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QUESTION AND ANSWER..

MEET OUR NEW WING COMMAND CHIEF

1. When did you enlist in the military? Have you always been in the 180th? If not, where were you before?

I joined the active duty AF in 1988. I was active duty from 1988-1992, then came to the 180th as a drill status guardsman, then 10 years as a Technician and back to DSG in 2004.

2. What jobs (AFSCs) did you have in the military?

I spent my first 18 years in the military as a crew chief (F-16 and F-117), four years as a First Sergeant, and the last two as the Group Superintendent for the Mission Support Group.

3. Looking back, what was one of the most memorable moments in your time at the 180th Fighter Wing?

My most memorable moment at the 180th was on 9-11 when I launched Col. Newell on a sortie to defend the nation. It was exactly what the Air National Guard was designed to do, answer the call when your nation needs you.

4. What do you enjoy the most about being at the 180th Fighter Wing?

The most enjoyable thing I do each month is when I get up and put my uniform on before drill. Each time I do it makes me think about what a great country we live in and how proud I am to be able to have the privilege to be able to wear what others have so bravely fought and died in. That is what I enjoy the most, being able to serve our nation.

5. Are your children in the Guard/military? If not, would you like to see them join?

I have a 13 year old daughter and I keep telling her how great it will be to put her on the bus when she heads to basic military training, her mother has other ideas.

6. Are there any experiences that you would have



**Command Chief Tracy Troxel
180th Fighter Wing
Command Chief**

handled differently knowing what you know now?

I could name hundreds of things that, after the fact, you say to yourself you wish you had done or said something differently, but everything happens for a reason and there is no telling what the other outcome would have been. As an example, I've always regretted turning down orders to be part of the Thunderbirds in 1992, but had I done that I would have never met my wife, had our daughter, or had the life we do today.

7. What advice would you give a new enlisted person? officer?

I would give the same advice to a new Airman or officer that was given to me by an old Senior

Master Sgt., named Bill Connolly, in the Incirlick AB, Turkey NCO club way back in 1989. He asked me and another guy, what we wanted to accomplish in the Air Force. We both said we wanted to be Chiefs. He told us we were wrong. He said that if we worked hard and took care of our people, we would get the rank we deserved and that we should never worry about getting to a certain position. It was a great day, when he made Chief about a year later.....

8. Which position did you learn the most from?

I learned the most as a First Sergeant, being a Shirt changes your entire focus, and it teaches you that your Airmen are your highest priority and that their needs come first. Being a Shirt also allows you to think on levels that you never had considered before. It really was the greatest four years of my career.

9. What do you feel are your biggest accomplishments as a Guardsman?

1. Helping the maintenance get through the

UPDATE FROM ABROAD...

OPERATION NEW DAWN



Staff Sgt. Valerie Fleming, right, ordnance systems mechanic, 1st Lt. Joseph Baszynski, aircraft maintenance unit officer-in-charge, Master Sgt. Derek Harry, quality assurance, and other Airmen from the 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron arrive in Iraq Oct. 1, 2011. The squadron deployed in support of Operation New Dawn and will provide close air support for more than 40,000 troops leaving Iraq by the end of the year. The 125th EFS comprises F-16 Fighting Falcons, pilots, maintenance specialists and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing in Tulsa, Okla., and the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing in Toledo, Ohio. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo)

by Senior Airman Chuck Broadway
9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force - Iraq

10/18/2011 - IRAQ -- The 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron recently arrived in country and is providing top cover for U.S. forces as they transition personnel and equipment out of Iraq.

The squadron comprises F-16 Fighting Falcons, pilots, maintenance specialists and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing in Tulsa, Okla. The squadron also includes members from the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing in Toledo, Ohio, and the Arizona Air National Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing in Tucson, Ariz.

The unit went from non-existent to fully operational within nine days of arrival. Airmen overcame many obstacles and worked up to 17 hours a day to ensure facilities were ready to go when the jets arrived.

"We're providing close air support for more than 40,000 troops leaving Iraq by the end of the year," said Lt. Col. Rick Poplin, 125th EFS commander and Tulsa native. "During this historic undertaking to reposture personnel, equipment and bases, force protection remains inherent in every operation we undertake."

Since 1996, the 138th FW has deployed its F-16s 10 times in support of Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern and Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom and now Operation New Dawn. Many of these airmen have deployed several times together and some have known each other for as long as 30 years.

