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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

## PERSONAL OWNERSHIP

**By Col. Trevor Noel, Mission Support Group Commander**

Members of the 180th FW, I would like to briefly discuss a very important topic I see as being absolutely critical to our success in the near future. The topic is "personal ownership" but before I get into the ownership discussion let me provide a quick stage setting overview of what we the members of the 180th FW are about to undertake.

First, as most of you already know we have a Phase 2 Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) scheduled for 28 July – 3 August 2010. Our goal as a Wing is earning an Outstanding on this inspection. We have made some major strides as a Wing thus far to make the Outstanding possible. With the May ORE under our belts and many lessons learned we are preparing for our second ORE scheduled for 6 – 9 August. The May ORE was a walk-through and scaled back ORE which allowed us the opportunity to figure out where we need to apply most of our attention and effort. Overall the May ORE did exactly what we intended, it was the walk before we run test and we did just that. As we head into the August ORE I want you to know the stakes have been raised and we have added more to our plates. Simply put the Aug ORE will look MUCH more like a full up ORI and thus we need



**Col. Trevor Noel  
180th Mission Support Group  
Commander**

each and everyone in the Wing FULLY engaged and with positive attitudes.

In a similar fashion we will take the lessons learned in August into the October ORE once again adding just a little more to the plate. One point to note is that through August we will be evaluated by a mostly internal Exercise Evaluation Team (EET). Although we will continue this building block approach through the October 09, April 10 and June 10 OREs we will shift gears once more and bring in a mostly "external EET." Yes the pressure will be on because they will be paid to put us through a

more demanding pace even more so than the IG themselves.

No we do not desire pain, what we desire is perfection which is what it will take to achieve an Outstanding on today's Air Combat Command (ACC) ORIs. I for one am confident we are up to the challenge and will do everything in my control to help us achieve our goal.

This is where you come in; it will take EVERY member in this Wing, both ORI players and non-players, to do everything in their control to help us achieve our goal of outstanding. So, as I mentioned in my opening comments, my request and challenge to each and every one of you is to take "personal ownership" of the things you are responsible for. If you are truly responsible you will also hold yourself accountable for the results of your efforts. In essence "personal ownership" is ALL about being responsible for your duties and role in your organizations and in turn being accountable for the results.

I promise you if each and every member in this Wing adopts this attitude and mind-set we will easily get an Outstanding on the ORI. Most importantly with this mind-set our collective efforts will make the ORI easy. I will close by saying what I'm looking for is Wing synergy. Simply put "the sum of the parts is greater than the whole."

Thanks in advance for your efforts.

## 180TH "NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS"

**By Master Sgt. John Gibson,  
FW First Sergeant**

On May 29, the 180th Fighter Wing hosted another "Night at the Mud Hens" and saw the largest turn-out to date. This year we had a total of 225 members, along with their families, attend this fun-filled event, located along the third-base line, up in the "Coup".

Our own Master Sgt. Janeen Przysiecki, 2008 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, was randomly selected to throw out the Stinger <http://www.180fw.ang.af.mil/>

"ceremonial" first pitch. Janeen threw out one heck of a smokin' strike! Congratulations Janeen!

Our own Toledo Mud Hens squared off against the Charlotte Knights, and ended up beating them with a score of 5-1. The buffet was full of good food, the stands were full of good friends, and EVERYONE had a good time, correction a GREAT TIME! At the conclusion of the game, all of us were treated to a fantastic fireworks display. What

a way of capping off an already tremendous evening.

This event, as it has been in the past, was put on by the 180th Officers Club, with support from the 180th MWR Fund. A really big "Thank You" goes out to Lt. Col. Mike Timbrook for again planning and organizing such a successful good-time. Plan ahead for next year. I cannot wait to see how many tickets we can sell for that game. See you then..!

# 180TH NEW VICE COMMANDER

**By Lt. Col. Thomas Gee,  
Public Affairs**

Recently, the 180th Fighter Wing announced the selection of Lt. Col. Steve Nordhaus as the next Vice Commander for the unit. Nordhaus, who most recently served as the Wing's Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) Commander, replaces Colonel Nancy August, who will be retiring from military duty and has accepted the position of Staff Officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Arlington, Virginia.

