said General Shawver. "Working with the folks in the BHS in support of local elected officials, county/tribal emergency managers, first responders, and the residents of this great State has been the highlight of my 37 years of government service. My sincere appreciation to Governor Otter and Major General

Sayler for this awesome opportunity to serve with the finest Idaho has to offer."

Along with the announcement of General Shawver's departure came the announcement

of the appointment of new 124th Fighter Wing Commander Col. William B. "Brad" Richy as General Shawver's successor in the role of Idaho BHS director. Colonel Richy, who was the wing's thirteenth commander, enjoyed a brief, but productive tenure as wing commander, said he has full confidence in new commander Col. Michael Nolan's ability to lead the 124th into a bright future.

In accepting his new position with the Idaho BHS, the colonel pledged to continue the outstanding working relationships that the BHS enjoys with first responders and elected leaders around the state.

"I look forward to this great opportunity to serve the State of Idaho in a crucial role," said Colonel Richy.

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124th Fighter Wing New NEW Commander



Col. Michael Nolan, former director of staff for the Idaho Air National Guard, assumed command from Col. William B. "Brad" Richy during a change-of-command ceremony held Aug. 5.

Colonel Richy was named director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security July 27.

Colonel Nolan rejoins the

124th Fighter Wing after serving in numerous leadership positions throughout the wing from 1992 to 2011. He was commander of the air support operations squadron from 2000 to 2004 and operations group commander from 2004 to 2011.

Colonel Nolan becomes the 124th's 14th wing commander.



Career at-a-glance:

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Command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in the F-4 and A-10
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Major awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (awarded Aug. 5), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters
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1984 graduate of the University of Florida with a B.S. in mechanical engineering
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Promoted to the rank of colonel in April 2006
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Burritos fuel Airmen, Boise CAP programs

By Capt. Tony Vincelli
Public Affairs Officer

It's Saturday morning and you managed to make it to drill on time – just barely. Great job. There is only one problem: in your haste to rush out the door, you didn't have time to eat breakfast and lunch is still a few hours away. What do you do?

Sure, the vending machines are an option, albeit not a very good one if you want to stay on top of your PT regimen. Someone may have decided to bring in doughnuts for the whole shop, but that, too, would be liking playing a game of nutritional Russian Roulette. Can you say sugar crash?

Thanks to the men and women of the Civil Air Patrol's Boise Squadron and their booster club, you won't have to.

That's because CAP cadets with help from volunteer parents and senior squadron members are waking up before dawn on drill weekends to make tasty and nutritious breakfast burritos.

Retired Maryland Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Mark Maselli and CAP Booster Club president Kerrylyn Miller head up the weekend operation. Maselli, who recently moved to Idaho and joined the Boise CAP last November, leads production while Miller, mom of 13-year-old Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Ty Miller, is in charge of sales. August drill was just the crew's fourth drill, but they agree the operation is already running smoothly.

It is the perfect blend of filling a need on base and creating a sustainable fundraiser to fund CAP programs, Miller said.

"It is usually a dozen volunteers working very hard each day we are on base in order to pull this off, but we try to have fun doing it," Miller said.

Maselli and his crew arrive on base before 5 a.m. each morning. Wearing hats and gloves to ensure proper food

preparation safety, he sets up "the line" with egg scramblers, rollers and wrappers. In a little over an hour, the well-oiled machine is able to cook, assemble, roll and wrap anywhere from 200-300 plus burritos, depending on how many Miller and crew think they can sell.

Miller, who has several contacts on both the Air and Army side, gets word when big groups are drilling on base, or when others have gone out to the field.

"We are able to get a pretty good read on the number of burritos we think we'll need," Miller said.

They sold 301 of 320 burritos on Saturday of August drill, according to Maselli, who said sales are increasing with each passing month.