"Our squadron is truly expeditionary," said Poplin. "We received the call for this short-notice deployment and had everything packed and ready to go

in a very short amount of time."

Normally, the unit is tasked to replace an existing F-16 squadron. For this deployment, however, they arrived at an empty facility, uninhabited for many years.

"My first thought was there's no way we're going to get all this done in such a short amount of time," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Parker, 125th EFS network operations specialist and member of the advance team which set up the squadron. "There was an inch of dirt on the floor and a lot of equipment strewn about."

The 125th EFS members faced several other major hurdles, including lack of communication and transportation.

"You don't realize how dead in the water you are until you don't have a phone, radio or vehicle and you're several miles away from main base," said Parker, a Tulsa native.

With a daunting task ahead of them, Parker and other advance team members went to work.

Along with Master Sgt. Ray Bohanon, another 125th EFS communication member, Parker set up 49 computers and 30 telephones. Furthermore, they helped members of the advance team sweep, organize and scrounge for as much furniture as they could find.

"Our people are tireless," said Poplin. "They're improvising, rolling up their sleeves and doing what it takes to get everything done."

Parker added that many airmen went door-to-door trying to find what they needed. Although it was a struggle, he said the 125th EFS is now ready to go.

"I worked, went home, took a shower and was asleep 10 minutes later. That's how the last nine days

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: KEY TO SUCCESS

by Maj. Katherine Cherolis
Public Affairs

There are over 1000 members at the 180th Fighter Wing, approximately 160 are women and 15 of those women are officers. That is just under 20% of the wing's workforce.

Oct. 1, State Command Chief Tamara Phillips and Maj. Rebecca Ohm, 180th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, spoke to a group of 180th female members during the Women in Leadership forum held at the Toledo Air National Guard base.

The purpose of the Women in Leadership forum was to encourage women to create stronger bonds, share our experiences and mentor each other, explained Tech. Sgt. Jaime Paxton, 180th Fighter Wing Operations group.

Sgt. Paxton helped organize the event along with Capt. Chantal Mossing, 180th Communications Flight Commander.

Col. Steven Nordhaus, 180th Fighter Wing Commander, started the forum off by stating that women in our organization our key to our success.

Command Chief Phillips and Maj. Ohm both talked about their careers and how

they were able to achieve their success in the military. Tech. Sgt. Paxton felt they were examples of two strong women, who could share their different experiences.



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

Command Chief Tamara Phillips, Ohio State Command Chief, speaks during the Women in Leadership Forum, Oct.1, at the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Toledo, OH. Chief Phillips spoke to 180th female members about her career and success in the military.



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

Maj. Rebecca Ohm, 180th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, speaks during the Women in Leadership Forum, Oct.1, at the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, Toledo, OH. Maj. Ohm spoke to 180th female members about her career and success in the military and at the 180th Fighter Wing.

Chief Phillips most recently served as the Superintendent of the 178th Force Support Squadron, 178th Fighter Wing Springfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio. She joined the Air Force active duty and then enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard, Springfield, Ohio. Chief Phillips is now the State Command Chief Master Sgt. for the Ohio National Guard and works directly for the Ohio Adjutant General.

Maj. Ohm is a drill status guardsman, mother of two and business owner of the aviation themed coffee shop, "The Flying Joe," with her husband. Ohm began her career as a flight line crew chief, eventually becoming an F-16 pilot.

Sgt. Paxton envisions quarterly interactions in the form of an open forum where members can ask questions and present ideas. Questionnaires were given for feedback and

suggestions. She feels there is truly an interest out there.

HONOR AND TRADITION

A REFLECTION OF VETERANS DAY

By Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker
180th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For Staff Sgt. Tony Unum, a third generation military member, Veterans Day is a time to honor and reflect upon all veterans, past, present and future, quietly and respectfully.

Unum, a financial management systems technician at the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, enlisted in the Air Force Reserves in 1989 spending five years as a heating, ventilation and air conditioning journeyman with the 906th Civil Engineering Squadron at Wright-Patterson AFB. In 1994 he transitioned to the Air National Guard joining the 200th Red Horse Squadron as a knowledge operations craftsman before moving to the 180th Fighter Wing in 2001.

