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'Monarch Fury' results encouraging

By Lt. Col. Gary A. Daniel
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

BOISE, ID--After intense scrutiny during December's Unit Training Assembly the 124th Maintenance Group announced an overall strong passing grade to Exercise Monarch Fury. During this Operational Readiness Exercise, the group prepared for all the demands of combat preparation they can expect during the 124th Fighter Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection re-take during April UTA.

One reason for this success was the improvements in maintenance planning. According to Lt. Col. Andy Logan, 124th Maintenance Squadron Commander, several Maintenance professionals enhanced how they communicated the key steps of sortie generation to all participants in the exercise. "We broke out every step of the sortie generation process individually and demonstrated every step clearly to the people who needed the information most," he said.

Three maintenance planners created poster-sized charts that all persons in the general area of the work could easily see and stay abreast of the maintenance generation progress. "This ORE was the first time we'd ever done a blend between generating the aircraft (a Phase One inspection) and hung bombs on them (a Phase Two inspection) all in one exercise," said Lt. Col. Logan

"In March we'll follow the same process as we refine items for the April retake ORI," Lt. Col. Logan said.

Leaders in the 124th Maintenance Group see encouraging signs of progress everywhere. "We're on an upward slope," said Maj. Eric Newman, 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander. "The great planning products engaged the senior NCOs. We acted like a maintenance group (and not individual units within) and it really brought a lot of our people together for

a common goal," he said.

"Every participant of every rank knew where we were within the plan and our observers complimented us for how we appeared to function as one team. This is because everyone knew the plan," Major Newman said.

Lt. Col. Logan likes to think of the upcoming exercise with a sports analogy. "When the starting gun goes off we already have the momentum, we just need to keep doing everything the right way and not worry about when an inspector is watching and maintain our confidence," he said.

"As officers, we are trying to stay out of the way of our capable senior NCO leadership—they can take us all the way. They are extremely knowledgeable. We have the best and most experienced force that we've ever going to see in the Idaho Air National Guard," Lt. Col. Logan said.

The Maintenance Group has 500 members and 90 percent of them serve in the traditional part-time role. "Our traditional Guardsmen are the key piece to our success during the April Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI)," Lt. Col. Logan said.

Maintenance group leaders also want to bring perspective to the encouraging re-

sults they've seen. "April is not the finish line," Major Newman said.

Vice Wing Commander Col. Brad Richy shared his first-hand observations of the Group's progress. "Setbacks can be a learning experience. It is always hard to set realistic goals, either for yourself or for an organization that you manage. The goals must appear to be achievable but challenging enough to improve the organization in its quest," he said.

"We all have experienced temporary setbacks. We fall, jump up and dust ourselves off. We can do that with style, forget the shock, learn from the situation and be a better person or organization for experiencing the setback. That's what's important. We have a proud past in the Idaho Air National Guard. We know that, and have the trophies to show just that. I ask that we keep our goals extremely high (maybe even unachievable), work extremely hard, show our "First Class" ability to dust ourselves off, hold our heads up and continue the superb tradition that is standard with the Idaho Air Guard," Colonel Richy said.

Wing Commander Col. James R. Compton also noted that "All airmen (of the 124th Wing) must be prepared and be engaged."



More Monarch Fury Coverage
inside and at thebeaconlive.com

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We're Still 'All In':

Fellow Warriors, February, even though a short month, is packed full of events, activities and must do's. Most important and to spell any rumor to the contrary, the 124FW ORI re-take is for ALL! Every Airman associated to Idaho is involved, inspectable and available for tasking. This should be very clear, we are rapidly approaching April 13 and success requires "One Team - All In." We have made tremendous progress and are on the proper slope to achieve success. Many of you may be asking what you can or should you do to support the ORI effort. Here's a short list: ensure personal readiness, exercise professionalism, have and display a positive attitude, safety is paramount, get engaged, be involved, see an error-fix it, with a smile. Our ORE in January showed that we are close to success and that now is the difficult time where we tackle the details - attention to detail and documentation. This applies to every airman in every career field. ACC/IG has provided us an outline of our re-take, it is mostly maintenance focused however elements of this inspection reach into Ops, Support, Medical, Wing Staff and JFHQ-ID. I have great confidence in everyone that we can knock this ball out of the park!



