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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

COL. TIMOTHY J. DONNELLAN

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Col. Tim Donnellan, commander of the 124th Fighter Wing addresses a group of people during an aircraft dedication ceremony Aug. 14, 2015. The "Pride of Twin Falls" and the "Pride of Jerome" were unveiled during the ceremony. The video above is a portion of Donnellan's address.

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FIRST RESPONDERS FLOOD OREGON FOR TSUNAMI EXERCISE

PATHFINDER 2015 | CAMP RILEA, ORE



By Tech. Sgt. John Hughel
142nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

CAMP RILEA, Ore. -- More than 250 participants from U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Air Force Reserve, Army and Air National Guard units, civilian organizations, and state and county agencies took part in Pathfinder-Minutemen exercise here, Aug. 5.

Pathfinder-Minutemen was a joint multi-agency, multi-state exercise based on response exercise designed to replicate a post-earthquake and subsequent tsunami environment with casualties in need of immediate medical treatment.

Military members worked side-by-side with their civilian counterparts in 12-member teams, accomplishing two scenarios during the day to find and rescue simulated casualties and provide immediate medical care and recovery.

The teams were organized to have a variety of skills in each group, to

include specialists in search and rescue, medicine and other key first responders.

As the exercise began, participants explored various designated training areas on Camp Rilea including Slusher Lake, a mock village known as Military Operations in Urban Terrain or MOUT site, and a large purpose-built rubble pile designed to simulate a collapsed structure.

A key aspect of the training was ascertaining a common language between team members while integrating skill sets during the search and recovery process.

Overseeing rescue operations from the joint operations center, Lt. Col. John Graver, 304th Rescue Squadron commander, said that working with others in a training environment not only helps focus resources but also enhances communication abilities.

“When a disaster strikes, no one

group or agency can do it all,” he said. “So why wait until game day? In these events we are learning a common language between group members while building relationships and incorporating vital skills sets.”

As the exercise unfolded, three separate scenarios began to unfold. The first involved a water rescue and drowning victim recovery in Slusher Lake. An air crew with the U.S. Coast Guard’s Air Station Astoria assisted with hoist operations using a HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter, while members of the Oregon Air National Guard’s 125th Special Tactics Squadron provided the water recovery and search teams on the ground.

The second scenario focused on house to house searches for injured victims at the MOUT Site, while the third training scenario involved teams locating and rescuing victims trapped in vehicles and simulated collapsed

buildings at the rubble pile.

“The fortunate part of doing a morning and afternoon exercise is that we can learn from the mistakes from the first half and in the second half play a little better,” said Graver.

Working in concert with the military was the Oregon Disaster Medical Team, led by Dr. Jon Jiu, a professor at the Oregon Health Science University in Portland.

Jiu described how he joined the ODMT in 2000 when his friend, Dr. Helen Miller, ‘twisted his arm’ to join. “Nine months later 9/11 happened,” he said.

Officials believe the Pacific Northwest is overdue for a magnitude 7.0 or greater earthquake, due to the Cascadia Subduction Zone--an area that extends along the Pacific coastline from California to Vancouver, British Columbia. Staying prepared is never too far from Jiu’s mind even in light of recent media reports of a devastating earthquake for the region.

“We have been focused on this training for over five years so it is not like we are just now beginning the process,” Jiu said. “But yes, having the public being aware of the hazards as well.”

Jiu said in the past several years these exercises continue to grow and become more complicated as areas to improve and shortcomings are identified and built into subsequent training scenarios.

“This is a full-scale exercise from start to finish and requires both the military and civilians to do the job,” Jiu said. “Certainly having the military with search and rescue capabilities and air evacuation assets are critical to having our doctors and medical teams treat the injured.”

Jiu echoed Graver’s assessments about the training for Pathfinder-Minuteman 2015 and emphasized how communication is the common thread.

“Honestly understanding each other’s

capabilities and the abilities on how to work together is the most important aspect of this type of training,” he said.

Many live in the local area and would be susceptible to the hazards of a tsunami following a major earthquake.

Corinne Bechet from Manzanita, Oregon, played the role of a diabetic patient who had missed two dialysis treatments and was suffering weakness. Later on that day, she role-played someone who had suffered burns from a house fire. Having done this training over the past three years, she said she understands the importance to the overall objective.

“It’s very important to know what to do because we live in an earthquake place. I already have a bag ready to go at home,” she said.

Knowing the risks, Bechet weighs the pros and the cons of living in a tsunami zone.

“The beach is my medicine, I run every morning with my dogs,” she said. “I am more and more prepared, and the more training and awareness allows me to feel at ease with nature’s uncertainty.”

Previously a caregiver and medical provider, the roles were reversed for Oregon Air National Guard Senior Airman Melinda Duran, who is amedic with the 173rd Fighter Wing’s Medical Group. She said reversing her role as casualty victim gave her a renewed understanding what a patient would experience in a natural catastrophe.

“I guess I did not realize how complicated it was to get someone out of a fallen building,” Duran said. “It took six people to drag me on a skid through a series of holes. Now I know that the things a patient will experience by the things that hurt me in the extrication process.”

Duran begins medical school soon but will continue to participate in this type of training and hopes to draw upon the experience from these exercises. She sees the benefits for all

parties to constantly improve understanding, efficiency and readiness.

“Communication is huge. It was the biggest issue today especially across the different services with civilian and military. It probably was my biggest takeaway from the training,” she said.