The money they raise goes to fund important CAP initiatives that cannot be funded through the usual CAP funding streams, said Maselli. He worked as the Air Guard liaison to the Maryland CAP for 10 years and watched how they used fundraisers to pay for things like cadet encampments

(their equivalent of basic training), travel costs to regional trainings and competitions, and more. Both Maselli and Miller hope burrito sales will fund similar efforts here in Idaho.

According to State Command Chief Master Sgt. Pete Glick, fundraising for the CAP is authorized on base because the CAP is the official Air Force auxiliary and a 501(c)(3) charity.

Sales booths are set up on the south side of Building 400 and in front of the base theater, although programmed sprinklers thwarted sales efforts there on Sunday of August drill. Miller and her team enthusiastically operate a mobile sales booth (it's actually a golf cart) that makes deliveries all over Gowen Field, including the Army Guard side, as well.

Sausage or bacon burritos are \$2.50 each or grab their popular combo, which gives you a second burrito and a fruit bag for \$6. A boon to the cash-deprived: they now take debit cards. Advance orders are available by calling 761-2581.



Volunteers from the Boise Civil Air Patrol and its booster club sell breakfast burritos each Saturday and Sunday morning of primary drill on the south side of Building 400 and in front of the base theater, as well by golf cart (Photo by Capt. Tony Vincelli).

A win-win: new food service contract good for all involved

By Capt. Tony Vincelli April, May and June were dark days at the dining facility.
Public Affairs Officer

The five-year lunch service contract on drill weekends had run out. Initially set to expire in October 2011, the contract was extended six months to get the wing through the hustle and bustle of the Operational Readiness Inspection without having to worry about training a new contractor on such an important service contract.

Out of extensions and options, services personnel were forced to shut the hot lunch line down until a new contract was awarded. Boxed lunches were served instead.

"We missed the challenge on drill weekend of preparing a hot meal for the wing. Not being able to provide the quality of service we are used to was really difficult," said base services manager Master Sgt. Amethyst Keaten.

As services personnel stood by, the contract award board — an anonymous panel of wing members — asked the three vendors who submitted bids to clarify their qualifications, which delayed the award process. The contract award was delayed for all the right reasons, said Senior Master Sgt. Tracy Stephens, base contracting officer from the mission support group.

"The board wanted to make sure they chose the most qualified contractor, no matter how long it took, because whomever was brought in would be responsible for the safety and welfare of our Airmen," Sergeant Stephens said. "Nothing is more important than that."

To the contrary of the once widely-held belief that government-awarded contracts always go to the lowest bidder, this service contract was specifically written with language that clearly stated that technical proficiency (the

ability to do the job) and past performance (a record of doing it) would be the leading considerations, not money.

"Service contracts are very complex because they are performance-based," said Sergeant Stephens. "We tell them the expectation and contractors must demonstrate how they intend to meet that expectation."

The contract was awarded to an unexpected — but highly qualified — contractor: the Idaho Commission for the Blind or Visually Impaired. The ICBVI represents more than 11,000 blind or visually-impaired Idahoans and is led by administrator Angela Jones, who came to Gowen Field over August drill to make sure the subcontractor she selected was performing to her standards.

Enter Kevin Servatius, who has owned and operated The Galley, a basement restaurant in the Len B. Jordan building downtown, for more than a decade. Legally blind himself, Servatius has a passion for providing outstanding service. That he will be able to do that for military personnel makes it that much better, he said.

"We're pumped to be here and we look forward to working hard for you guys as payback for all you do for us," Servatius said, who also employs blind or visually impaired men and women at his restaurant. He said he took on the contract as a way to help his employees earn additional income on a part-time basis.

His team of 14 people who comprise the contract kitchen staff will join forces with 12 services personnel to serve more than 1,000 meals each drill weekend, according to Sergeant Keaten.

Each drill represents new challenges, Sergeant Keaten said, but the early results from August drill (the first drill with the new contract in place) were very encouraging.