Originally not planning to pursue a military career, Staff Sgt. Unum thought about his family's long history of serving and felt that he needed to carry on that tradition. Unum's grandfather served in WWI, his uncle in WWII and his father, the Korean War. "There is a sense of pride that comes along with wearing the uniform," said Unum. "I now understand the pride they felt."

A combat veteran himself, Unum deployed to Bitburg, Germany with the 906th CES in the spring of 1993. "We had a layover at Dover AFB, DE and while waiting for our plane I noticed literature about the country of Somalia, including language translation dictionaries," Unum explains. "I didn't think much of it at the time, but remember telling my roommates that it would suck to be there."

Later that same year, Staff Sgt. Unum found himself at Dover AFB looking at the same information

about Somalia again waiting on plane to take him to Cairo West Air Base, Egypt, where he was forward deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia.

"We all remember the movie Blackhawk Down," said Unum. "Eight weeks after the major firefight that inspired that movie, I was standing at that very intersection where the firefight took place."

At that moment he fully understood that pride and the sacrifice that comes along with wearing the uniform.

Unum completed his tour in March 1994 with the proud accomplishment of fulfilling his duty to this country.

"For the Air National Guard, our entire operations tempo has changed," said Unum. "We have gone from being a reserve defensive force to taking an active role in the defense of freedom and maintaining our way of



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Tony Unum **180th Financial Management Systems Technician**

life."

Prior to the events of September 11, 2001, activation of the guard and reserve occurred, but was not nearly as common as it has been post 9-11. Though there are many benefits for those who choose to wear the uniform, Unum is a firm believer for those who volunteer to wear the uniforms of our armed forces that, "It shouldn't be just about the benefits, but what you can offer to your country in return."

Unum, who plans to continue his career and join the ranks of the senior non-commissioned officer ranks says, "Volunteering to take part in defending our freedoms and continuing to demonstrate the pride of wearing the uniform is the perfect way to honor and reflect upon all veterans, past, present and future who have and will continue the honor and tradition of defending our freedoms."

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hurdles we had to get over in preparation for the 2004 ORI.

2. Looking out across the wing and seeing all the Airmen, I either gave advice to in regards to a promotion or participated in their promotion board and getting to see how they have grown in those positions over time.

3. Getting my wife to participate in the Family Readiness Program, her getting to see how important the things we do here are to our Airmen and their families has been a turning point in her supporting what I do.

10. What made you want to pursue the Command Chief position?

I was taught early on in my career that you must try to help the people coming after you be more successful than you were, and that you should never quit until you have given all that you can possibly give. I wanted to be the Command Chief to continue on the great things that Chief Haas and other CCMs before me have done for the good of the wing and our Airmen.

11. Is there a motto you maintain throughout your career?

Not really, I believe that everything happens in our lives exactly the way they are supposed to and there really isn't much we can do to influence that except make good choices.

12. Did you have a mentor or role model that you admire or helped to shape your career?

I have two.

1. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Mark Payne. The many hours he "allowed" me to spend in his "Chair of Wisdom" helped prepare me for bigger things down the road. Without those lessons, I have no idea where I would be today, both personally and professionally.

2. Col. Keith Newell, he and I grew up in the "Big City" of Upper

Sandusky together. The counsel and guidance he has given me over the years is irreplaceable.

13. Of the places and missions you have participated in with the 180th Fighter Wing, are there any which stand out in your mind? Why?

Our first trip to Operation Northern Watch was probably the biggest stand out. It was our first of many contingency deployments that we have been on. I was in Desert Storm with the F-117's and to see our maintainers, get to experience the thrill of launching jets with yellow stripes on the bombs rather than blue for the first time was truly memorable.

The other would have to be 9-11, I started out that day with then Staff Sgt., now Major, Brent Coleman greasing a jet after it had been washed, and ended the day putting combat air patrols up over our country. That is a day I will never forget.

14. In all the people you've met so far in your career, which has impressed you, the most?

The most impressive people I have come across in my career are the DSG and their families. To be able to work a full-time job, or attend school, and spend 25% of your free time, or more, serving your country and still have the support and admiration of your family is truly a testament to the warrior spirit and the greatness of America. Our nation owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude to all our Airmen warriors.

15. What is some advice that you give to young members of the National Guard?

Work hard, learn your craft, and be prepared when the nation calls. You are the future of the ANG. Us old folks will do everything we can to preserve the legacy that has come before us, but you have a responsibility to continue to move the ball down the field. I know you

will.