Testing the steps that it took to find, recover and move patients put into play all of the preparation that Graver and Jiu established before this year’s exercise.

“Victims were found, teams were sent to triage to treat them, they were flown on hypothetical helicopters [pickup trucks] all the way to casualty collection points,” said Graver. “We accomplish all of that in this exercise.”

“We are trying to standardize the information flow so we can do the ‘best for the most’ when we find victims in these situations,” Graver said.

Graver said the learning will continue even after the last tents and radios are packed up. All participants received packets during the start of the exercise, and are encouraged to share their experiences and feedback, which will be used in future training exercises.

“The last page of the packets is an after action report,” Graver said. “They can give us their thoughts and offer other vital information so we can regenerate substantial knowledge going forward.”





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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE IT?

TACP CHALLENGE 2015

Do you have what it takes to pass the Air Force Physical Ability Stamina Test? This is the same test used to qualify Tactical Air Control Party Specialists and all wing members are being challenged to see if they have what it takes to keep up with our very own 124th Air Support Operations Squadron TACPs. Even if you don't think you can do it, come out and try. Our TACPs will be administering and encouraging all who face the challenge.

WHEN - SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 0900-1000

WHO - ALL MALE AND FEMALE AIRMEN

WHERE - BASE TRACK

- WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE -

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THE STRONG SHALL STAND. THE WEAK WILL FALL BY THE WAYSIDE

WELCOME TO GOWEN

ONE FORCE, ONE FIGHT

By Airman 1st Class Jessica H. Evans
Special to the Beacon

BOISE, Idaho- -- Every branch of the military has their own way of doing things, including the Guard and Reserves. Working with new people and learning their ways can be challenging, but Mountain Home Air Force Base and Gowen Field are overcoming the trials through teamwork.

While MHAFB reconstructs their runway, Gowen has opened their air field and shops without hesitation. With an additional 800 members working out of Gowen many of the shops have built a strong partnership with their guard counterparts.

"I think it's important to see how each side works," Tech. Sgt. Scott Douglass, repair and reclamation section chief with the 366th Equipment Maintenance Squadron said. "There's different aspects from the guard versus active duty."

Douglass, along with the rest of the crash recovery shop has been working closely with the guards' phase shop, as well as learning how to respond to crashes and in flight and ground emergencies for the A-10 Thunderbolts II - Gowens' native aircraft.

Although learning the right way to respond to emergencies for a new aircraft may sound difficult, Douglass said differently.

"The biggest thing for us is dealing with the civilian operations for airfield management, that's something we don't have to deal with," he said.

Working with the Boise airport is something Gowen has grown accustomed to which allows them to teach



MHAFB members a thing or two, making the transition fairly seamless for everyone involved.

While some shops are in the beginning stages of their newfound partnership, others have been set in stone for many years.

"Ever since I've been here -2008 - We've always had a good standing going back and forth," Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Green, assistant NCO in charge of non-destructive inspections with the 366th EMS said. "We have a good relationship with their shop."

In the past few weeks both sides of NDI have enlightened one another; an active duty tit for a National Guard tat.

Green and his team have demonstrated shooting x-rays of the aircraft, something Gowen does less often.

"On our air frame we do almost no x-rays," said Tech. Sgt. Shane Peacock, 124th Maintenance Squadron NDI lab supervisor at Gowen. "So being able to actually get the hands-on experience

with these guys and their experience was really good for our shop."

As for the guard, they've taught our guys how to hand develop film.

"I haven't done that since tech school," Green said. "Some of my guys had never [done] it at all, so now if we deploy downrange I can say, 'I've done that, I know how to do that,' I learned that from these guys."

The NDI shops have also worked together on surveys and personal evaluations.

Peacock explained having an outside set of eyes has been good for his shop. As for Green, he believes getting his troops out of their comfort zones and having them work within another shop will help them develop into better airmen.

While many people may not realize the importance of the guard, the Gunfighters support the critical role they play in our Air Force.

"I know as an active duty person

you hear like 'Oh, the guard guys are coming?' You have a particular mindset but that's not what it's all about," Green said.