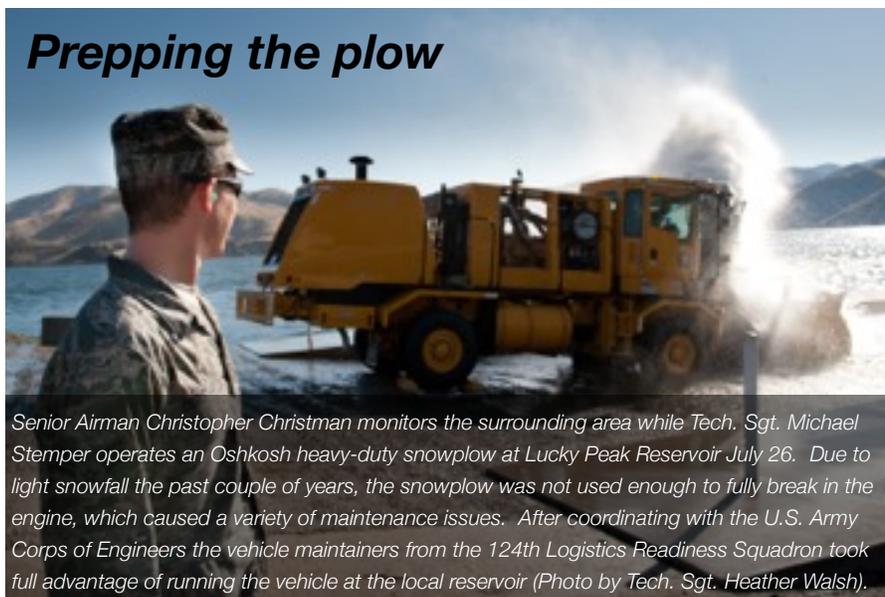
"Kevin and his staff were awesome to work with and I am sure that will only get better as we continue to work together," said Sergeant Keaten.

Civilians and military kitchen teams have separate chains of command, said Sergeant Keaten, but she and Servatius will meet together to discuss issues and resolve problems whenever they arise.

The one-year contract period can be extended up to four times, which Sergeant Stephens said would be a win-win for both the Idaho Air National Guard and the ICBVI.

"They are the right contractor for the job and that they are a local organization that provides opportunities and assistance to blind or visually impaired Idahoans is really great," she said.

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Prepping the plow

Senior Airman Christopher Christman monitors the surrounding area while Tech. Sgt. Michael Stemper operates an Oshkosh heavy-duty snowplow at Lucky Peak Reservoir July 26. Due to light snowfall the past couple of years, the snowplow was not used enough to fully break in the engine, which caused a variety of maintenance issues. After coordinating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the vehicle maintainers from the 124th Logistics Readiness Squadron took full advantage of running the vehicle at the local reservoir (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Walsh).

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ESOHCAMP REVEALED

By Lt. Col. Tony Brown
Wing Chief of Safety

WHAT IS AN ESOHCAMP?

As it relates to environmental, safety and occupational health, the ESOHCAMP is the equivalent of an Operational Readiness Inspection. It is the Air Force's method of ensuring that each of those disciplines is operating within regulatory guidelines. If asked by an evaluator, you should know what ESOHCAMP is and the basics of what it means to you.

WHO CONDUCTS THE INSPECTION?

The Air National Guard contracts a team of civilian specialists who normally are retired military experts in each area. They visit each unit on a three-year cycle to check compliance in all of the listed disciplines. That means you won't see uniformed IG personnel in your work areas, but instead properly identified civilians accompanied by our wing personnel from safety, environmental or bio-environmental.

WHAT WILL THEY BE LOOKING AT?

They will have a range of functions from checking all of our documentation and programs to inspecting shops and work areas. They will assess individual shop safety programs and documentation, environmental and bio-environmental compliance. They may interview commanders and supervisors. They can and will ask questions of individual personnel.



WHO GETS INSPECTED?