16. What are your plans/goals as the Command Chief for the wing?

My goal as Command Chief is to simply take care of our Airmen. I want to make sure we care for them in three ways. Care for who they are, how they are doing, and where they want to go in their military career. More to follow with that...

17. Many folks have seen you on a daily basis, but don't really know you. What else can you tell us?

From the personal side, I have been married for 17 years and we have a 13 year old daughter. In my civilian job I work for a company called Thrivent Financial for Lutherans where I am in field leadership. I like to camp with the family and play a little golf. We aren't the most exciting people.

From the military side, I want our Airmen to know that they can call me, email me, or just stop me any time they want and let me know what is on their mind, good or bad. We are a family, albeit a military one, and taking care of our Airmen and their families is the most important aspect of my job.

18. If you had to narrow it down to one thing, what has changed the most during your time at the 180th or throughout your career?

The pace and the scale of the mission that we must do to protect the nation has changed the most. We have gone from being an Operational Reserve to providing over 35% of the mission sets for the AF with less than 7% of the budget. To be able to do that as effectively as we do is simply amazing, and is a testament to our great American Airmen that we have here at the 180th Fighter Wing. It is something I am extremely proud to be a part of and to be able to represent our great Airmen as their Command Chief is an extreme honor.

VETERANS DAY DISCOUNTS AND FREEBIES

Restaurants

Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what the discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 14, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

For more restaurants visit <http://www.180fw.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111101-033.pdf>.

Retail

The Dollar General — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Home Depot — Offers a 10 percent discount to all Veterans.

Lowe's — All veterans receive the 10-percent discount with ID. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.

Sam's Club — Sam's give away 36,000 collapsible Hugo Canes on Veterans Day to military veterans in need of mobility assistance. Sam's Club will require membership for this offer, but proof of service may be necessary.

Amazon.com - Free —Veterans Day Honor MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

For more retail visit <http://www.180fw.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111101-033.pdf>.

“ARMED FORCES” STAMP

AVAILABLE ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID

COLUMBUS – Ohio veterans can get an “Armed Forces” designation stamped on their driver's license or state ID the next time they renew/update their driver's license.

The stamp, placed on the lower right of the license or ID, provides veterans with recognition of their military service. The stamp is provided at no additional cost when requested at the time a license or ID is renewed, but normal driver's license fees still apply.

One of the advantages of this program is that the specially labeled license may be honored by Ohio merchants who give military members or veterans a discount. Whether a discount is granted, however, is solely dependent upon each individual retailer's policy.

The “Armed Forces” stamp, which has been in existence since December 2009, enables these veterans to have a photo ID as a sign of their service. To be eligible to receive the stamp, at no extra cost, veterans must provide to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles a copy of their DD 214 or DD 215 when they renew their driver's license or military ID. Other forms of identification acceptable to receive the stamp include a VA ID, a current military ID, a leave and earnings statement, or a copy of orders.

The Directors of Public Safety and Veterans Services emphasized that a military or veterans discount is not available from all retailers, or if so, perhaps not year-round. Whether or not a retailer provides a discount or accepts the “Armed Forces” stamp as proof of service to receive a discount is up to the policy for each individual retailer.

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were for me," said Parker. "It was so overwhelming. The majority of time we were cursing under our breath, but looking back, it was all worth it."

The squadron will operate an alert fighter mission for the remainder of Operation New Dawn. When ground forces request air support, the jets will be overhead deterring enemy forces.

"The 125th EFS, serving alongside our active-duty Airmen, joint and coalition partners, is a perfect example of total-force integration, where everyone is working together seamlessly to accomplish the mission," said Maj. Gen. Russ Handy, commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq. "That mission is ensuring every U.S. service member and civilian transitions safely out of Iraq and on to their next challenge or home to their loved ones."

SUSTAINMENT SERVICES FLIGHT WEARS MANY HATS

by **1st Lt. Melanie Grosjean**

Sustainment Services Flight Commander

The Sustainment Services Flight wears many hats, and their job is mission support. During drill weekends, the flight typically prepares meals for the members on base in the Baker Building, however, there is also a requirement for them to have additional training in other areas within their career field (lodging, fitness and recreation).