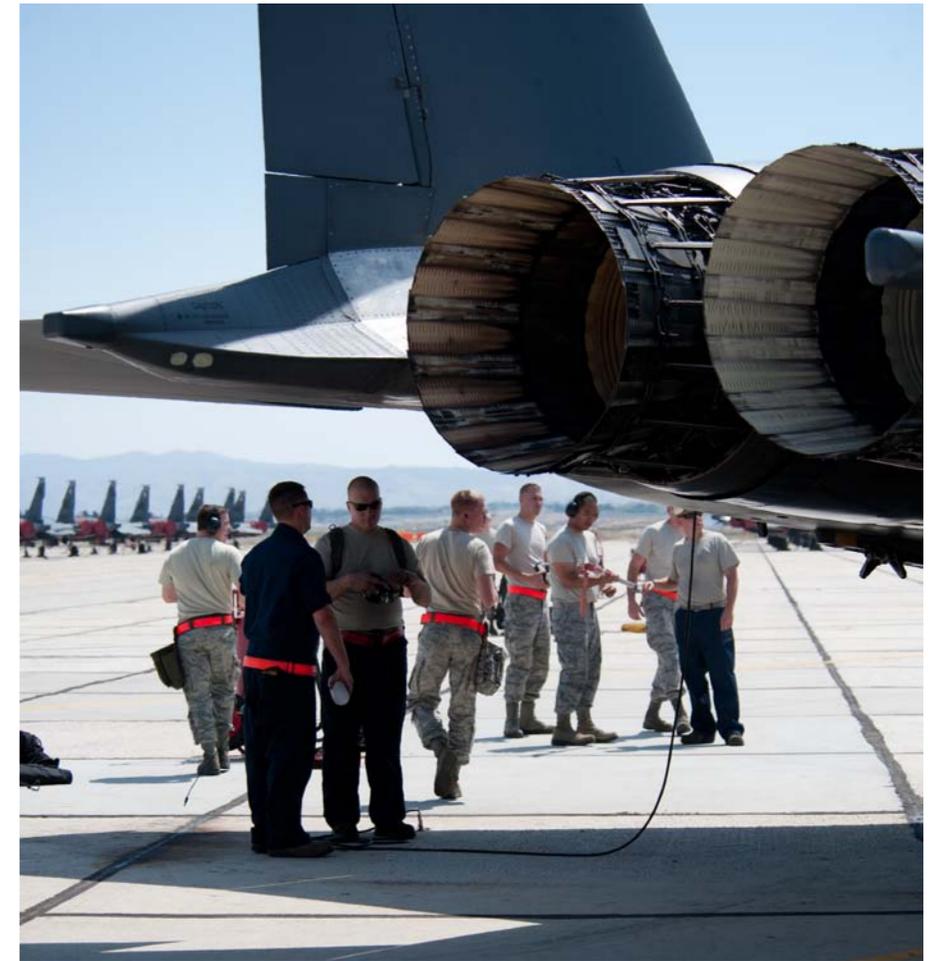
"In the end we're all one big Air Force," Douglass stated. "We're all going to go downrange; we need to know how each other operate."

Lt. Col. John Jacobus, 366th Maintenance Group deputy group commander believes when the two wings work together it hails benefits for both.

"The guard is hand-in-hand with the active duty," he said, "So on both sides it's making each service stronger; each component of the Air Force stronger in the long run."

Aside from the partnership Gowen has showed the Gunfighters outstanding hospitality that they can only hope to repay one day.

"It's almost like being home away from home," said Jacobus. "The Gowen folks have opened up their hangars and their shop doors and really bent over backwards to make sure that we have everything we need to fly and continue our mission as we get through this runway closure."



COUNCIL CORNER

THE NCO ENRICHMENT INFLUENCE

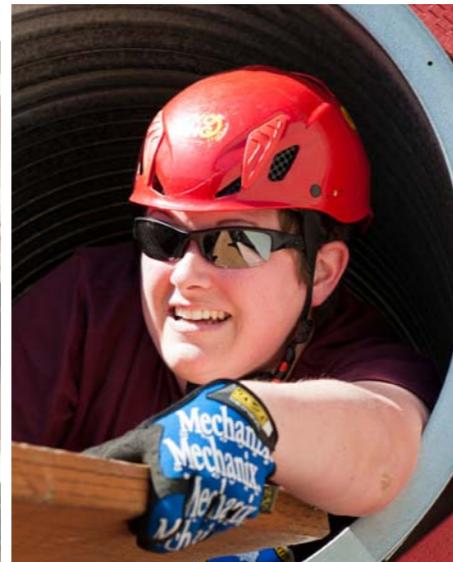
By Staff Sgt. Cora Kelly
Special to the Beacon

If you've had the opportunity to read *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, you may remember that it speaks to five essentials for victory. The third essential listed is: "He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks." I read this after attending the NCO Enrichment Course in June this year. One main point that I retained from the course and still have to remind myself of is that we all play a role towards victory. The Enrichment course triggers the thoughts surrounding the questions – How can we all be leaders? How can we accomplish the same levels of motivation at every rank in the Air Force? Three things come to mind for

me, with the help of the course and the author's words towards which the course instructors swayed us.

The first highlight in my mind is the importance of Knowing—Understanding Your People. The NCO Enrichment course reminded us of John C. Maxwell and his take on leadership. In his book *Ethics 101*, he mentions that we should first seek to understand, then to be understood. I have always thought it is important to "know your people" and it is suggested we do this within our shops – but I forget at times that I can know much and understand very little. How am I to motivate others if I do not understand what makes them tick? John C.

Maxwell quotes in *Ethics 101* the theologian Hans Küng, "Understanding someone properly involves learning from him, and learning from someone properly involves changing oneself." Maxwell explains that understanding people means meeting them on their level, putting the burden of making a connection on you, not them. With the help of the Four Lenses Training as well as the team-building exercises in the course, those who attended found the importance of learning about and understanding one another. By understanding, we were better prepared in our teams, communicated effectively, and we were animated with the same spirit throughout all ranks.



“Learning from someone properly involves changing oneself.”

-Hans Küng

Equipping ourselves for victory and mission success may only be accomplished with participation from all – as a Cohesive Team. Human relations expert and author Donald Laird said, "Always help people increase their own self-esteem. Develop your skill in making other people feel important. There is hardly a higher compliment you can pay an individual than helping him to be useful and to find satisfaction in his usefulness." Members of a team must feel valued as a key contributor. In my opinion, the NCO Enrichment course hinges on what we can learn from our peers, mentors, and mentees to accomplish the mission. Our class learned this in our team-building exercises to the point where many people could take the lead on a task without barrier – we respected any teammate that may not have only had a good idea, but an idea that all members could comprehend and execute. This ability to work cohesively by allowing leadership to come from all levels within the team proved very successful in our exercises, giving team members a sense of belonging. An absolute credit to the course instructors and the adaptability of our teams that before the

week's end, we were able to accomplish anything together and with a sense of pride. Truly, we embodied the same spirit of motivation towards our victory as a class.

