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*Members of the 180th Fighter Wing and distinguished guests bow their heads in prayer at the send-off ceremony here, October 5, 2008 to honor our servicemembers for their up coming deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. P. 4
Photo by Airman First Class Amber Williams*

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Military tradition: Reveille and Retreat

**By Lt. Col. Edgar Thompson
180th Vice Commander**

Do you remember what to do when you hear the music indicating that the reveille or retreat ceremony is about to begin? I believe many appear to fear the time of reveille and retreat because they are not sure of the correct protocol. There is no reason to run for cover as some people are apt to do when the music begins playing. Let's take a brief look at the history of reveille and retreat followed by a refresher on what to do when the music begins.

Reveille originates from the French word "wake up," it began as a way to wake military personnel at dawn for assembly of the troops and roll call. In essence, it signified the beginning of the official duty day. It was not originally intended as honors for the flag. Here at the 180th first sounds of music for the reveille ceremony begins at 8:00 a.m.

Retreat was first used by the French Army and dates back to the Crusades. Since the Revolutionary War, the American Army has used this bugle call which always sounded at sunset. Its original purpose was to notify guards to start challenging until sunrise (meaning to "halt" and demand identification) and to tell the rank and file to go to their quarters and stay there. For us it signals the end of the duty day and the first chords of music begin at 4:30 p.m.

What do I do when reveille or retreat is played?

Whether in uniform or not in uniform, at the first sounds of reveille or retreat, stop where you are and turn to face the flag, or in a case where the flag is not visible, turn in the general direction of the flag and, if in uniform, stand at



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parade rest. If not in uniform, protocol still dictates that you stop and face the flag out of respect.

When do I come to attention and salute the flag?

In uniform when you hear the first note of the national anthem, come to attention and render the salute. Do not salute if you are not in uniform. Instead, come to attention and place your right hand over your heart. If you have on a hat, remove it with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder while the right hand is over the heart. Hold the salute and/or hand over heart until the national anthem has finished playing.

What do I do if I am driving at the time?

It is while driving on base when the national anthem begins playing that

people appear to be confused about what they are to do. Many times people may be talking on a mobile phone or the music inside the vehicle may be too loud or the individual may have the earbuds to their iPod in their ears. If you see the vehicle in front of you stop and not move, that may be your clue that something is happening. Bring your vehicle to a complete stop and for safety put the car in park. Everyone inside the vehicle including the driver should remain seated at attention. The protocol applies to all people on base to include non-military and civilians.

Reveille and retreat are two military traditions observed by the personnel of the 180th Fighter Wing. It is a small amount of time (reveille takes 110 seconds, retreat 122 seconds) set aside each UTA weekend to honor our nation's flag and the sacrifices it symbolizes.

Minuteman benefits from run and donation

The entire EFAC council would like to thank everyone who participated in the EFAC Minuteman Fun Run. We had a tremendous turn out with over 100 runners/walkers! The winning team, Master Sgt. Mike Walsh, Tech. Sgt. Bob Danner, and Staff Sgt. Zachariah Cramer, ran the three miles with a team average of 19:76. They were presented a plaque to display in their shop. The Burger Burn raised \$485.25 which will fund the purchase of four Minuteman trophies for 180th FW retirees! We would like to thank the MWR committee for donating money towards the Burger Burn.

The 180th would also like to thank Lt. Col. Mike Hepner, 138th Commander, who made a donation to the Minuteman Trophy fund as a thanks to the men and women of our maintenance staff that help his staff.

FEATURE

A FIELD OF POWER

By Tech. Sgt. Annette R. Kornasiewicz, Public Affairs

On September 27, 2008, the 180th Fighter Wing took a step closer in becoming fully energy independent. The Honorable Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur from Ohio's Ninth Congressional District, and Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th FW, pulled the symbolic electric switch to officially open the Alternative Energy Site as dozens of guests and distinguished visitors cheered. Opening the site commemorates the completion of Phase One. It celebrates over two years of hard work and dedication because of a concert of local business leaders uniting with military and political leaders to see the project to fruition.

"Today what we are about

is to produce a prototype Guard research site like none other in America," said Kaptur. "This is one of the most satisfying moments of my congressional career."

In January, 2006, Kaptur obtained Department of Defense Research Development Testing and Engineering funds for the 180th FW to develop a renewable energy site. The DOD's program objective is to demonstrate the usefulness of renewable energy sources to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel and reduce harmful emissions generated by burning fossil fuels for energy. Kaptur was instrumental in brining the Alternative Energy Site here, and secured the necessary \$8.2 million dollars for fiscal years 2006, 2007 and 2008 to fund the development of a 730 kilowatt solar electric generation plant. The Ohio Congresswoman stated that she was honored to be a part of the foresight of community leaders who held a "glimpse of the future."

