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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

YOU ARE IN CHARGE!

**By Command Chief MSgt.
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Wouldn't it be nice if your commander or supervisor came up to you and said those words? Man what sweeping changes you could make! You could improve this, change that, make this easier etc. You probably think that things would go a lot easier if you were in charge because you have a lot of great ideas. Do you? Have you told anyone about your ideas? Are you allowed to (does your supervisor let you)? Do you have the power to do so? Is it your responsibility to do so? You bet it is!

Everyone has ownership in the 180th Fighter Wing. Everyone, regardless of rank, has a requirement to improve the unit and its ability to accomplish the mission. "But I'm an A1C and even though I have ideas, I'm too new at the job and in the unit to make valid and logical suggestions". Oh really? "Even though I'm a SNCO who possesses a lot of skill and leadership knowledge and experience, I don't feel like I'm being utilized in the upper level decisions in our organization or being empowered to make the tough decisions". No kidding? In both cases, that is a foul. Don't believe me? I'll prove it!

There is actually an Air Force Instruction that addresses your responsibilities as an Airman based on your rank. One of these responsibilities requires ALL Airmen to be active in their unit. That AFI is 36-2618. Recognize it? It is the Enlisted Force Structure (aka The Little Brown Book). From Airman Basic to Chief Master Sergeant, this AFI tells you what is required of you as an Airman. The Enlisted Force Structure also addresses your requirement to be proactive in your unit and the success of its mission. Read on. I'll prove it!



**Command Chief Master Sgt.
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180th Fighter Wing**

Junior Enlisted Airmen (E1-E4): Paragraph 3.1.7 states that you must "develop innovative ways to improve processes and provide suggestions up the chain of command that will directly contribute to unit and mission success." See! I told you so! Even as a Junior Enlisted Airman, you are responsible for and must make suggestions that will improve the unit and its ability to successfully accomplish the mission. Be proactive in what goes on in your shop and around the Wing! Don't wait to be asked. Your input is just as valid as everyone else's. Supervisors – you need to actively engage your junior enlisted in the day to day operations of your section and let them have some ownership in what happens! It is required!

NCOs (E5-E6): Paragraph 4.1.7 states the exact same thing as paragraph 3.1.7 (see previous paragraph). Again, as an NCO, you must be proactive in what is happening within your shop and at the 180th Fighter Wing. In addition, you must now start looking at the bigger picture! What is going on at the State and ANG levels that may affect the

Airmen assigned to your shop and to the 180th Fighter Wing! Is there something I can do about it? Know what is going on outside your section. Be proactive in gaining that information. Once it has impacted the Airmen in your section, it could be too late to change. Get involved in the various Wing councils. Join different CoPs that address enlisted issues and be proactive with them. It is required!

SNCOs (E7-E9): Paragraph 5.1.5 states that as a SNCO, you have the responsibility to "Help leaders make informed decisions. SNCOs must draw upon their knowledge and experience to provide constructive input to best meet the challenges facing their organizations." It doesn't say best meet the challenges facing their sections. It says best meet the challenges facing their organizations! This is really looking at the big picture! You must look outside the comfort zone of your section and even outside the Wing to look at and deal with issues ANG and USAF wide that not only impact your Airmen, but that also impact the mission of the 180th Fighter Wing. Commanders – empower your SNCOs to do the jobs they are required and trained to do! They have the knowledge and experience. They can help you get the mission done, leaving you time to accomplish your other commander duties!

Now remember, the Enlisted Force Structure is an Air Force Instruction. Therefore, it is more than written guidance, it is a requirement. Bottom line is this, as I have stated many times before, we all have a stake in the future of this unit and its ability to accomplish the mission. EVERY ONE OF US! Per the AFI, It is required! So what are you waiting for? In a way, you are already kind of in charge. Do something positive with it and make a difference today!

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...MAY SAVE LIVES

REALISTIC TRAINING REDUCES COMBAT AVIATOR LOSSES

By Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

July 13, 2009 marked the beginning of another Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev., the first in over five years for the 180th Fighter Wing.