All airmen and civilian employees of the 124th Fighter Wing and associate units are accountable for environmental, safety and occupational health compliance.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

On the safety side, all Airmen must know who their Unit Safety Representatives are, where the safety information is located, how to report hazards, what to do in the event of an injury and who to report it to and location and use of Personal Protective Equipment. Make sure that you're following technical orders and Air Force Instructions in the performance of your duties.

While this is not an IG inspection, it is high visibility for our wing. You are responsible for SAFELY accomplishing the mission every day. If you don't feel you're prepared individually to answer questions from the assessment team, get with your supervisors and USR's to polish up. Let's put our best foot forward in September and show everyone we operate "First class, or not at all"!

eMS

environmental Management System

eMS is a management framework that accounts for environmental program and policy.

The IDANG employs eMS to establish environmental “objectives and targets”, ultimately helping us to reduce our environmental impact and improve efficiency. Our “objectives and targets” include annual reductions of:

- Water consumption by 2%
- Energy use by 3%
- Solid waste by 10%

Our Environmental Policy/ Commitment Statement demonstrates

upper management support of environmental programs, and our dedication to protecting the environment.

eMS is a team effort that you are a part of. What are we accomplishing with eMS?

- Mission sustainability;
- Pollution prevention;
- Regulatory compliance; and
- Continuous improvement!

Questions about eMS?

Contact the Environmental Office at 422-5849/422-5327.

Complete eMS training on ADLS

search course # ZZ133070

Keys to successful waste management

By Senior Airman Heidi Caye
Environmental Protection Specialist

One important environmental area for shop personnel to master is waste management. ESOHCAMP assessors will be evaluating our hazardous waste management program to confirm we comply with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations. Here’s how to best ensure your shop’s waste management success:

Satellite Accumulation Points are areas where certain types of hazardous wastes are collected. Make sure you put the correct type of waste into your SAP, and that your SAP is properly managed as demonstrated in the picture.



Universal Waste is another type of hazardous

waste, and includes lamps, batteries, pesticides and mercury-containing devices. These wastes must also be managed properly (see photo).

Expendable **aerosol cans** are a form of hazardous waste, and must be put in the “aerosols for turn-in” section of your flammables locker, or taken directly to the Environmental Office.

Used Oil containers must be properly labeled. Used petroleum-based products (except flammable liquids and solvents) should be put in the used oil container.

Waste **solder** can be recycled through the recycling center; when you are ready to throw away the **solder sponge/pad**, it is hazardous and must be given to the Environmental Office. Shops were asked about this during the 2009 ESOHCAMP!

Be sure to review your work area prior to the inspection. Do you know how to manage your shop’s hazardous waste? Do your waste collection points meet the criteria identified in this article? Each shop has at least two appointed and trained Hazardous Waste Managers that can help you.

ENVIRONMENTAL Pre-ESOH-CAMP Checklist

- ✓ Current HAZWASTE appointment letter
- ✓ Correct SAP signage
- ✓ Review environmental requirements for ALL shop personnel
- ✓ All processes/chemicals entered into EESOH-MS
- ✓ Review Environmental binder for completeness/accuracy
- ✓ Call Environmental 422-5849 with questions

Satellite Accumulation Points



What to expect when safety assessors arrive

Two safety assessors will stroll into our office on day one of the ESOHCAMP. One will look at weapons safety with Master Sgt. Brian Hobbs and I will have the other.

After spending a day and half to two days going over the programs in the safety office to see how we are managing them, we will begin paying visits to each of your shops.

WHAT THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT

The assessor will first want to see your nice new GREEN book. He will review your Job Safety Training Outline and your AF Form 55 for training documentation and accuracy. If you are lucky enough to have a lockout/tagout or confined space program he will want to see those programs, as well.

He will open up your flammable storage lockers and double check against your MSDS book to see if you are maintaining the proper MSDS sheets, which you should be since ESOH MIS and the HAZMART Pharmacy have come into operation. He may even question a few of the personnel to see if they are aware of what to do in the event someone become contaminated with an item that is listed in your MSDS binder.

