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44 Superior Performers Recognized by ACC IG During ORI

By Lt. Col. Gary A. Daniel
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The Air Combat Command Inspector General (IG) team recognized forty four 124th Fighter Wing airmen as superior performers and additionally recognized seven wing sections as superior performance teams during the Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

The IG team rated five major categories while assessing the wing's ability to convert to wartime status, deploy forces and aircraft to forward operating locations, and to maintain combat readiness in the deployed location. The IG rated the wing's command and control functions as outstanding, deployment processing as excellent, employment readiness as marginal, information operations as satisfactory, and force protection as excellent. The wing's overall ORI grade was marginal.

The IG also recognized seven work teams as superior performers. From the 124 Mission Support Group, the Deployment Control Center team, the



Sense of Urgency. 124th Fighter Wing Personnel Deployment Function experts assist deploying Airmen through their processing line during the October Operational Readiness Inspection at Gowen Field. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Barney)

Passenger Manifest team, and the Individual Protective Equipment Processing team, from the 124 Maintenance Group, the Fuels System ORI preparation team and Weapons Load Crew #5, from the Operations Group, the Intel team, and from the 124 Fighter Wing,

the Command Post.

"The wing would also like to thank the superior performance of our volunteers from the 212th CACS, the 266th RANS, and the JFHQ Idaho for their invaluable support before and during the ORI," said Vice Wing Commander Colonel William B. Richy.

The 44 Superior performers from the 124th Fighter Wing

Major James W. Hawkes, 190 FS
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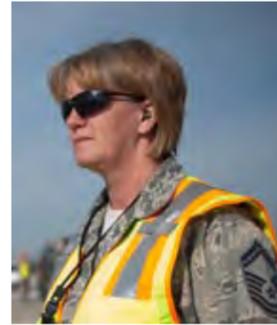
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WING SAFETY

Don't Let Autumn Leave You with a Backache



By Senior Master Sgt. Becky Hawk
124th Fighter Wing Safety

If you are like me you have one of those yards that seem to have an endless amount of leaves waiting to be raked every fall. I always hope that I can con my kids and their friends into getting the job done for me, but if you have teenagers you know how difficult it is to convince them that the chore really is fun.

As tedious as raking leaves may seem it can become very strenuous due to the amounts of twisting, reaching, bending, lifting and carrying of bags. The following tips should help minimize raking-related injuries: Conduct a walk-through of your yard. Prior to raking, it is important to pick up any fallen branches, tree limbs or debris, and the ever dreaded dog mines, that may cause you to trip and fall.

Stretch. Before any physical activity, warm up your muscles for 10 minutes with light exercise. I don't know about you but after picking up all the 'crap' that was listed in the first suggestion I feel like I have stretched enough. It is also essential to stretch your muscles after raking to relieve tension.

Pace yourself. Raking is an aerobic activity. Take frequent breaks and replenish fluids to prevent dehydration. If you experience chest pain, shortness of breath or other signs of a heart attack, seek emergency care by calling 9-1-1.

See what you are raking. Be wary of those items hiding under the leaves.

Do not let a hat or scarf block your vision.

Watch out for large rocks, low branches, tree stumps and uneven surfaces. Avoid falls by wearing shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles.

Use a rake that feels comfortable for your height and strength. Avoid using a rake that is too short or long. Allow space between your hands on the tool grip to increase your leverage. Wear gloves or use rakes with padded handles to help prevent blisters.

Vary movements when raking. To rake without strain, alternate your leg and arm positions often. When picking up leaves, bend at the knees, not the waist. Also, keep the leaf piles small, so you don't strain your back while gathering.

Avoid overfilling the bags, especially if the leaves are wet. You should be able to carry bags comfortably, so make sure they aren't too heavy or large.

Do not throw the leaves over your shoulder or to the side. This requires a twisting motion that places undue stress on your back.



Your Inspector General: "Reprisal" – Define That Please....