124FW is hosting the IDANG Spouse and family information forum event at the MCAC Saturday 4 Feb beginning at 12 PM till 4PM with a no-host social to follow. I am confident this will be an information packed event and with superior presentations and discussion it will assist in providing better services to our airmen and their families.

By now I am sure you have heard and fielded questions on the proposal for new F-35 to be based at Gowen Field. The Air Force is continuing the fielding process and Gowen Field is one of four bases selected as possible locations to establish a pilot training center. The "Draft F-35A Training Basing Environmental Impact Statement" (F-35A Training EIS) has been released for public comment. Idaho will have three meetings to receive public comment; two meetings in Boise and one in Marsing. Sometime this summer Air Force will publish a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will identify which location or locations have been selected by Air Force decision makers, and how many F-35As would be bedded down at those locations. The take away from this: Idaho has much to offer, the Air Force is aware of our organization, our airmen and our superior training locations. Regardless if we are or are not chosen as a training base, we will continue to perform our mission with our First Class or Not at All motto.

One other distraction you will be hearing about very soon is the FY13 Presidential Budget (FY13PB). Rumors have already been flying about "reductions". All 54 States, District and Territories will be impacted by FY13 PB. I do not know specific impacts to Idaho; all I know is there will be impacts. The announcement plan continues to change however I anticipate three announcements beginning in late Jan and going through March, the most public announcement will be 6 Feb. These announcements will address Iron, manpower and force structure. Please remain focused on our current missions. We have airmen preparing to deploy or currently deployed to war zones. We have an ORI to pass plus federal and state missions to be constantly prepared to execute. Remain focused and allow our senior military and political delegations to perform their duties. Beware of the media! If contacted by the media please refer them to public affairs.

Our next ORE is 1-4 March 2012. EET in-brief will be Friday 2 March with exercise kick-off some time Saturday morning. Exercise duration is 24 hours or until 12 aircraft are EET accepted whichever comes first. All 124FW Airmen will wear reflective belts 1-4 March, indoors or out, day or night - we are one team all of us are susceptible to inspection - all in for another First Class ORE!

Valentine's Day is Feb 14; don't forget. Be pro-active, send a card or flowers, dinner reservation or make dinner, breakfast or lunch, just don't forget!

--J.R. Compton, Commander

An open invitation from the Idaho Enlisted Association(EANGUS)

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Vinsonhaler,
Idaho Enlisted Association President

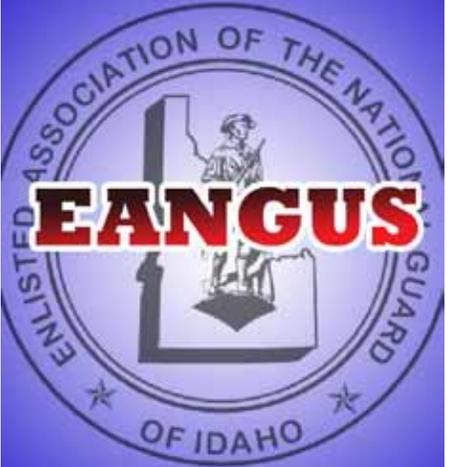
Members of the Idaho Enlisted Association made up of Soldiers and Airmen of the Idaho National Guard recently attended the 2011 EANGUS National Conference in Charleston, WV. This is an annual conference held in different locations across the country each year. The main point of this conference is to prioritize the legislative issues that EANGUS is fighting for in Washington DC. The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is a professional military organization. Each state had its own association including our own Idaho Enlisted Association. This year and the years to follow we will focus on increasing our membership. So how do you become a member and what does your membership do for you?

To become a member, you can visit our website at www.eangusidaho.org. Click on the link, "click here to join our Team today and make your voice be heard", for membership applications. Our contact information is also posted on our website. As an organization we are sponsoring E-3's and below to promote and grow our professional development program. Just click on the link "Free Membership for E3 and below". If you are the kind of individual that would like to get more involved we encourage you to join us. If you are not quite sure you want to get involved, attend our monthly meetings and see what you think. The next question you may ask is, what does my membership do for me and the organization?