From there we will be walking through your shop. Anything and everything is fair game. That's right. He will open up drawers, lockers, cabinets, doors, tool boxes and electrical panels. Make sure you don't have a bent screw driver, mushroom headed hammer, broken handled tool, electrical tape on power cords, or a new Airman or 'experienced' MSgt working on something without their PPE. Promptly clean up the spills and don't have your sandwich and coffee sitting on the workbench next to the oil can.

They will want to see your inspection schedules/records for hoists, fixed ladders, static testing of fire extinguishers and

By Senior Master Sgt. Becky Hawk
Ground Safety Manager

lightning protection inspection records to name a few.

AND DID I MENTION...

Forklift training? That's a heavy one. They will want to see Your lesson plan and who has been trained. Ensure that personnel who operate forklifts are trained, at a minimum, of every three years. This includes the computer-based training as well as an operational test.

Don't be afraid to talk to these people when they are here. They are the experts that help us make recommendations for changes to the policies and practices that the Air Force and NGB drive down to us.

WHAT THEY ARE FINDING ELSEWHERE

- Storage of gas powered mower/snow blower inside with gas in it.
- Lockout/tagout programs not being reviewed and documented.
- Forklift training not being conducted and documented at a minimum of three years.
- Improperly labeled circuit breaker panels, lack of monthly spot inspections by shops supervisors, dirty or unserviceable PPE.
- Guards removed from equipment. Air and water lines not properly identified and marked with the PSI.
- Excessive ammunition stored in licensed locations.

DURING THEIR LAST VISIT

During our 2009 ESOHCAMP the ground safety inspector evaluated 40 compliance areas. Of those 40 areas, he identified sixteen ground safety discrepancies. Five were serious (electrical & fall protection), three were repeats (welding & electrical) and eight were 'other' (five of which were paperwork/programs).

The weapons inspector evaluated four compliance areas and noted eight discrepancies, three of which were major.

FROM WEAPONS SAFETY

By Master Sgt. Brian Hobbs
Weapons Safety Manager

If you have an AF Form 2047, Explosive Facility License, we will pay you a visit. The inspector will check your license against what is stored in your shop. She will be looking to ensure that you have the applicable placards, fire extinguishers and that your inventory matches what the fire department reflects that you have stored and that you have a local operating instruction for storage of the explosives. The inspector will want to see proof of your training to handle said explosives and that the training is current.

The Weapons inspection isn't limited to places that have explosives stored in them. The inspector will also be visiting support agencies such as the fire department and civil engineering. They will be looking at things like mutual aid and the lightning protection, to include inspections results, in several areas.

Know what the procedure is if lightning is reported within five miles. How are you notified and what steps do you take? Are your inspections on your equipment and tools up to date?

Documentation! Documentation! Documentation! If you have a question let us know. Don't attempt to carve the new wheel out of the stone. Chances are we, or one of our counterparts, already have what you need.

Is your HAZCOM ESOHCAMP Ready?

Your HAZCOM Binder should have:

- ✓ Shop Specific Written Plan
- ✓ Complete Supervisors checklist, annually.
- ✓ Maintain Current AFI's
- ✓ Document HazCom Training on AF Form 55
- ✓ Initial – All new employees (within 30 days)
- ✓ Chemical Inventory
- ✓ List all non-routine tasks

Workplace Chemical Inventory List:

- ✓ Use ESOH-MIS
- ✓ MSDS (maintain for all chemicals)
- ✓ Labeling of all chemical containers
- ✓ Communicate hazards

REMEMBER:

Food and drink are not allowed in the work area

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

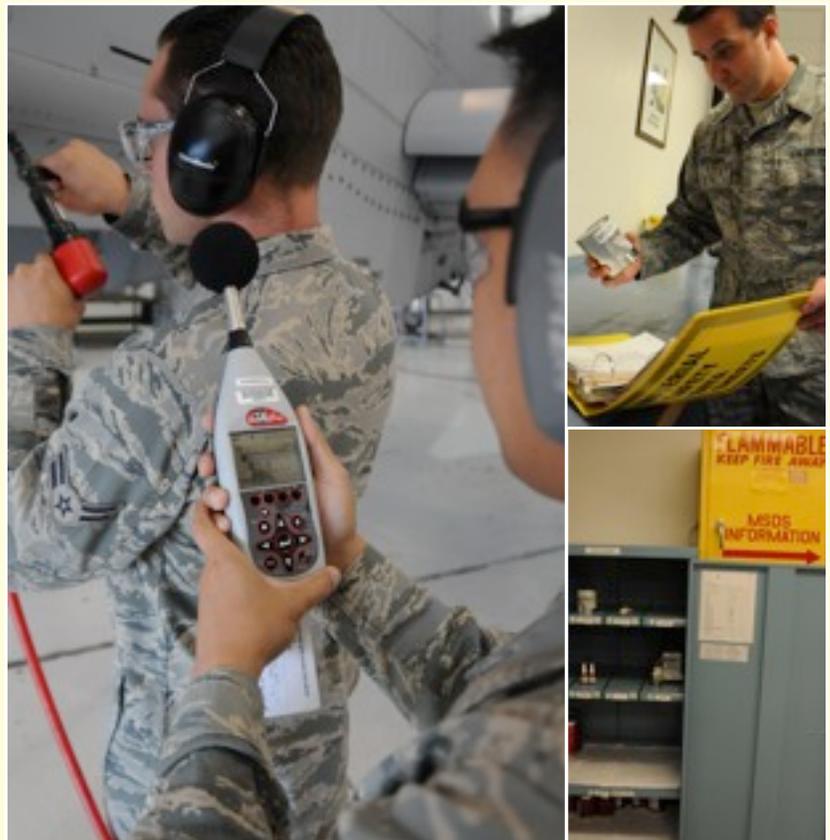
- ✓ Use proper PPE (gloves, goggles, respirators, hearing protection.)
- ✓ Ensure PPE is clean and serviceable
- ✓ Maintain proper storage of PPE

PURPOSE OF HAZARD COMMUNICATION

To **minimize** chemically-induced occupational illnesses and **injuries** in the workplace **through training** employees on health and physical hazards, preventive measures and proper use and handling of all chemicals in the workplace.

HAZCOM QUIZ

1. What does MSDS stand for?
2. Where are MSDS's located?
3. Why is it important to label and/or control secondary containers when dispensing hazardous materials?
4. Why are food and beverages not allowed in an industrial work area?
5. Who is responsible for inspecting, cleaning and storage of PPE?



Answers: 1. Material Data Safety Sheet 2. Centrally located for easy access 3. To avoid accidental poisoning and/or chemical reactions 4. To avoid accidental ingestion of chemicals or contaminants 5. It is the user's responsibility