Referencing John C. Maxwell again, leadership is influence; someone may perhaps hold a title, but those without titles may improve the success of an organization by the impact of their influence. From what I have read and in my experiences, trust is a key aspect of leadership and good relationships. In *Ethics 101* people who engender trust are depicted as having the ability to: maintain integrity, openly communicate vision and values, show respect for employees as equal partners, focus on shared goals rather than personal agendas, do the right thing regardless of personal risk, listen with an open mind, demonstrate compassion, and maintain confidences. We can promote influence and leadership through our trust in one another. Master Sgt. Mathew Johnston reminded me of this during our Wing Inspection Team training last week. He said something similar to, "If we find a deficiency, the problem is not the airmen, the problem is the culture we create for

our Airmen." I cannot expect those around me to perform in a trustworthy manner if I do not first give them that trust; parallel with leadership. I cannot promote the same motivating spirit within an organization if I am not allowing others the chance to lead, influence, and contribute in ways that perhaps I wouldn't have thought of myself. The NCO Enrichment course also mentioned those characteristics being embodied by great leaders. I think this was a big take-away too, that there are plenty of ways to accomplish a mission, but the best victory comes from encouraging a spirit of leadership and trust throughout all the ranks.

The NCO Enrichment course encompasses these facets along with the tools required as supervisors in the Air Force. It was both inspiring and enlightening, and I would recommend airmen at all ranks be given the chance to attend this course or one similar. Remember, however, don't just attend the course; come with an open mind, be prepared to participate, and finish the week with the intent of applying what you learn throughout your career.



-NCO Council Meeting Information-

When - Saturday of drill

Time - 10 a.m.

Location - Building 441, human resource office annex

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COUNCIL CORNER

AIRMAN'S COUNCIL BUILDS STRONG BONDS

This month the Airman's Council enjoyed a Strong Bonds event hosted by the chaplains at Wahooz Family Fun Center. A total of 12 Airman's Council members got the opportunity to hear Chaplain Howarth and Senior Master Sgt. Clarence speak about, discuss and even facilitate interactive activities on topics such as personal development, leadership skills, and a few of the "7 Habits of Successful People." This event helped every Airman learn more about themselves and how to actively seek out their goals in life through motivation, support and time management.

This was the first time the majority of the Airman's Council members have attended a Strong Bonds event and I believe that everyone had a great time. By the end of the evening many of us felt much more confident in our ability to become more proactive and dedicated Airmen by improving ourselves both professionally and in our personal lives. This was thanks to the incredible talent that Clarence and Howarth exhibited in their ability to teach and inspire every Airman that through hard work and dedication any goal is attainable. They also taught us how to organize our goals, prioritize what is important, disregard the fear of obstacles, and how to seek support and give it when others are in need. Additionally, after learning more about each other and discussing our goals together, the members were able to connect on a new level.

Despite how often I had heard of how gratifying the Strong Bonds events were, I was still amazed at how much I learned and how inspired I was by the end of the evening. I now feel more connected with my fellow Airman's Council members and know that not only does this event increase moral, but it teaches each and every Airman the importance of comradery and having the courage to pursue your goals with resiliency and fearless perseverance.

-Airman's Council-

When - Saturday of drill, 3 p.m.
Location - Building 400,
downstairs classroom

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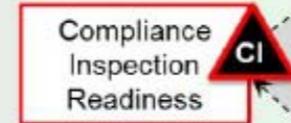
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Wasted Effort



Goal

Change our focus and work systems so inspection-readiness is a natural consequence of CCs focusing squarely on daily mission-readiness



MED GROUP SUPPORTS TOTAL-FORCE REALISTIC DOMOPS TRAINING

PATRIOT 2015 | VOLK FIELD

By Tech. Sgt. Maria Wilson
Special to the Beacon

VOLK FIELD, Wis.— Nearly 40 Airmen from the 124th Medical Group and 124th Fighter Wing Chaplains Corp were among the 1,500 National Guard members from 33 states that participated in a domestic operations disaster response exercise at the Combat Readiness Training Center Volk Field, in Wisconsin. July 21-23, 2015.

The medical group and chaplain corps were able to integrate quickly into the response team and fulfill a multitude of required training components while also making connections and collaborating with other military counterparts.

Patriot focuses on increasing the understanding of coordination, policies, and procedures required in conducting a Joint Inter-Agency domestic response. Additionally, numerous state and local public safety agencies supported Patriot including Pewaukee Fire Department, Wisconsin Emergency Management, Civil Air Patrol,

Juneau County Sheriff, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

“Just as professional teams, like the U.S. Beach Volleyball team, should be synchronized on game day; the first time you meet your teammates should not be on the court. Therefore, practice is essential for the success of the team and DOMOPS.” Chief Master Sgt. Jarrod Taylor, 124th Medical Group superintendent.