On Saturday of July drill, some of the SSF members got an opportunity to do just that - they assisted during an event in Bowling Green, Ohio. The event was a fundraiser for Wood Lane Residential Services, Inc., which is a provider of residential services for adults with developmental disabilities in Wood County. 1st Lt. Melanie Grosjean, a traditional Guardsman, was the Event Director of this first year event. She is also the Compliance Coordinator for the agency on a full-time basis.

Lt. Grosjean decided that this would be an excellent opportunity for some services members to attend the event and receive some on-the-job training to learn how to plan and execute such an event. Tech. Sgt. Sherri McKibben served as Volunteer Coordinator, ensuring that all of the volunteers at the event were stationed in the correct places and providing the customer services they had been directed to provide. Her assistance ensured a very smooth event. Senior Airman Elizabeth Martin and Tech. Sgt. Vincent Fitzgerald learned how to time the runners utilizing a specialized timer that prints out times for each of the runners that cross through the finishing chutes.

Senior Airman Kaiesha Rivers-Pye assisted with split timing by starting a timer when the race began, then rushing to the 2nd mile marker to announce times to the runners who ran by. Senior Airman Hasanpreet Gill assisted by routing the finishing walkers to the shelter area - this was an important task to ensure that walkers got to where they needed to be. Members also assisted with set-up and tear-down duties. The 180th Recruiting made an appearance at the event, much to the delight of many participants. All members who assisted with this event felt this was a very positive experience, and they welcomed the opportunity to do something different on a drill weekend that pertains to their career field. This should certainly give them some idea on the enormous task of an event like this, and the details involved in ensuring a positive and successful event. Furthermore, this event provided some awareness for individuals with developmental disabilities - three of these individuals actually ran the 5k race!! The Sustainment Services Flight will be continuing to look at different opportunities such as this to ensure training and promote retention within the flight.

CLEP TESTING COMPLETION

Congratulations to the following individuals who have successfully passed their respective CLEP exam. The CLEP exam results will be applied toward their CCAF (Community College of the Air Force) degree. For more information on obtaining a CCAF degree, please contact the Force Development Office (ext. 4175, 4182 or 4344).

Name

Chief Master Sgt. James Duty
Master Sgt. Catrina Odenweller-Haas
Tech. Sgt. Kristy Copic
Tech. Sgt. Bruce Hedrick
TSgt Skatch Peruski
SSgt Nathaniel Bell
SSgt Bradley Cousino
SSgt Michael Craig
SSgt Aaron Nagucki
SSgt Joseph Singer
SSgt Clinton Stiverson
SrA Patrick Martin

CLEP Exam

Aviation Maintenance Technology
Financial Management
Information Management and Logistics
Emergency Management
Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Avionic Systems Technology
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Fire Science
Avionic Systems Technology
Avionic Systems Technology

EFAC'S WARRIOR WELLNESS

THERE'S MORE TO CORE

by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Rosebrock
Aerospace Control Alert

About four years ago I was having a lot of lower back pain. I went to see my family physician here in Toledo, (he is a sports medicine doctor as well.) I told him my symptoms and where my pain was. He told me I had an irritated disk in my lumbar vertebrae (lower back). I ask him what would cause this, his reply "Your core is weak!" After I got over my slight annoyance, and bruised ego in the matter of a few seconds, he prescribed a few weeks of physical therapy.

The next few weeks of therapy I did nothing but different abdominal and lower back exercises, to strengthen my core. For the first two weeks my abs, and lower back were constantly tired and sore. The third week things started to get easier for me. I was slouching less, more mobile, and more limber than I had been in a year or so.

Core isn't just your abdominal muscles; it also includes your lower back, oblique, hip flexors, hamstrings, and gluteus. All of these muscles work together to control your trunk. For instance, when you bend over to pick something up, these muscles keep you from putting added stress on your spinal column and the small muscles that surround it. Core muscles also contribute to your skeletal alignment. In addition to my weak core, my pelvis was out of alignment and only added to my back pain.

Core is an extremely important part of our physical fitness! It allows us to do our jobs at work much easier, whether it is sitting at a desk, crawling around an airplane, or putting 40 lbs. of gear on to perform our job. A stronger core will help you complete your push-ups, sit-ups, and even your 1.5 mile run. Just remember when adding a core workout in to your plan, ease into it and start slow, and you'll be fine! ~



The next Top Three meeting is scheduled to be Sunday Nov. 6, at 11 a.m in the Ops auditorium.