Lt. Col. Rick Harper
Inspector General
124th Fighter Wing

Protection against reprisal is defined Under Title 10, United States Code, Section 1034 (10 USC 1034). Members of the armed forces shall be free from reprisal for making or preparing to make a protected communication (PC).

1. No person may take (or threaten to take) an unfavorable personnel action; or withhold (or threaten to withhold) a favorable personnel action as reprisal against a member of the armed forces for making or preparing to make a protected communication. (*The phrase Protected Communications is a legal identifier for various methods used to communicate gross fraud, waste and abuse, violation of regulations, laws of discrimination and actions that result in the specific danger to public health and safety. This also includes actions taken on members preparing these communications and complaints even if they were not actually delivered.*)

2. Military members who violate this prohibition are subject to prosecution and/or disciplinary and administrative action under Article 92 of the UCMJ.

3. Civilian employees who violate this prohibition are subject to administrative or disciplinary action under applicable directives or implementing instructions governing civilian disciplinary or administrative action.

The following may receive protected communications (**NOTE:** this list is not all inclusive and the circumstances of each case will determine if there is a PC):

1. Member of Congress or a member of their staff.
2. An inspector general or a member of the inspector general's investigative staff.
3. Personnel assigned to DoD audit, inspection, investigation, or law enforcement organizations, equal opportunity, safety, and family advocacy.
4. Any person in the member's chain of command.
5. The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Command Chiefs, Group/Squadron Superintendents, and First Sergeants.

What does that mean...?

When you as a member have taken action with your chain of command to address issues such as abuse of equipment, or fraudulent use of government funds for example, you should know that you can do this without fear of negative actions towards you. The IG and command staff of the IDANG are particularly watchful for this type of activity and are always interested in meeting with you should you see this occurring. In the IDANG, the ANG and the Air Force, there is no room for reprisal of our members.

Air Force members may file complaints of reprisal with IGs at ANY level and receive the protections of 10 USC 1034. As your IG, I can be reached at 422-5917, cell phone 208-250-6543, Richard.harper@ang.af.mil.



Go the GFAC for Lunch!

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Purchase your club membership now!

Support the institution that has been around since 1941!

Your dues keep our doors open, keep prices low and supports several children's activities throughout the year. Additionally, your membership give you a chance to win up to \$500.00

weekly and discounted rental rates of the facility.

Elections for the Board

14 December 2011 at 1700.

This date will also be the State of the Club address at 1730.

Please be there for a comprehensive briefing on the past years activities and upcoming plans.

'A-10' Gun Safe Raffle supports Veterans

The 124FW is selling tickets for the Idaho State Veterans Home fundraiser. Lucky raffle ticket holders win a modified gun safe that has taken on attributes of the A-10 Warthog. The safe is a Bighorn model 6030, 22 Rifle Safe, and includes all the bells and whistles of a 1200° / 70 Minute Fire Rated safe. The front is a modified design, with a picture of the A-10. The opening mechanism is a replica of the 30mm Gatling gun. The safe will also have some custom wood and metal finishes. The final product will be the cumulative effort of volunteers around Gowen Field and the local community to include Rhino Metals, Inc., Bryant Ideas and Anodizers Inc. The safe will be on display at various locations around Gowen Field during the month of October. This fundraiser is open to all. Tickets go on sale 1 Oct and the cost is \$10. The winning ticket will be drawn November 6th which is Sunday of drill weekend. Flyers on where to purchase tickets will be posted throughout the base and on the electronic Bulletin Board. Proceeds will go directly to the Idaho State Veterans Home, to support our Nations Heroes with quality of life items such as televisions and fans. **Contact CMSgt Brent Larson at 870-0375 or Lt. Col. Ron Hedges at 863-9622 for more information.**

Deserving Airmen Have Opportunity to Enter Air Force Academy

Each year up to 85 deserving airmen from the ranks of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are afforded the opportunity to receive appointments to the United States Air Force Academy (USafa).

The Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, educates young men and women for service and leadership in the Air Force. The four-year program includes an academic education along with leadership development and athletic participation.