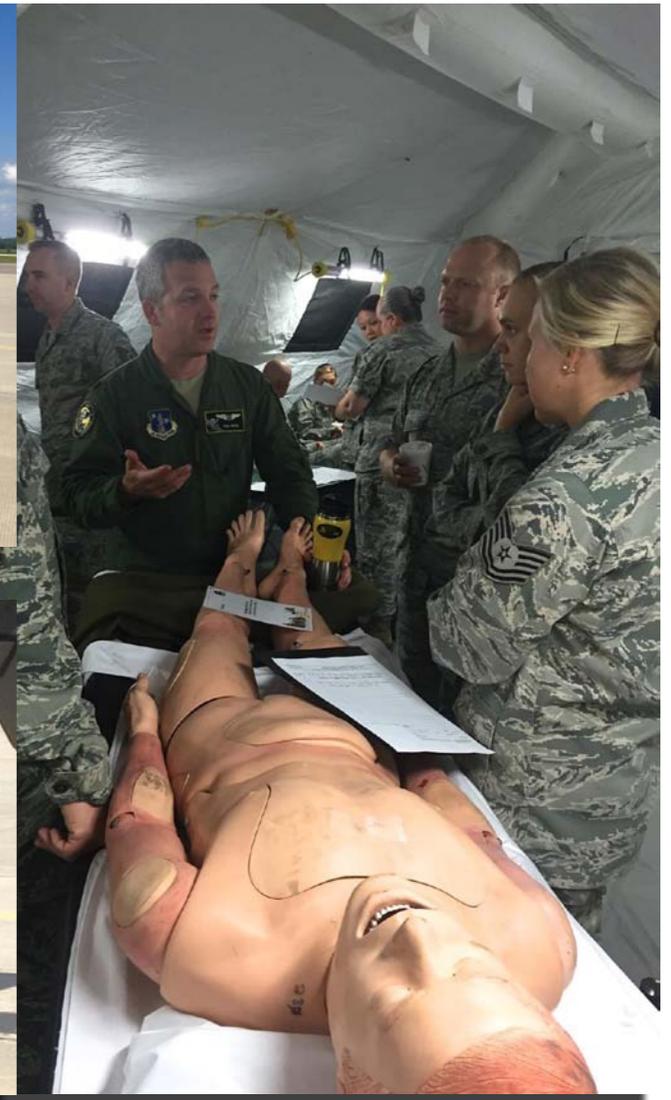
Patriot is designed to provide Total Force realistic DOMOPS training by providing a foundation that allows units to define their unique requirements and build them into the overall exercise scenario. This grassroots planning philosophy gives commanders the freedom to train their units to their state missions.

“This gave us an excellent opportunity to practice and integrate with the Incident Command System utilized by our civilian counterparts and better prepare us for our DOMOPS.” Capt. Timothy Mitchell.



Utilizing annual training days, coupled with hosting the exercise at a National Guard CRTC, makes the effort extremely cost effective.

Patriot planners strive to develop cutting-edge ways to accomplish training that is relevant, realistic and interesting. Patriot is committed to providing an innovative, and cost-effective training exercise as the U.S. military continuously transforms to meet new missions, realignments, and budgetary allocations.



DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY

NOSE ART REVEALED



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

Enthusiastic city officials, civic supporters, crew chiefs following their assigned aircraft, and perfect weather all came together on Aug. 14, 2015 in Twin Falls, Idaho as those gathered celebrated two more A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft dedicated to Idaho Communities.

Mayor Don Hall accepted the public unveiling of the “Pride of Twin Falls” and City Council President Bob Culver received the “Pride of Jerome”—both aircraft assigned to the 124th Fighter Wing of the Idaho Air National Guard.

Mayor Hall recalled for the crowd his days serving on Air Force active duty and first seeing an A-10 and how unique the jet appeared to him. “It’s a little bit surreal for me to see our city seal on an A-10 of the Idaho Guard today,” said Hall. “We couldn’t be more honored.”

“We’d like to express our pride in your selection of our city for one of your fighter aircraft,” said Culver. “We are honored that the city of Jerome will be represented by the Idaho Air National Guard as they selflessly defend our freedom at home and

abroad,” he said.

124th Fighter Wing Commander, Tim Donnellan, explained the significance of dedicating one of the wing’s combat aircraft to each of the 21 largest cities in Idaho to publicly acknowledge the relationship that Guardsmen in Idaho have with their communities. “It is your critical support that enables the Idaho Air National Guard to accomplish our federal and state mission,” Donnellan said, “Our nation and Idaho are both better for your sacrifices.”



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Twin Fall’s Idaho Mayor Don Hall addresses civic supporters, city officials and Airmen from the 124th Fighter Wing during the dedication ceremony of their A-10 Thunderbolt II in Twin Falls, Idaho, Aug. 14, 2015 (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. John Winn)



WARRIOR OF THE MONTH

2ND LT. WILLIAM BAISDEN-(JULY)



Favorite Food-All foods, but a nice big steak.
Hobbies-Basically anything outside, but hunting and fishing are his favorite.
Why he feels he was nominated- "I helped a fellow Airman out who was hurt in the wilderness and got him to safety."
Why he won-Baisden was hiking in the Boulder-White Cloud Wilderness when he found a fellow Airman, who is stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, had fallen and split his knee open to the bone. Baisden assessed the situation, administered first aid to the Airman. This enabled them to move to an area, about three miles downhill, where there was good cell phone coverage. He was able to call for help and requested a local emergency response team's help in extracting the injured Airman. Baisden went above and beyond in helping his fellow Airman and has given us a great example of what it means to be a wingman.