TOP 3 SWEATSHIRT SALE

The Top 3 Council is again selling hoodie sweatshirts. It's a little different from last year with a new design and more options to choose from.

The prices are listed as follows:

Athletic poly-blend sweatshirt

\$35 (smoke grey and black only, adult sizes S-XL only)

Cotton-blend sweatshirt

\$25 (grey/black/green, adult sizes S-XL)

\$28 (grey/black/green, adult sizes XXL-XXXL)

\$20 (grey/black/green, youth sizes S-L)

Members will be at the dining hall on November UTA both days to take orders with the artwork and sweatshirt material samples. **The sale is cash only and orders must be paid in advance.** The plan is to place the first order after Nov UTA to be delivered before Dec UTA.

You can also place an order with Senior Master Sgt. Joy Chittum, Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Davis, Master Sgt. Brian Rozick, or Master Sgt. Jaime Brown.

THIS MONTH IN 180TH HISTORY....

November 1976:

The 180th extended a special welcome to the first female line officer in the unit's history, 1LT Nancy August, wife of 1LT Jim August, a pilot with the 112th TFS and assigned as the unit's ground safety officer.



Back of sweatshirt



Front of sweatshirt

PROMOTIONS

To Lt. Col.

Ronald Nabors, MDG
John Silance, OG

To Captain

Dustin Buchenroth, OG

To Chief Master Sgt.

Catherine Bouillon, CF

To Tech. Sgt.

Kenneth Feltner, 555th
Benjamin Laubender, MG
Jason Sadowski, FS
Jerry Watts, MXS
Amber Wonderly, FS
Michael Woronec, MXS

To Staff Sgt.

Brenden Blair, MXS
Bryan Burvis, MXS
Kevin Justen, AMXS

To Staff Sgt. (cont.)

Anthony Mollison, AMXS
Kelly Obrien, MXS
Sarah Perry, AMXS
Andrew Ruehl, MXS

To Senior Airman

Tom Burden, AMXS
Ryan Burkhardt, AMXS
David Donovan, MXS
Andrew Kolbe, MXS
Brandon Neilson, MXS
Joseph Paszcykowski,
AMXS
Steven Powell, AMXS
Sean Ross, MXS
Dallas Schulze, MXS
Dean Telecsan, AMXS

RETIREMENTS

Col. Keith Newell, OG/CC
Master Sgt. Charles Juhasz, MXAAV
Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Maciejewski,
SFS



CHEERIOS(R) AND THE USO TEAM UP TO SEND CHEER TO MILITARY FAMILIES

Cheerios(R) and the USO have launched "Cheer," a postcard campaign that spreads cheer directly to these honorable military families and supports USO programs. Specially marked Cheerios boxes will appear in stores from October through November, 2011. It's easy to send Cheer.

During the months of October and November, 2011, specially-marked boxes of Cheerios cereal will feature Cheer postcards on the front of the box. Consumers can simply cut out the postcard, write a message of thanks on the back, add a stamp, and mail the pre-addressed card to the USO. The USO will deliver the Cheer card to military families across the country. For each postcard received, Cheerios will make a donation to the USO to help fund programs designed to support military families, up to a total maximum donation of \$250,000 as detailed below. It's a simple way to say thanks and lift the spirits of our country's military families.

To kick off the campaign, Cheerios has already donated \$150,000 to the USO and will donate up to an additional \$100,000 based upon the number of postcards received. To learn more about how to support them with the Cheer campaign, visit www.Cheerios.com

The USO lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families at hundreds of places worldwide. We provide a touch of home through centers at airports and military bases, top quality entertainment and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including forward-deployed troops and their families, wounded warriors and their families and the families of the fallen.

The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors. To join us in this patriotic mission, and to learn more about the USO, please visit <http://www.uso.org>.

YOUR CHILD CAN HELP DECORATE THE WHITE HOUSE!!

The First Lady is asking military children from around the globe for some personal contributions to the finishing touches on the White House decorations this holiday season. The request is for military children to submit 5x8" handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The White House will display as many of the cards as possible.

Participants are asked to send holiday cards to the following address along with information from where they are sending it by November 16, 2011:

Reservation 1
Attn: Social Office
PO Box 8070
Washington DC, 20032

OUTSTANDING!