The 180th Fighter Wing participated in this exercise specifically to keep pilots proficient in air combat maneuvers in-between real world combat deployments.

Known as the world's most realistic combat training environment, Red Flag was developed in 1975 to maximize the combat readiness and survivability of those who participate in this intense training exercise. Red Flag was created in response to the increased number of combat aviator losses during the Vietnam War.

"Data indicated that most of the losses occurred during a pilot's first 10 combat missions," said Lt. Col. Scott Reed, 112th Squadron Commander, "Red Flag provides realistic combat training and enables young pilots to gain the experience of their first 10 'combat' missions."

To make this exercise as realistic as possible, units from all branches of the service in the United States and allied countries traveled to the Nellis Range Complex to take part in this mock war, which covers 15 thousand square miles of airspace and over three million acres of restricted

land. This large area allows for these units, considered "Blue" or friendly forces, to engage the "Red"

tactics. These pilots, flying F-15 Eagles and F-16 Falcons, are among the best in the Air Force and have been trained to emulate tactics of past enemies, such as the former Soviet Union.

Maj. John Silance, an F-16 pilot here at the 180th, spent two and a half years as an aggressor at Red Flag before transferring to the 180th. "In order to be an aggressor, you were required to be an instructor pilot in your fighter aircraft," said Silance. "Once accepted to the aggressors, you went through a training program much like every major weapons system in order to be qualified as a flight lead, MiG 01, which is the equivalent to mission commander, and then finally an aggressor instructor."

A typical day at Red Flag consisted of one afternoon and one night-time mission. Preparing for each mission involved about eight hours of planning and briefings the day prior with other units included in the aviation package for that mission. The day of the mission often lasted 12 hours from pre mission briefing, flying and debriefing.

"Our 'night' crews usually saw the sun rise on their way home from work," commented Reed.

For this exercise, the 180th typically flew in a four ship formation performing air interdiction missions targeting simulated air defense systems totaling 84 combat sorties and 133.8 flying hours. These four ship formations were part of a larger aviation package consisting of 12 F-15 Eagles, eight block-50 F-16 Falcons, and 10 Israeli F-16's.

"Our pilots trained in the most intense, realistic combat training exercise in the world," said Reed. "The experience of integrating many different aircraft with a variety of capabilities gave us invaluable insight into fighting in a



Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs

F-16 CM pilot, Capt. Luke "Chops" Jones, from the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, inspects an A-120 missile in preparation for a combat training mission during a Red Flag exercise. Members of the 180th FW were deployed to Nellis AFB to participate in a Red Flag exercise. Red Flag exercises are intended to provide the most realistic training environments for the United States and allied air forces.

or hostile forces in carefully conducted large scale combat training scenarios.

Red Forces are made up of the 64th and 65th Aggressor Squadrons located at Nellis AFB and are trained specifically to provide realistic air threats and opposition tac-

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FAMILY DAY 2009



Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker



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Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Leininger