SFS Sweeps Quarterly Awards



SNCO of the Quarter
MSgt Craig Rice
 Security Forces Squadron



NCO of the Quarter
TSgt Eric Danielson
 Security Forces Squadron



Airman of the Quarter
A1C Cassidy Morlock
 Security Forces Squadron

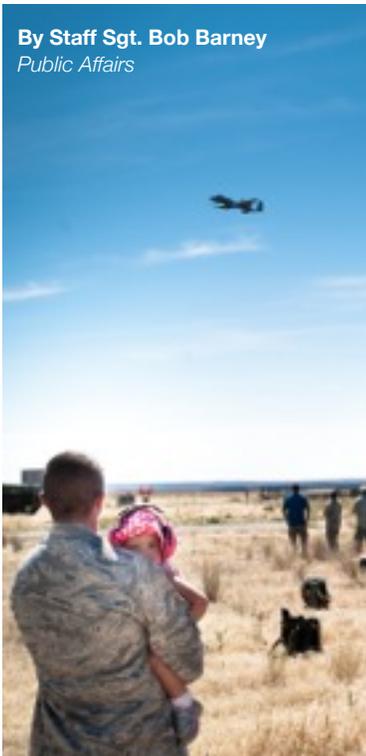
Congratulations Nominees

SMSgt Kelly Bongiovi - 124 LRS
 MSgt Aaron Decker - 101 CST
 MSgt Donald Taylor - 266 RANS
 TSgt Zachary Shields - 124 LRS
 SSgt Susana Barroso - 212 CACS

SSgt Sean Bryson - 124 CF
 SSgt Lowell Stephens - 266 RANS
 SSgt Matthew Wernsing - 124 MXS
 SrA Sean Stephens - 124 CF
 A1C Nicholas Pinque - 212 CACS

ASOS Airmen show families skills, training at Saylor Creek

By Staff Sgt. Bob Barney
 Public Affairs



The best way to help communicate to your family what you actually do at work is to show them.

But when you operate in a dangerous environment like the Airmen of the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron do, show-and-tell isn't really possible. For the Tactical Air Control Party Airmen of the ASOS, the next best thing is to bring families to the local range and give them a taste of what it is like on the ground.

With some close air support from their friends at the 190th Fighter Squadron, TACPs transformed Saylor Creek Training Range southwest of Mountain Home Air Force Base into a picnic and viewing area complete with bleachers, barbecue and a front row seat to an A-10 training sortie.

"We're showing our appreciation for our family because they're the ones

that endure the most hardships when we deploy and when we come to work out here. So it's really showing them what we do and showing our appreciation and gratitude for them," said 2nd Lt. Gregory Kirk with the 124th ASOS.

From a safe distance, the crowd of Airmen and their families watched as A-10's conducted standard training runs and circled overhead. The day finished with a couple of low angle strafing runs, which gave the audience the unique experience of seeing — and hearing — an A-10 fire its main weapon system, the GAU-8/A Avenger cannon.

The sights and sounds brought smiles to those watching and gave them a firsthand look into what their loved ones are doing when they are working their weekend away from home or deployed overseas.



Toy Show - wheels not required

Each Family Appreciation Day, the Toy Show gives

By Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney Idaho Air National Guard
Public Affairs members and their families the opportunity to show off their hobbies and interests.

Classic cars, mudding trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, RC planes, and even a working jet engine have all been on display at the annual Family Day Toy Show but be fooled, it's not a car show, it's a "Toy" show. The Toy Show gives Idaho Air National Guard members the opportunity to show off their hobbies and interest.

"It's a chance to share what your interests are and what you care about with your coworkers," said Tech. Sgt. Greg Slater.

Staff Sgt. Phil Bates and Tech Sgt. Greg Slater, both machinists in the Metals Technology shop, part of the 124th Maintenance Squadron and gearheads in their free time, have helped coordinate the Toy Show event for 12 years. Slater enjoys putting

new life into old cars. He has a passion for Volkswagens and has brought his rare, 23-window bus, to the show in years past. Bates, a junkie for anything with wheels or an engine, has brought many motorcycles, a bicycle, a mini truck, and is considering bringing in something with wings this year.

"It's not just for cars, if you are into woodworking bring it in," said Sergeant Bates.

All projects are welcome, no matter the hobby or the condition. Even if you have to push, pull, or drag it in. You can come and go as you please. No need to showcase for the full event. Both Bates and Slater want the event to be relaxed and everyone to feel welcome.

"It's not about competition, it's about creating conversations," said Sergeant Slater.