"I would like to take a moment to recognize Col. August and her great achievements as a member of the 180th FW," said Nordhaus. "As a Group Commander and Vice Wing Commander, she touched and helped nearly every one of us with her leadership, mentoring, and people first focus. Col. August, good luck in your new adventure in Washington D.C."

Nordhaus said he looks forward to seeing all unit members



**Lt. Col. Steve Nordhaus  
180th Vice Commander**

and meeting the challenges in his new position.

"As your new Vice Commander, I promise to get out and see you in your work areas, learn

your concerns and issues and bring them forward for resolutions," said Nordhaus. "For those of you in the wing who don't know me very well; here is what I believe in. I believe we have the best work force in the entire Air National Guard. I believe every member of our wing is critical to our success. I believe we are all proud of our contributions to our nation's security. I believe hard work, communication, and mutual respect for each other are critical keys to great teams. I believe professionalism, customs and courtesies and our core values are essential to our wing's success. I believe everyone wants to be on a winning team. I believe in 1 Team, 1 Fight. I believe in our ability to meet ANY challenge our nation calls us to meet and I am proud to be on your 180th FW Team. See you in the Wing." Congratulations to both Lt. Col. Nordhaus and Col. August in their new roles.

## MEMORIALIZED

### ENGINE SHOP REMEMBERS FALLEN SERVICEMEMBER

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

A commemorative brick was presented to Kristi Mitchell here on July 9<sup>th</sup> by the members of the 180<sup>th</sup> engine shop in memory of her husband, 2nd. Lt. Dave Mitchell, who was killed March 14, 2008, when his F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed near Alamo Lake, Arizona.

"We all purchased it together," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Berry, propulsion element supervisor. "The engine shop members bought the brick in his memory."

About 30 members of the 180<sup>th</sup> silently witnessed the placing of the memorial brick by Kristi, who was helped by son, Brayden, one.

"I just want to thank everyone for this," said Kristi. "I appreciate it so much."

The flag brick program's

purpose is to honor and/or memorialize someone and to support the Minuteman Trophy program for individuals retiring from the 180th Fighter Wing.

A brick is engraved with a message of your choosing and placed around the flag pole located near the pavilion and building 114. Bricks are available in two sizes, 8 x 8 for \$38 to \$68 depending on how many lines or 4 x 8 for \$32 to \$42.

Please contact Chief Master Sgt. Richard Michalak at ext. 4029 or Tech. Sgt. Barry Beale at ext. 4152 to purchase a brick and for more information.

This is a chance to add a personal touch to a piece of 180th Fighter Wing history.



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Leininger, Public Affairs

**Members of the 180th engine shop remembered 2nd Lt. David Mitchell by purchasing a brick that was placed by his wife, Kristi and their son, Brayden at the 180th flag pole in front of Building 114.**

# 180TH MEMBERS LEND A HAND

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT ANG MEDICAL TEAM FOR THE OHIO SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

**By Tech. Sgt. Ingrid Mattes,  
Logistics Readiness Squadron**

On June 26th to 28th, several members of the 180th Fighter Wing volunteered on the Air National Guard-sponsored Medical Team for the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games in Columbus, Ohio. The Medical Team, which consisted of doctors, nurses, guard members, friends and family, assisted with the medical needs of spectators and over 2,600 athletes. This was a great opportunity for guardsmen to use Self Aid Buddy Care and meet other members in the Ohio Air National Guard.

The response from participating 180 FW members was overwhelmingly positive.