Your membership does many things but two are especially important. First, your membership gives the Idaho Enlisted Association a stronger voice at the national conference. The more members that join our cause, the more delegates we have to vote on issues at the national conference. The issues we vote on at the national conference have a direct impact you, here in Idaho.

Your membership influences Senators and Congressmen. During our annual Legislative Workshop in Washington DC in March, our goal is to tell our representatives that we have 4000 Idaho Enlisted Association Members. We, the Soldiers and Airmen of the Idaho National Guard, are voters our representatives are in DC to support. The power of a large membership base is an effective way for us to impact the decisions our representatives make when voting on legislation that affect us.

I have a challenge for each member of the Idaho National Guard. Our legislative challenges in the next few years will be great and our fight has only begun. We have a great team working extremely hard for you, taking on these challenges and taking on the fight. My challenge to you is the following. If you have used the G.I. Bill, then you have benefited from the hard work of Eangus. My challenge to you is pay it back by becoming a member of EANGUS. If you are a traditional guardsman and have served more than twenty years and have never deployed outside the United States and you retire, you are not considered a veteran. Eangus is fighting to get that changed. My challenge to you, if the G.I. Bill and Veterans Status issues are important to you like they are to us, then join our cause. Together we can make a difference.



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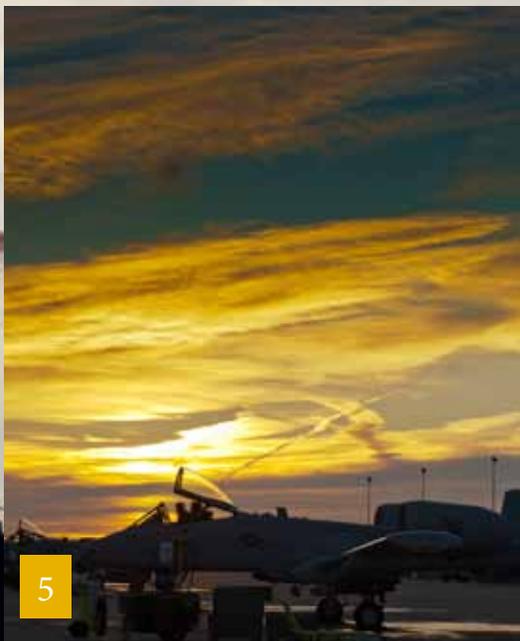
Photos by Robert Barney. Left Page. 1) Munitions maintenance specialists from the 124th Maintenance Group participate in Operational Readiness Exercise Monarch Fury Jan. 7 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. The airmen practiced their preparations to deploy and operate in contingency operations.

2) Tech. Sgt. Lance Stevens, munitions system specialist, participates in Monarch Fury.

3) Senior Airman Amber Osborne, an aircrew egress systems specialist with the 124th Fighter Wing, reviews technical orders as she helps repair the cockpit of an A-10 Thunderbolt II during Monarch Fury.



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Business January

Right Page. 4) Master Sgt. James Buongiovanni, a crew chief with the 124th Maintenance Squadron, prepares to launch an A-10C Thunderbolt II on a cold morning from Gowen Field, Boise, Jan 13.

5) Capt. Ryan Brown, a pilot with the 190th Fighter Squadron, prepares to take off on a morning training sortie from Gowen Field, Boise, Jan 13.

6) An A-10C Thunderbolt II sits on the snow covered flight line of Gowen Field, Boise, Jan 18. This is the first major snowfall to hit Gowen Field this winter.



124th Fighter Wing Airmen gathered together at the Grove Hotel, in Boise, for the annual **Guardsmen of the Year Banquet** this **January**. This regular gathering is a chance to honor Airmen who have excelled in the past year in quarterly competitions. It also gives Airmen a chance to formally come together and enjoy an evening celebrating the unique culture of the Idaho Air National Guard. Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy, the Command Chief Master Sgt. to the Director of the Air National Guard presented the keynote address about the unique Air National Guard mission. Chief Muncy spoke about the critical nature of the Guard mission and the widespread impact we have, despite our small number.