Unit-124th Medical Group

Job Title-Operating Room Nurse

Years of Service-16+

Civilian Employer-Department of Veterans Affairs

Job Title-Full-time Nursing Student

Months at this job-4

**"ALWAYS BE WILLING TO HELP, EVEN IF IT ISN'T A FELLOW WINGMAN."
 -2ND LT. WILLIAM BAISDEN**

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE QUARTER



Airman Category
 SrA Essanie Waldo
 124th Medical Group



NCO Category
 TSgt Christina Rohrenbach
 124th Fighter Wing Staff



Senior NCO Category
 MSgt James Lambrecht
 124th Security Forces Squadron

CHANGE OF COMMANDS



190TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Lt. Col. Chad B. Crocker relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Matthew J. McGarry Aug. 1, 2015 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.

124TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

Maj. Brenda L. Lienke assumes command from Lt. Col. Curtis A. Pool Aug. 1, 2015 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho.



NOTICE TO ALL AIRMEN

CHANGES TO HOW YOUR PAY IS PROCESSED

Effective October 1, 2015, Inactive Duty Scheduling, Certification, and Reporting will be accomplished via the Air National Guard Reserve Order Writing System (AROWS)

What is considered Inactive Duty (IAD)?

- All Unit Training Assembly (RUTA, SUTA, and BUTA), Additional Flying Training Periods (AFTP), Proficiency Training (PT), and Training Period Preparation Assembly (TPPA)

What does this mean to me?

- Member or ID Administrator (Orderly Room/CSS) will have to initiate authorizations to perform inactive duty via AROWS; these authorizations will be routed to supervisors for approval. Once inactive duty is completed, members will create the certification process. These options to create an IAD authorization and IAD certification will be available on the Member Menu in AROWS.

-Finance can no longer process and accept paper Inactive Duty documents (NGB 105S & NGB 633).

How does this affect when I get paid for IAD?

- There are several steps to get paid, starting with you! You must e-certify your IAD order in AROWS to get paid. After you certify, your supervisor also has to e-certify your order in AROWS. Once this occurs, finance can process your certified orders for payroll. Finance performs AROWS payroll processing daily. LES's typically post in MyPay within a week of finance processing payroll.

Will training be provided to members?

-Yes. You can find detailed training on the FM SharePoint at the following website:

[https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/124FW/WingStaff/CPTF/Military%20Pay/How%20To/AROWS%20-%20Member%20\(Inactive%20Duty%20Individual\).pdf](https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/124FW/WingStaff/CPTF/Military%20Pay/How%20To/AROWS%20-%20Member%20(Inactive%20Duty%20Individual).pdf)

CPTF and FSS will host a Townhall Briefing on September 12 (Saturday of drill weekend), at 1300 in the Brooks Auditorium of Bldg 600 to answer questions regarding this change.

HONOR FLIGHT

Twenty-eight World War II veterans from around Southern Idaho depart the Boise Airport bound for the District of Columbia memorials as part of the Honor Flight of Idaho program Aug. 31, 2015. The veterans spent several days in our nation's capitol visiting those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

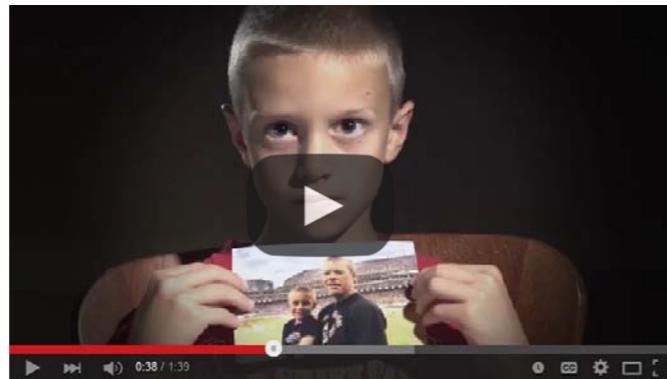


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We all have times when we can't seem to find the answer to a riddle that life throws our way. Sometimes there are multiple issues that test us: pending divorce, trauma (physical, sexual or emotional), sudden death, terminal illness etc. They can pile up leaving us with little hope that tomorrow will change. Everyday provides opportunities to choose to recognize and change our own self-defeating behaviors. Make time to appreciate your fellow airmen, friends and family. Take a moment to create joy and hope. Know that asking for help is a STRENGTH!!!!



The Power of 1...
The Power to Connect...
The Power to Call...
The Power to Care...
The Power to Stay

[WATCH THE VIDEO https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xrvi7056si0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xrvi7056si0)

Don't hesitate to reach out to your Director of Psychological Health if you find yourself stuck. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and provides free, confidential counseling and consulting services.

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SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH:
1 SMALL ACT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This September, Suicide Prevention Month is your opportunity to join millions of Americans who are supporting Veterans by raising awareness about the **Veterans Crisis Line** — where free, confidential support for Veterans in crisis is just 1 call, 1 chat, or 1 text away.

Take 1 minute to show you care.
Before the end of August, sign up for
#ThePowerOf1 Thunderclap.

By donating one tweet or Facebook post, you'll join thousands of Veterans and their supporters through the Thunderclap platform. Thunderclaps are designed to create an instant impact by automatically sharing the same message, at the same time, with participants' collective social networks of potentially millions of people. **When the posts are released on Sept. 1**, we will show our Nation's Veterans, Service members, and their families a unified message of hope.

Here are other ways you can help.