First-time volunteer Senior Airman Angela Del-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ice, Medical Group

**On June 26th, the 180th Fighter Wing Honor Guard participated in the opening ceremonies for the Ohio Special Olympics Games held at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. 180th FW members volunteered for the Air National Guard-sponsored Medical Team for the games.**

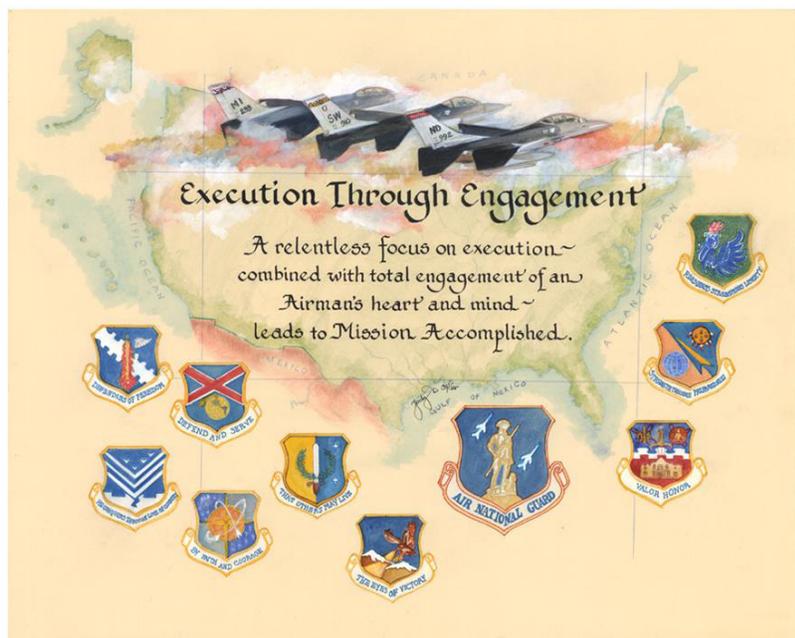
gado stated, "It was cool seeing the opening ceremonies on Friday and to see how excited the athletes were."

Staff Sgt. Kevin Wise said, "I enjoyed meeting people from other bases and look forward to doing it again."

This year, Springfield's 178th Fighter Wing Medical Group hosted the team with operational support from Mansfield's 179th Airlift Wing Medical Group. Medical supplies and equipment were also provided by Rickenbacker's 121st Air Refueling Wing.

"Seeing the smiles on those kids' faces reinforced what a great program the Special Olympics is," said SSgt Kristen Crots. "I felt humbled to be a part of it."

## HUMAN RESOURCES POSTER OF THE MONTH



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# PRECIOUS TIME-OFF FILLED BY VOLUNTEERING

DEPLOYED MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SERVE AFTER DUTY DAY IS DONE

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

While deployed to Balad Air Base during the Air Expeditionary Forces rotation last fall, a few volunteered their precious time to help others at the Balad Theater Hospital, Iraq.

One of them, Master Sgt. Gardner Watkins, former 180<sup>th</sup> Flight Chief for the armament shop, was happy to help out.

“Talking to the patients back and forth made the time go by faster for all of us” said Watkins, who works as a high school science teacher in Dublin, Ohio, in his civilian job.

In addition to keeping the patients company, 180<sup>th</sup> volunteers of past and present deployments to Balad had done such things as stock crash carts, triage wounded and help change bedding. Some helped out as first responders in emergent care situations.

“We were trained to work on the landing pad, getting patients off the helicopter and into the emergency room,” said Tech. Sgt. Tom Gonzales, Weapons Systems Journeyman.

Gonzales, who is a detective for the Toledo

Metro parks, was able to assist the hospital even further with the help of his co-workers, Marge Dembowski and Julie Streb, back home.

“They sent boxes and boxes of stuffed animals that people had donated,” said Gonzales. He was then able to give the toys to the hospital to be distributed to healing children.

Master Sgt. Dave Frost, Weapons Expediter, also devoted his days off to helping out.

“After we assisted getting the patients off the helicopters, some of the doctors would even let you witness some of the ER proceedings,” said Frost. “It was a very neat experience. I did whatever I could to help.”

Others who volunteered while in Balad included Master Sgt. Jimmy Cass, Repair and Reclamation Shop Chief, Senior Airman Marisa Coleman and Master Sgt. Tony Ursell of weapons, Master Sgt. Pete Smith, Weapons Expediter, Tech. Sgt. Joe Ray, Weapons Journeyman, and Senior Airman Ian Thomas of Communications Flight.