Graduates receive Bachelor of Science degrees and commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Air Force.

Basic eligibility requirements are as follows: All applicants must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 23 on July 1st of the year entering the Academy. Applicants must also be an unmarried citizen of the United States, have no dependents, be of good moral character, and have a well-rounded background.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve candidates are considered for admission on a competitive basis with examination results and previous academic, athletic, and military achievements all weighing heavily in determining the initial selection results. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection and pending appointment

in early May of the same year they enter the Academy.

To start the application process, potential applicants must complete an Air Force Form 1786, which is then routed through his/her unit commander and local Force Support Squadron. A corresponding memorandum of endorsement must be routed through the applicant's Wing Commander and Adjutant General and included with the completed AF Form 1786 prior to being submitted to:

Director of Admissions
HQ USA FAIRRS
2304 Cadet Drive Suite 2300
USAF Academy CO 80840-5025

Submitted forms must arrive no later than January 31st for the class entering the following June. Additional information regarding the Air Force Academy may be obtained by calling 1-800-443-8187, DSN 333-2520 or commercial (719) 333-2520.

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Operational Readiness Inspection October 2011

Airmen from the 124th Fighter Wing came together in mid-October 2011 for their periodic Operational Readiness Inspection. 124th members worked for over 18 months preparing for the inspection and passed four of the five major critical areas. The wing's overall marginal grade was

based on the lowest of the grades in five critical areas. Wing command and control received an outstanding rating: deployment processing, excellent: employment readiness, marginal; information operations, satisfactory; and force protection, excellent.



Operational Readiness Inspection

Oct 2011



The 124th Fighter Wing conducted an Operational Readiness Inspection, Oct. 15, on Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Airmen from the 124th Fighter Wing showcased their ability to perform assigned tasks in a wartime, contingency or force sustainment operation. Inspection areas included initial response, employment and regeneration of forces, mission support, force protection, and information operations.





To find out the Who, What, When, and Where of these photos including more ORI related content visit www.TheBeaconLive.com



Congratulations to our newly promoted Airmen!

TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT TODD W. SCHLIEP

TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT RODNEY W. ELSON

TO MASTER SERGEANT PAUL R. HARDY

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT ANTHONY A. DALESTSKI

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT JAKE SCHUBERT

Skullbangers Star in Gunfighter Skies 2011



Capt. Johnny Reyes, of the 190th Fighter Squadron, answers questions from visitors to Gunfighter Skies, 2011 at Mountain Home Air Force Base in September. The 190th FS flew two A-10's in the Idaho tactical combined arms demonstration, [\(CLICK ON THE VIDEO FRAME below\)](#) just prior to the performance of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.



Idaho Air Guard Combat Arms Instructors develop new motivational program

Lt Col Gary A. Daniel
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Once a USAF airman scores high enough on a qualification shoot with an Air Force pistol or rifle they receive a ribbon for expert marksmanship. Airmen can only receive the ribbon once during their career. The