124th Fighter Wing Honor Guard presents the Colors (above), Chief Master Sgt. **Christopher Muncy**, Command Chief Master Sgt. to the director of the Air National Guard, joins Bronco Nation with a gift from Idaho State Command Chief Master Sgt. **Pete Glick**, (lower right) and Senior Airman. **John Murdorf** accepts his Airman category award at center stage.



Congratulations to our newly promoted Airmen!

TO SENOR MASTER SERGEANT BRADLEY D. SHAUL

TO MASTER SERGEANT MARK C. PAGE

TO MASTER SERGEANT ANDREA J. LOVELAND

TO MASTER SERGEANT SHAWN REBHOLZ

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT JANIE R. RAMOS

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT JON M. JENKINS



“Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.”

It's time to address a crime that affects 3.4 million victims a year. This year's motto: “Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.” challenges the nation to fight this dangerous crime through education and intervention. Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and the impact not only on the victim but society as a whole. In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide in abusive relationships.

Victims of Stalking suffer anxiety, social dysfunction, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear.

Idaho Stalking Law: 18-7905 - 1992. STALKING -- DEFINITIONS -- PENALTIES.

(a) Any person who willfully, maliciously and repeatedly follows or harasses another person or a member of that person's immediate family is guilty of the crime of stalking, and is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one (1) year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment. (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this

section when there is a temporary restraining order or an injunction, or both, in effect prohibiting the behavior described in subsection (a) of this section, against the same party, is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one (1) year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment. (c) A second or subsequent conviction occurring within seven (7) years of a prior conviction under the provisions of this section against the same victim is a felony. (d) For the purposes of this section: (1) HARASSES means a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress. (2) COURSE OF CONDUCT means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose. Constitutionally

protected activity is not included within the meaning of this definition. Use of telephone to annoy, terrify, threaten, intimidate, harass or offend by lewd or profane language, requests, suggestions or proposals -- Threats of physical harm -- Disturbing the peace by repeated calls.

One in four victims reports that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices, or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities. Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes.

Communities that understand stalking, however, can support victims and combat the crime. “If more people learn to recognize stalking,” said Colleen Walker, JFHQ SARC “we have a better chance to protect victims and prevent tragedies.” For more information on resources at your disposal please contact your JFHQ SARC at 208-272-8400 or 208-272-4306.

Pilot Training Opportunity

The 124th Wing will be holding a UPT board for selection of at least one A-10 pilot position. If you have dreamed of being an A-10 pilot, now is your chance. The next pilot board will convene on May 4-6, 2012. Board packages are due to SMSgt Rod Elson no later than March 30, 2012. Interviewees will need to be available (on location) May 4-6, 2012. Accommodations will be Please review the board announcement at

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to view application requirements. For further information contact SMSgt Rod Elson at 422-6118.



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The Adjutant General's leadership training day is Saturday, 17 Mar 2012.

1. The Idaho Adjutant General has scheduled a leadership training day for the Idaho National Guard on Saturday, 17 Mar 2012. The purpose of this activity is to provide The Adjutant General as well as the Commanders of the Army and Air National Guard an opportunity to address important leadership topics and conduct necessary training for the leadership of the Idaho National Guard.

2. **All available officers O-3 and above, selected warrant officers and senior enlisted E-8 and E-9** should attend this full day session in a paid status. Report time is 0730 with anticipated release at 1630.

0730-0800 Registration

0800-1000 TAG directed training

1030-1130 Service specific training

**1130-1300 Lunch sponsored by
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1300-1545 Service specific training

1600-1630 General session closing



Please arrive in the Building 440 auditorium on Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho in your Class B Uniform. Your State professional organizations will provide a lunch option.

3. POCs for this event are Lt. Col. Jeffery Aebischer at 208-422-6369 and Lt. Col. Ralph Myers at 208-272-4152.

Report time is 0730