The 180<sup>th</sup> salutes all who have given their time to serve during past and present deployments.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Annette R. Kornasiewicz, Public Affairs

Members of the 180<sup>th</sup> who have volunteered at Balad Theater Hospital, Iraq, are from left to right, Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Gill, Weapons Journeyman, Master Sgt. David Frost, Weapons Expediter, Tech. Sgt. Tom Gonzales, Weapons Journeyman, and Tech. Sgt. Joe Ray, Weapons Journeyman.



## ON THE COVER

Bags are lined up ready July 11 during the Phase I exercise in preparation for the ORI at the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Williams, Public Affairs.



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## Disney offering “Armed Forces Salute” tickets

Through December 23, 2009, each current or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day “Disney’s Armed Forces Salute” ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions. During this offer period, current or retired U.S. military personnel (or their spouses, but not both) may purchase up to a maximum of five 5-Day “Disney’s Armed Forces Salute Companion” tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More options, this ticket can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. Actual prices may be less. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by December 23, 2009.

“Disney’s Armed Forces Salute” tickets can be obtained only at participating U.S. military base ticket offices (including at the Shades of Green Resort at the Walt Disney World Resort), or at main entrance theme park ticket windows. Tickets are not valid until activated at the main entrance theme park ticket windows. Valid military identification will be required to be presented by the service member (or spouse) for all ticket transactions (including to activate tickets at the main entrance theme park ticket windows). Contact the Wright-Patterson AFB ITT office for details or to purchase tickets at 937-257-7670. You will be able to fax required documentation to WPAFB. All parties must be present when purchasing or activating tickets at main entrance theme park ticket windows.

## 180TH 9TH ANNUAL PETE RAFFA SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On August 21 the 180th Pete Raffa Scholarship golf outing will be held at the Valleywood Golf Course.

The luncheon and sign-in will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes a half cart, 18 holes, lunch and beverage.

Prizes will be awarded for A/B flights and proximities.

Reservations are due as soon as possible. There is a maximum of 34 teams and money is due by August 11.

Proceeds will go to the Pete Raffa Scholarship Fund.

Make checks payable to the 180 Fw Officer’s Club and send check(S) to:

Dave Pifer  
10945 Springbrook Ct  
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

For additional information please contact Mr. Pifer at (H) 419-877-9106 or (C) 419-344-0067.

## NORTHWEST OHIO AIR SHOW

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is sponsoring the Northwest Ohio Air Show, Aug. 29 and 30 at the Toledo Express Airport.

Military members, past and present, are able to get in free both days of the event. Military members must have valid ID. For more information on other cost for general admission please visit [www.northwestohioairshow.com](http://www.northwestohioairshow.com).

The hours for the event are as follows:

Parking opens at 8 a.m. and costs \$5.00

Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Show starts at noon

There are no coolers, skate boards, bikes, skates or pets. All ticket sales are final, no refunds and no rain checks.

# 180TH

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Upcoming

Events

## Family Day Sunday, September 20

Mark your calendars for the 180 FW Family Day. It has been three years and many deployments since the last Family Day in 2006, so save the date and plan on bringing your family. There will be something for everyone from static displays to military community exhibitors, music, volleyball, corn hole, games, lots of food, and a car and motorcycle show.

AAFES is also getting involved and holding a truckload sale. Watch in the Stinger each month for more details on events of the day.

## 180TH MEMBER MEETS VP



Vice President Joe Biden and Senior Airman Jodi Leininger, photographer, 180th Public Affairs, stand inside the Willard and Kelsey Solar Group in Perrysburg, Ohio June 23, 2009. The Vice President landed at the Toledo Express Airport before he spoke to members of the local community. Senior Airman Leininger was able to meet him while supporting Public Affairs in her role as a photo journalist. This is the second time that she has had an opportunity to support our presidential leaders. As a member of the 2009 Armed Forces Inauguration Committee, she was able to take pictures of President Barack Obama. (Toledo Blade Photo, Andy Morrison)

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