Many people in the maintenance squadron and all over base are interested in cars so there was a lot of interest in starting a car show at Family Day. Lt. Col. Mike DeMeyer, retired, had the larger vision of starting the Toy Show more than 12 years ago. At the last family day the show had more



The 12th annual Toy Show, during Family Day Sept. 9 at Gowen Field, will showcase the hobbies and interests of Idaho Air National Guard Members. Staff Sgt. Phil Bates (left) and Tech Sgt. Greg Slater, both machinists in the 124th Maintenance Squadron's Metals Technology shop, and gearheads in their free time, have helped coordinate the Toy Show since its beginning (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney).

than 60 people showcase their toys, the largest turnout ever.

"There are a lot of tinkerers out here and it's fun to see them come out and find out more about them," said Sergeant Slater.

"One of the coolest things we've seen at the show was an early 1900's electric Car," said Sergeant Slater. "It's not something most people get to see."

As Family Day has an abundance of activities for children, the Toy Show has proven to keep both the kids and adults engaged. If you'd like to show off your "toy" at the upcoming Family Day Toy Show call or text Sergeant Bates at 208-891-2379.

12th Annual Family Day Toy Show
All Idaho Air Guard Members and their Families Invited
Featuring all Cars, Trucks, Boats, Bikes, Airplanes or other Toys
Showcasing at Family Day, early parking available
Call Phil Bates or Greg Slater for more info at 422-5411

Doc makes good on lifelong goal

By Capt. Tony Vincelli Dr. (Lt. Col.) Brandon
Public Affairs Officer Isaacs' goal as a 19-year-
old aspiring aviator was to one day own his
own airplane.

"I told myself that I would buy an airplane before I turned 50 years old," said Isaacs, who began flying in high school.

But when the Air Force gave him the chance to fly fighters and become a flight surgeon at 33, it was a step in the right direction, even if it didn't help him achieve his goal right away.

"My motivation to smash bugs was a little lower than fighting in an F-15E, or taking the stick on a T-38," he said.

Fast forward to the summer of 2010. With his medical practice and military career both well in hand, Dr. Isaacs got serious about making good on his lifelong goal.

When the opportunity presented itself to purchase a local airplane that had been sitting on the ramp of the Nampa Airport for two years, he jumped at the chance.

The 1967 Cherokee 140 had good bones. The engine had only 105 hours on it and the fuselage was structurally sound. Dr. Isaacs admits that it wasn't much to look at, but he saw it for what it could be rather than

what it was.

Two years, many dollars and hours invested later and his plane now sports a new interior, floorboard, radio stack and shiny new blue and white paint job.

"It looks almost brand new thanks to some long hours and hard work with some help from a few key people," Dr. Isaacs said.

He met his goal by only eight months and said he plans to fly his plane to Gowen Field for September drill and intends to enter it in the 12th Annual Toy Show Sept. 9.

"It's been a journey, but needless to say I am pleased with the results," he said.



Lt. Col. Brandon Isaacs, a flight surgeon for the 124th Medical Group, stands near his 1967 Cherokee 140 recently. The results of the two-year restoration project will be on display during the Toy Show at Family Day Sept. 9 (Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Brandon Isaacs).

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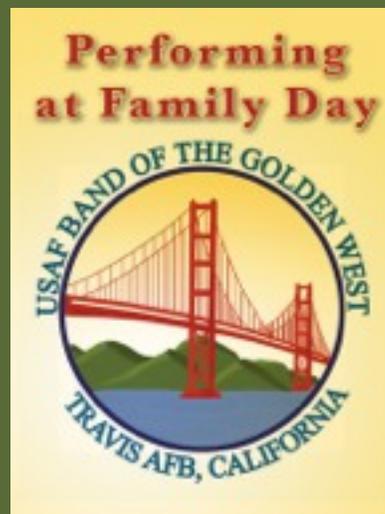
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- 0800 - CCAF Graduation (Bldg. 440)
 - 0930 - Hometown Heroes Presentation (Bldg. 440)
 - 1100 - Family Day starts (Bldg. 148)
- Lunch sponsored by the Idaho Beef Council



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- BBQ Beef Sandwiches
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