<p>Spread the word on your social networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Watch and share the new Suicide Prevention Month video. <input type="checkbox"/> Post ready-to-use social media content on Facebook and Twitter. <input type="checkbox"/> Create and share a message of hope for Veterans using the social media graphic generator. <input type="checkbox"/> Show support by changing your social media profile and cover photos to a Veterans Crisis Line image. 	<p>Engage your online community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Display a Veterans Crisis Line banner on your website. <input type="checkbox"/> Share a pre-crafted blog post with your online community. <input type="checkbox"/> Publish an article or advertisement in your newsletter or email blasts, or on your website.
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Sign up for the Thunderclap and find all materials mentioned above at
VeteransCrisisLine.net/SpreadTheWord

Materials will be available in August.



50th Annual Western States Invitational Golf Tournament

When you think of Las Vegas, Nevada, fancy casinos, bright lights, and fun rides might be images you think of, but does golf come to mind? The ANG Western States Golf Tournament was held at the Angel Park Golf Club in Las Vegas 16-18 July 2015. The tournament is an individual stroke play tournament and is open to all levels of golfers with or without golf handicaps.

The Annual Air National Guard Tournament is open to all Air Guardsmen, Retirees, Spouses, Dependents, Family members, and other supporters of the Air National Guard. This year's tournament was sponsored by the 162nd Fighter Wing, Arizona Air National Guard in coordination with the Nevada Air National Guard. Sixteen of our own Idaho Air National Guard and family members were among the 123 players that were in play.

The tournament schedule consisted of an Optional Team Shamble Event, Individual Stroke Play, and Regrouping based on scores from Individual Stroke Play event scores. The tournament play was broken down by individual flights based on validated Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) handicaps or the Calloway Scoring System for those with no handicap. Top 3 Gross and Net scores places were awarded in each flight

A catered banquet and silent auction was held for all players and spouses following the three rounds of golf. Following each day of play, participants relaxed inside the clubhouse or enjoyed each other's company at a hospitality suite. A special thanks to Geri Scaglione who hosted the Idaho Hospitality Suite at the Sun Coast Hotel and Casino.

The Idaho Team took home the traveling trophy for the second year in a row, making this the fifth time Idaho has had the honor to earn this award. The trophy is located in Bldg. 400 in the trophy case next to the Wing Commander's Office.

	Flight	Place	Gross	Net
Dean Lavilla	Championship	2 nd Net	153	141
Casey Bermensolo	1st	1st Net	162	136
Josh Reddick	2 nd	1st Gross	163	131
Dennis Colson	Senior	1st Gross	157	138
Dick Krapff	Senior	2 nd Gross	170	153
Jonita Schofield	Womens	3 rd Gross	184	147
Mike Clement	Callaway	3 rd Net	176	151
Rory Rohenbach	Callaway	1st Net	167	147

IT'S TIME TO SHARPEN OUR TOOLS

-Update your milConnect

-Desktop Alert notifies you of critical information

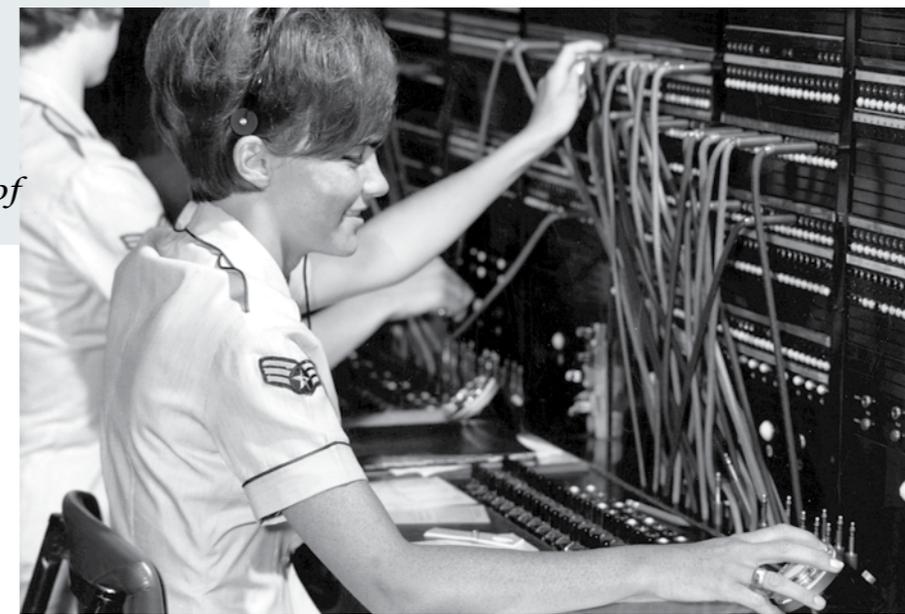
By Master Sgt. David Oliver
Special to the Beacon

Each career field within the IDANG relies on efficiently employing assets and managing resources. How we complete our assignments may differ greatly, however we all share the desire to use the best tools available for the job. When it comes to efficient communications, everyone can do their part to improve the tools available to us here at Gowen Field. Current targets for improvement are the Outlook e-mail system, Desktop Alert, and Operational Reporting.

The Outlook migration back in spring was intended to be a one-time pain. Each unit member was instructed to follow the milConnect guidance put forth by the Communications Flight to seamlessly migrate over to the new system. In essence the main tool we rely on as a unit phone book will only be as effective as the quality of information held within. Not every member of the Idaho ANG has listed the required information in their profile.