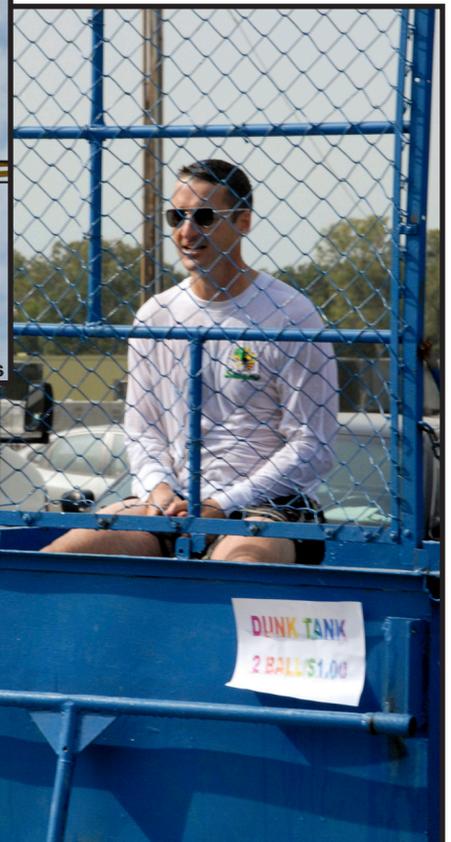


Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Williams

USAFCENT BAND REVITALIZES THE AOR WITH MUSIC

by Staff Sgt. Vernon J. Cunningham
U.S. Air Forces Central Public Affairs

It's neither "Stars and Stripes Forever" nor "Four Ruffles and Flourishes", but it is an Air Force band playing.

Instead, they are playing No Doubt's "Don't Speak" and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones' "Knock on Wood." The band is performing for an enthusiastic crowd who are playing tambourines and cow bells

lar tunes, they strategically ensure they play music to peak the interest of some of the younger personnel (18 to 22 years old), said 2nd Lt. Haley Armstrong, officer in charge. Their ability to adapt and raise morale would definitely be tested during their tour.

Their first performance was at the Coalition Forces club. Mojave

ing, singing along, and even invited to play instruments and sing on stage. The crowd packed into the structure and the interactive style of Mojave ensured that all personnel were involved in the action.

"After all that preparation, it was nice to do something familiar again and play for people," said Staff Sgt. Brian Bigelow, NCO in charge.

From there the tour started. Mojave moved through the AOR playing at both large, established, bases and small units.

Lt. Armstrong said it didn't matter if there were 40 or 200 members in the audience. They were still excited to play and the audience was just as pumped up.

"Some of the smallest gigs were the most rewarding," added Staff Sgt. Nicholas Kuetemeyer, Mojave band member.

Sgt. Bigelow said he was most impressed with Mojave's ability to learn music and adapt to a situation. On multiple occasions they learned a tune en route to a location or while on the band stand, due to requests from the audience. They showed maximum flexibility during one performance by playing jazz, acoustic and even "The Humpty Dance", a popular hip-hop song from the 1990s.

In sharing the gift of song, Mojave also lets other musicians express themselves.

During one performance, they let a member from the crowd come up and play the bass guitar on stage with them. Afterwards, he was so thankful, he ran back to his quarters to get a coin for the band.

On another occasion, three servicemembers were allowed to play "Summer of '69" on their own. Then, later in the tour, they allowed a colonel from the crowd to play with them. It was his first, ever, drum performance in front of a live audience.

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - Staff Sgt. Brian Bigelow (left) and Tech. Sgt. David Rochte (center) get up close and personal with the audience during a concert in Southwest Asia. The AFCENT Band MOJAVE played an energizing mix of new and old Rock music to give the attending warfighters a break from the stress and strain of serving in a combat zone. The AFCENT Band MOJAVE is made up of members from the Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes, Swanton, Ohio. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. Reid Christopherson)

while dancing in a standing-room-only packed room. This is today's USAFCENT Band.

The Ohio Air National Guard's Band of the Great Lakes, from the 180th Fighter Wing, deployed here [Southwest Asia] to perform as the USAFCENT Band under the name "Mojave," bringing music and morale to all of the troops.

Mojave takes pride in playing music that reaches all ranges of deployed and community members. In addition to traditionally popu-

lar tunes, they strategically ensure they play music to peak the interest of some of the younger personnel (18 to 22 years old), said 2nd Lt. Haley Armstrong, officer in charge. Their ability to adapt and raise morale would definitely be tested during their tour.

They were warmly received and the band had a great time performing. Mojave featured such tunes as "We're an American Band", "Freebird", "Hang on Sloopy", and other upbeat, songs. The crowd was danc-

OHIO GUARDSMEN PROVIDING FREE MEDICAL CARE

By **Eloise Aguiar,**
Honolulu Advertiser Staff Writer

More than 500 of Hawaii's medically underserved residents will receive free health care services, thanks to the Hawai'i and Ohio Air National Guards.