We pay tribute today to the power of an idea," said Kaptur. "For the ingenuity of those who saw a vision of the future, and who believed a community of dedicated people could transform America starting right here at home."

A 10 acre area of the 180th FW was identified and research and development began in June, 2006, with the construction of the renewable energy site starting in October, 2007. The site will be the largest facility to use the latest technology including thin film cadmium telluride solar panels which are more cost effective per watt of energy produced.

Following Kaptur's address, Kevin W. Billings, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., lauded the 180th leadership and



Photo by Senior Airman Joel Joice, Public Affairs

The Honorable Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur from Ohio's Ninth Congressional District, and Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th Fw, officially open the Alternative Energy Site September 27, 2008.

local contractors for the project's success.

"This is a bridge to energy independence," said Billings. "You will help to change the culture of the Air Force. We have begun to rethink our energy usage in everything we do."

Maj. Gen. Harry W. Feucht, Jr., The Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Ohio Air National Guard, was also on hand for the opening, and spoke of the importance of the pioneering event.

"We look to continue this throughout the Ohio Air National Guard," said Feucht. "We are lucky to have you represent us."

The 180th FW Alternative Energy Site will be constructed over a three-phase period. The first phase, now just completed, will provide 200 kilowatts of electric production to the unit. The project's second phase, scheduled to be completed in January, 2009, will bring the sites' energy production to 504

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SEND-OFF CEREMONY

MEMBERS SUPPORT OEF AND AEF DEPLOYMENTS

**By Tech. Sgt. Annette Kornasiewicz
180th Public Affairs**

On October 5, 2008, the 180th Fighter Winger honored nearly 250 men and women for their upcoming service to this great nation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Forces deployment in a send-off ceremony here attended by nearly 500 of their friends and family.

The OEF mobilization will involve approximately 30 personnel from the 180th Security Forces Squadron that will deploy as the lead headquarters element in November, 2008 to the 64th Air Expeditionary Group in Saudi Arabia.

Approximately 220 180th FW personnel will provide aerial support to military operations in the Global War on Terrorism for the AEF rotation. These members will deploy to the Balad Air Base, 40 miles north of Baghdad, in the last weeks of October.

Several state and elected officials spoke at *From POWER, Page 4*

kilowatts. The project's third phase, scheduled for completion on October 1, 2009, will provide approximately 25 percent of our electrical demand at the base.

By October 1, 2009, the Alternative Energy Site will be home to approximately 10,500 solar panels which are projected to produce almost ¼ of the kilowatt hours used by the 180th FW, reduce the unit's annual dependence on coal by nearly 600 tons, and based on the unit's consumption, result in an annual utility savings of an estimated \$100,000.

In addition to being an alternative and renewable energy source, the 180th FW Alternative Energy Site has also resulted in growth for local companies in Northwest Ohio. Through the award of construction contracts for the project, these companies have added new positions in an effort to support its development. All major components of the solar panels are manufactured in the Northwest Ohio region.

"We are at a very interesting crossroads in the area of alternative energy," said Bartman in his closing comments and before engaging the ceremonial red switch with Kaptur. "Our future in Northwest Ohio looks pretty bright and sunny."

The 180th FW would like to offer special thanks to the following:

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
Advanced Distributed Generation, LLC
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Solar Kits USA, LLC

the send-off, including U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Rep. Bob Latta and well as Ohio Senators Theresa Fedor and Mark Wagoner, and state Reps Peter Ujvagi and Barbara Sears. Maj. Gen. Harry W. Feucht Jr., Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the Ohio National Guard, and Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th FW, also honored our deploying servicemembers.

"For many of you, this is not your first, or even second deployment overseas," said Bartman. "It is that dedication to your country that makes me proud to be your commander."

Deploying members and their families were treated to lunch provided by Family Programs, and miniature golf provided by the USO of Northern Ohio. Master Sgt. Jeff Axe, Phase Maintenance Dock Chief, was grateful for the family activities following the ceremony, as he enjoyed time with his two young children.

"This has been great to have the kids have some fun," said Axe. "When they will be talking about the ceremony, they will be talking about how much fun they had here."



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

The Honorable Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur from Ohio's Ninth Congressional District, and Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th FW, discuss the future at the Alternative Energy Site.