JOB WELL DONE AT COMBAT ARCHER!!!



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Black, 180th Communications Flight Master Sgt. Ray Gerschutz, 180th Aircraft ground equipment, recieved an incentive flight from a WESP pilot, while deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida in support of Combat Archer in October.

Members of the 180th Fighter Wing deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida to take part in Combat Archer, in October. They were recognized for many outstanding achievements:

- Avionics was recongnized for outstanding maintenance practices on the radar

warning receiver system. They achieved a 100% pass rate (seven-for-seven) during 53rd Electronic Warfare Group Combat Shield of RWR equipment. They were best seen to date by the 53rd, well exceeding the combat air force average of 69%.

- Perfect maintenance missile and gun fire rate.
- Flew 100% of weapons evaluation system program contracted sorties



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Chris Schobinger, Staff Sgt. Jay Weir and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Ray, 180th Fighter Wing Weapons Load crew load a live AIM-9 missile on an F-16 while deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, FL for Combat Archer, in October.

plus six incentives

- Safely moved 45,318 lbs of missiles, yes that's over 22 tons of missiles.
- Fired 8103 rounds of 20mm, no jams
- Zero live fire pilot safety vilolations, standard for the 112th Fighter Squadron, well above WESP average
- 91% (excellent) missile shot effectiveness from Operations including 2x120s fired from one jet at two contacts simultaneously, both within hit criteria.

SAFEGUARDING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII)

by Maj. Gary Bentley

180th Executive Officer

Members of the 180th Fighter Wing have a continuing affirmative responsibility to safeguard Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in their possession and to prevent its theft, loss, or compromise. It is essential that all personnel ensure their actions do not contribute to, nor result in, a compromise occurring so that we retain the trust of those individuals on whom information is maintained.

You might ask, "just what is personally identifiable information?" It is any information about an individual maintained by an agency, including, but not limited to education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social se-

curity number, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, biometric records, etc., including any other personal information which is linked or linkable to an individual.

Members need to be particularly careful if taking a 180th laptop off-base because of the possibility of it containing PII and its vulnerability to theft. Also – emails and other shared information must be carefully scrutinized to make sure they do not contain social security numbers and other PII.

We all need to be cognizant of PII and our responsibility to protect it.

If you have further questions about protecting PII, please contact Master Sgt. Jennifer Ferrari at 868-4219.

WELCOME TO THE 180TH!!!

Lt. Col. Scott Croxton
Capt. Joseph Bublick
Airman Basic Erik Nagucki
Airman 1st Class Brandon Rozanski
Airman 1st Class James Weber
Airman David Wiseman

WING CLIMATE ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Wing Climate Assessment provides an opportunity to express your thoughts, opinions and feelings regarding our organization and is conducted by the Wing Equal Opportunity Office. The assessment will address morale; communications between unit members and their supervisors; attitudes and perceptions of assigned personnel; and overall organizational health. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and results will be used to improve the human relations climate and to better the working environment. Squadrons have received a unique survey link and password for member participation. If you have any additional questions contact the Equal Opportunity Office @ 4132.

DRUG ABUSE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Everyone understands that illegal drugs are not tolerated. But, you may not be aware that a legal drug, if misused or taken without a prescription, is also drug abuse -- and subject to the same consequences of using illegal drugs. As with any drug abuse, this will impact your military career and subject you to discharge under the Drug Program.

If you need to take a prescription drug, be sure to consult a physician and have the medication prescribed to you. Keep a copy of the prescription, you may need it if deploying or if you are selected for a random drug test. Please be aware that you should only take a prescription drug if that drug is prescribed to you personally and you are under the care of a physician. Be sure that you are only taking the drug within the time period authorized by your physician. Use of a prescription drug outside the period of the prescription, or worse, not prescribed to you, is drug abuse. When you are taking a prescription drug related to a physical or mental condition, it is best to consult the medical squadron in the event that the medical condition impacts your military status.

When in doubt, ask questions! The Air Force routinely tests for both legal and illegal drugs. Be careful and be informed! If you have any questions on this issue, please contact your supervisor, the medical squadron, or legal office.

ON THE COVER

An F-16 taxis back after a completed mission during Combat Archer at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Members of the 180th Fighter Wing deployed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida to take part in Combat Archer, in October. They were recognized for many outstanding achievements. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Black, 180th Communications Flight)



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