Please check your profile information and ensure the following categories are correct in the system: Duty Organization, Office Symbol, Installation Location, Job Title, Office Phone, Business Phone (with alternate phone, as required), and their unit email address. All members must ensure their information is current beginning 1 October 2015. The milConnect guidance needed to update your profile is located at the following link: <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/124FW/MSG/CF/CFP/User%20How%20Tos/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Desktop Alert (DTA) allows the Command Post to send out critical



information to the base populace in a timely manner. An additional function coming to the system will allow real-world notifications to go to unit members' cell phones via text and/or audio message. DoD Guidance states that personal cell phone numbers are not considered Personally Identifiable Information (PII) with prescribed protections in place and as a component of the Installation Notification and Warning System (INWS). To reiterate, the texts and phone call features of the Desktop Alert system will only be used for REAL-WORLD events, such as an active shooter. A guide to assist with this process is available on the Wing-Staff Sharepoint site under "Shared Documents". As with the update to the Outlook System, All members must ensure their information is current beginning 1 October 2015.

The final communication tool needing sharpened relates to Operation Reporting and the timely submission of OPREP-3 Reports. The OPREP-3 system provides CSAF and intermediate commanders the information necessary for timely operational decisions. Commanders and First Sergeants receive quarterly training and an OPREP-3 Reporting Guide

to assist in determining if an incident meets OPREP-3 reporting criteria. If reporting criterion is met, then notify the Command Post immediately. A few examples of reportable items are Birdstrikes, INFOCON/FPCON Changes, Ground Mishaps, Covered Wagons, and Bomb Threats. Recently members have suffered injuries while on duty and the information did flow to SFS, Safety, or the Command Post in a timely manner. A reference copy of each OPREP-3 Reporting Matrix is available for download on the Wing-Staff Sharepoint site under "Shared Documents". All wing personnel should familiarize themselves with reportable criteria and ensure BDOC and/or Command Post receives word of all reportable incidents.

We all want to do our part to prevent domestic terrorism, and each of these tools enables quicker response times and increases the safety of unit members. The tools used to keep each other efficiently communicating and protected from harm are one in the same. With each member doing their part to improve efficiency, the 124TH Fighter Wing will demonstrate how a First Class organization communicates.

Family Day 2015

Sunday Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All Airmen, their families and retired Air National Guard members are invited to attend Family Day 2015 which will be held in building 1530 and on the flightline.



- The Pie in the Face contest will return in support of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
- A dunk tank will be available to dunk some Chiefs and Commanders in support of the Airman's Council
- A hobby/toy show will also be in the hanger and on the flight line, so come on out and show the base what hobbies you hve



-Lunch is provided. Pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, potato salad and chips are on the menu this year.

Special thanks to the Idaho Beef Council, Franz Bakery, and Pinnacle Foods for helping with the event

-There will be static displays of an A-10, a humvee and even a demonstration on how to load an A-10.



-Music will be provided by the Boise School of Rock along with "The Weatherheads."

-There will be activities for kids including games, bouncy houses, minature horses and good old sugary food.



COMMAND CHIEF AIM POINT

RENEW OUR
COMMITMENT TO THE
PROFESSIONAL OF ARMS

- + Core Values
(Integrity/Service/Excellence)
- + AFI 36-2618 "Little Brown Book"
- + Focus on Performance and Training
- + Leadership/ Mentorship/ Supervision
- + Deliberate Development of Airmen
- + Education Requirements

HEALTH
OF THE FORCE

- + Resilience – Mental, Physical, Social,
Spiritual,*Fiscal
- + Wingman Concept- SAPR, Safety,
Distress
- + Employ Technology

**RECOGNIZE/
EMBRACE** OUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- + Recognition Informal/ Formal
- + Each of you fit into the mission
- + Tell Your Story

Lets Take a Flight



Back in Time

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE AIR FORCE'S BIRTHDAY BY
GOING BACK IN TIME TO THE YEAR 1947!
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE 40's WITH MILITARY
ARTIFACTS, CARS, AND CHARACTERS
FROM THE PAST AT THE **AIR FORCE BALL!****

Date: September 18th

Location: Riverside Hotel 2900 E Chinden Blvd Boise, ID

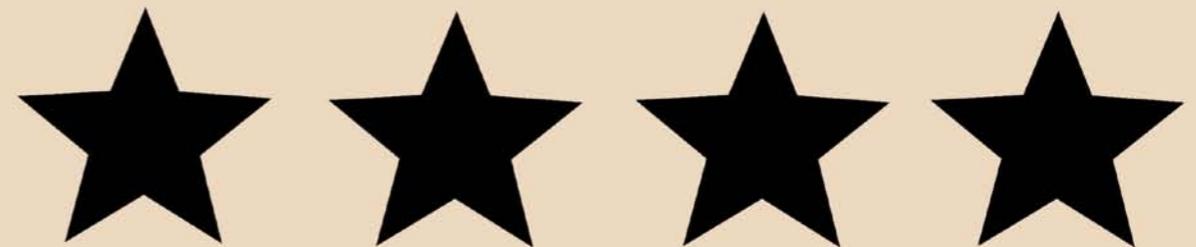
Cocktails are @ 1800 Events begin @ 1900

Hotel rooms are available for \$83

Attire is mess dress/semi-formal uniform for military and
semi-formal for civilian

Tickets available Aug. 3rd

E1-E4: \$20 E5-E6/DOD CIVS: \$35 E7-E9/OFFICERS: \$45



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