THE HOMEFRONT



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Butterfly House hosts Military Family Night and Corn Maze

Through the collaboration of the 180th Family Programs, the Bowling Green ARNG Family Assistance Center and Duke Wheeler, we will have our first Military Family Night at the Corn Maze at the Butterfly House on Thursday, Oct 23 from 5-9 pm. Admission is \$5.00 (children under 5 are free with an adult). This is a savings of \$3.00 per person plus some added features. Let your children dress up in costumes and have a trick or treat experience in the corn maze. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the maze with candy for the children and Family Readiness will be providing refreshments when you're finished. Check out the flyer for more details and share with all of your military friends and families.

By the way....for those that will have deployed right before this event, this may be a great distraction and guaranteed fun for the kids!

Fighter Wing reaches 110%

To every member of the 180th FW:

This is a fantastic achievement by all of you. We have been on this journey for some time now, and have experienced a few setbacks along the way. However, you all should be as excited as I am about making the goal set by Maj. Gen. Wayt almost two years ago. I continue to be impressed with the energy and enthusiasm that the members of the 180th display at every challenge. There is no obstacle that we cannot overcome with teamwork. Great job!

*Mark E. Bartman, Colonel, Ohio ANG
Commander, 180th FW*

ARMY-AIR GUARD EMPLOYER EVENT A SUCCESS

Nominees are treated to a day in the life of guard troops

**By Tech. Sgt. Annette Kornasiewicz
180th Public Affairs**

The 180th Fighter Wing hosted a joint employer event sponsored by the Adjutant General and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve September 9, 2008. Twenty-four employers nominated by Ohio Army and Air National Guard members had the opportunity to learn a little more about the guard mission, as well as experience a bit of what their employees do as Soldiers and Airmen. The day was also an opportunity for our leadership to say 'Thank you' to those employers for their sacrifices in a world environment that relies heavily on the U.S. guard and reserve troops.

An overview of that great responsibility was given during a briefing to the employers that morning by Maj. Gen. Harry W. Feucht, Jr., Assistant Adjutant General for Ohio Air National Guard, and Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Assistant Adjutant



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

Local employers pose for a picture next to an F 16 during the joint employer event September 9, 2008.

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Top Watch your Wingman

By Master Sgt. Anthony Garver
180th FW Vice President of Top 3 Council

With the Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation upon us, we have prepared our aircraft, equipment and people for this deployment. It is now time to focus on one of our most important assets; our people. Being a good Wingman during our deployment should be a top priority. As a supervisor, it is incumbent upon you to spot the first signs of trouble and it is you who are in the best position to listen and engage our Airmen. Supervisors must lead by example, but first get to know your people. Learn their dislikes, problems and frustrations. You cannot provide this type of leadership from behind a desk generating emails. It's personal. It's face-to-face. It's sincere and direct. With the inherent dangers that we face every deployment it is imperative that we foster this "Wingman Culture" throughout the deployment and bring everyone home safely. This culture depends on everyone demonstrating respect and appreciation for each other in our daily interactions. It affirms that each and every person is essential to our mission and our success. Each of us, regardless of rank, has a responsibility to



be alert and to get involved and take action when it comes to safeguarding our Airmen; whether it be watching for signs of suicide, making sure protective gear is used, or just being there as someone to talk to about the stresses of the deployment and family separation. Engage your Airmen with activities off-duty such as a game of basketball at the gym or any other team building activity. As Senior NCOs, we bear the responsibility for the welfare of our greatest asset; our Airmen. I, for one, do not take that lightly and I challenge all of you to do the same.

AEF Force Protection: Be aware

By Capt. Richard Easler
180th FW Security Specialist

It is important to maintain Force Protection awareness 365 days a year. However, there is a special need for vigilance with the upcoming deployments in support of the AEF. Protect the Air Force's most valuable asset by adhering to the following tips:

Stay aware of your surroundings, report suspicious behavior to local law enforcement and security forces. Suspicious behavior may include:

- § Surveillance
- § Elicitation
- § Threats
- § Tests of security

Employ basic operational security procedures by limiting discussion on the following:

- § Dates and times of mass gatherings
- § Dates and times of deployments
- § Specialized equipment or training
- § Access lists and personnel security measures
- § Unusual types of TDY orders
- § Supply limitations
- § Vulnerabilities to equipment

If your house will be unoccupied, do not advertise that you are away:

- § Stop deliveries of newspapers and mail or forward to a trusted neighbor
- § Do not leave notes on doors or indicate length of absence on answering machines
- § Do not hide keys outside house
- § Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to periodically check residence

For more information regarding OPSEC and Personal Security, please view the section titled "Anti-terrorism/Force Protection" on the 180th Fighter Wing Air Force Portal Homepage.