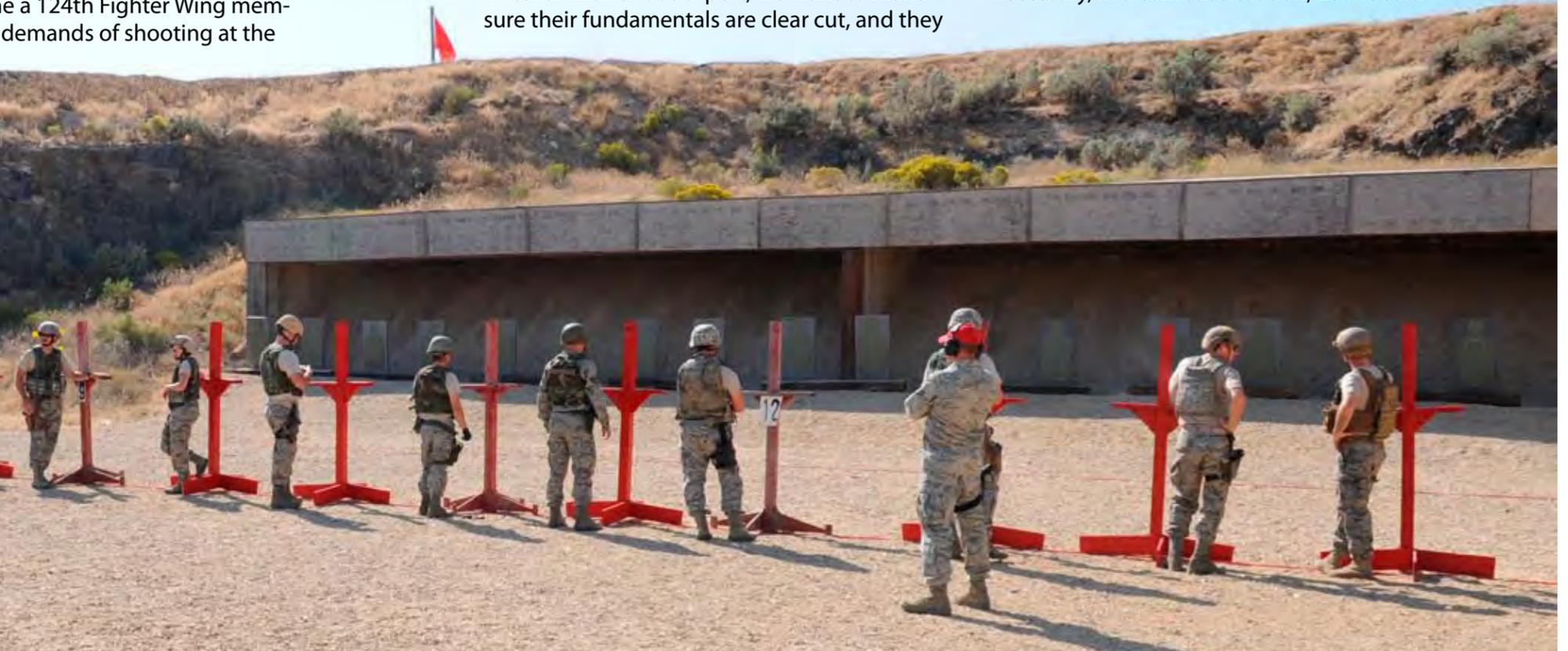
Combat Arms Instructor cadre at Gowen Field has implemented a program to keep shooters motivated to perform at the expert level during every trip to the firing range.

Now every time a 124th Fighter Wing member meets the demands of shooting at the

expert level they receive a personalized 30mm round casing with wing insignia and recognition carved into the casing. Shooters training with the M-9 Berretta must lodge 41 of their 45 rounds on the target, six must line up with the head of the silhouette, and 25 on the silhouette body. Just over 10 percent of Gowen Field airmen score high enough for expert qualification. "After airmen shoot expert, we want to make sure their fundamentals are clear cut, and they

are safe and serious about the training," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Leone, CATMS instructor. "We award the successful shooter the painted 30MM shell to recognize the performance and insure that every trip to the range has meaning."

The benefits of the new program may ripple out to combat arms instructors as well. "Our instructors care that our shooters are well prepared for shooting, if necessary, in a combat situation, Leone said.



On opposite page--clockwise from upper left Second Lt. Randall Schmidt from the 124th Air Support Operation Squadron (ASOS) loads a magazine with bullets before loading his weapon for another round; Airman 1st Class Steven Longfellow from the 124th Air Support Operation Squadron (ASOS) loads a magazine with bullets; Staff Sgt. Scott Johnson from the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM) team of the 124th Security Forces Squadron counts the number of hits; Second Lt. Randall Schmidt from the 124th Air Support Operation Squadron (ASOS) reviews the number of hits during his Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM) qualification on Sept. 11 at the shooting range outside Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. His goal is to qualify in CATM and he was awarded the expert score as well. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Becky Vanshur). Right: Airman 1st Class Steven Longfellow fires his weapon.





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