General for Ohio Army National Guard.

"Your employees make up a very large part of the services as a whole," said Feucht. "Nearly 50% of military forces are now guard and reserve."

Kambic provided insight to the employers as to where Ohio National Guard members have been since 9/11. In addition to being deployed all over the world, the troops have also been utilized during natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

"Despite this tempo of deployments we will be here to serve the citizens of our great state," said Kambic.

Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th FW, further thanked the employers for taking time out of their busy day to learn about the Guard mission. Many employers said they learned so much through the briefings.

"It was so interesting to understand the actual numbers and to understand some of the Ohio responsibility. I had no idea how big of a part the Guard plays," said Todd Flora of Gordon



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

Gary Grime, Director of Ranger Services for the Toledo Metroparks, checks his aim on the Combat Pistol Qualification Course at Camp Perry.



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

Employers enjoyed the view outside the CH-47 Chinook during their flight back from Camp Perry to the 180th FW.

Food Service.

After the briefings, the group then got a chance to see inside an F-16 cockpit at the hangar, as well as try on pairs of Night Vision Goggles and see a demonstration of a G-suit at the parachute shop. The employers were then transported to the Camp Perry Training site on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter with the back hatch open for all to enjoy the days' perfect sky.

While at Camp Perry, the employers were treated to an MRE lunch before attending the Engagement Skills Training-Small Arms Weapons/Hands-On Familiarization briefing. They then tested their skills on the Combat Pistol Qualification Course .22 caliber live fire pop-up range before heading back to the 180th FW.

Greeters on the flight-line at the 180th could tell from the high-fives the group gave them that the employers thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"I would describe it as 'Incredible,'" said Gary Grime, Director of Ranger Services for the Toledo Metroparks.

Grime served in the Defense Army Guard as a company clerk years ago, however he said he gained a much better understanding of the current status of

the Guard as it had changed so much over the years.

"The big difference today is the interaction (of the Guard leadership) with the family and your place of employment," said Grime. "They could not have been nicer."

If a Soldier or Airman missed the chance to honor their employer, there will be chances in the future.

"More opportunities to nominate employers are on the horizon," said Lt. Col. Lisa Gammon, Ohio National Guard Employer Readiness Officer and chief organizer of the event. "The Adjutant General will be sponsoring a joint event on a quarterly basis."

Events are planned into 2009 and can give the military member an opportunity to honor their employer.

"It really comes from the Soldier or Airman," said Gammon.

At their exit briefing, Feucht imparted to the guests how important their role is in the ANG picture.

"We could not perform at the operations tempo without the support of our employers," said Feucht. "You are a part of defending this nation. We thank you for that."

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Upcoming

Events

180th Fighter Wing Dining Out
March 21, 2009
Holiday Inn French Quarter,
Perrysburg
Tickets on sale September to
January 2009 for members.

Families are encouraged to bring
their children and spend the
night. Baby-sitting services will be
provided during the meal and
ceremony.

Staff Sgt. and below - \$25
Tech. Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt.
and Lt. to Capt. - \$35
Chief Master Sgt., Majors and
above - \$50

10 quick facts about the new post 911 G.I. bill

1. The Montgomery GI Bill is not going away and the rules governing MGIB have not been changed.
2. If you left active duty anytime before September 11, 2001, your GI Bill benefits have not been changed and you do not qualify for the Post 911 GI Bill.
3. The new Post 911 GI Bill does not go into effect until August 1, 2009. Any classes taken before that date will be paid under the MGIB payment plan.
4. The New Post 911 GI Bill is NOT retroactive. It will only cover courses taken after July 31, 2009.
5. Using the MGIB now will not disqualify you from switching to the Post 911 GI Bill later.
6. If you elect to switch to the new Post 911 GI Bill, your remaining months of MGIB benefits will be switched to the new program.
7. Once you switch to the new Post 911 GI Bill you cannot switch back.
8. The ability to transfer your MGIB benefits has not changed.
9. Several factors determine how much of a benefit you will receive from the VA under the Post 911 GI Bill.
10. The Post 911 GI Bill housing stipend is only payable to veterans and members of the Guard and Reserve who are taking classes **on campus** and are considered by the school to be **three-quarter or full-time students**. Remember, only the Dept. of Veterans Affairs can answer your person and specific benefit questions. Call them at 1-888-GIBILL-1 if you have questions about your GI Bill eligibility.

Please visit <http://military-education.military.com/2008/09/10-quick-facts.html> for the full article.

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