Some 34 Ohio Guard members, including doctors, dentists, nurses and medics, are treating patients in Waimanalo, Kailua, Kaka'ako, Mo'ili'ili, Kalihi and Hale'iwa as part of their training.

The Ohio personnel, from the 178th and 180th Medical Groups, arrived Saturday, began work Monday and will see patients who are underserved or uninsured until July 30.

In the first few days of operation here, an Ohio doctor may have saved a woman's life, said Barry Ko, trip commander with Ohio's 178th Medical Group. The patient, in her 70s, was experiencing rapid heartbeat and an ambulance was called to take her in for emergency care, Ko said. "That could have been life-threatening," he said.

Organized by the Hawai'i Air National Guard and the state Department of Health, the Hawaii Medical Innovative Readiness Training program provides general health, vision, dental and other services to communities. Called E Malama Kakou — to care for all — the program has the flexibility to adapt to various community needs.

The program is paid for by the U.S. Department of Defense and is part of the training dollars the Guard would normally spend to train the medical groups.

Their appointment book is full. By the end of their



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Codylynn Gomez, 180th Fighter Wing, obtains a blood pressure reading as part of a health screening at the Community Health Fair in Haliewa on the island of Oahu Hawaii.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Duane Meller, 180th Fighter Wing assesses the heart rate and rhythm of a local Hawaiian woman at the Community Health Fair in Haliewa on the island of Oahu Hawaii.

tour here, they expect to see 500 patients.

Ko said the Guard members are getting as much out of the experience as the people they serve, who he said have been gracious and welcoming.

"When you're doing something that makes a difference, it's very rewarding," he said.

At Waimanalo Health Center, the Guard set up a free dental clinic that's booked for their entire stay. Dentist Anthony Kim, director of the center's dental clinic, said the military dentist and his team are providing checkups, cleaning, fillings and, in at least one case, a root canal.

The National Guard is picking up the cost of supplies along with the services, helping the center meet the needs of people without insurance, Kim said.

"That's a cost we don't have to shoulder," Kim said.

Leah Kalahiki, 20, said she doesn't have dental coverage and knew she had cavities but couldn't afford to fill them. Although she dreaded the idea of getting the work done, she was grateful for the service.

"We're really blessed to have stuff like this, especially when they're looking out for people on this side," Kalahiki said.

Maj. Simon Nguyen, a dentist with the 178th, said the training for his assistants is invaluable since they might not be in the dental field outside the guard.

In the past the Guard has gone to foreign countries to train but doing it in the United States is more meaningful, Nguyen said.

"This is great experience because we're doing it for our own citizens," he said.

LOCAL CIVIL AIR PATROL

PILOT ASSISTS IN AIR NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING

1st Lt. John Morgan,
CAP Group VIII Public Affairs Officer

COLUMBUS, Ohio- The small private aircraft, a Cessna 182, was not responding to any messages from air traffic control and was on a path that would take it into restricted air space. The pilot's intentions were not known.

Years ago, before 9/11, this scenario would have caused concern but possibly not alarm. Not in the environment we live it today, however. This time, fighter aircraft from the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing in Toledo were launched to intercept the possible rogue pilot. Minutes later, the small aircraft was met by a couple of F-16 Fighting Falcons over the farm fields of Ohio.

Fortunately, it was not a rogue pilot. It was 1st Lt. David Sitter of the Civil Air Patrol, US Air Force Auxiliary, and the Cessna 182 was one of CAP's national fleet of over 530 single engine aircraft. The intercept was part of an ongoing series of training sorties called "Keynote Missions". These missions are a critical training tool for the Air Force in maintaining proficiency in tracking and intercepting these "low and slow" aircraft. Typical scenarios, which are planned weeks in advance, could include an unresponsive pilot with a non-pilot passenger, suspected drug smuggling, a disgruntled former employee flying over employer, or a pilot flying into restricted airspace.

The Ohio Wing of Civil Air Patrol is one of 25 CAP wings currently assisting the Air Force in these missions. The Air Force or Air National Guard unit being evaluated requests these missions, which are then reviewed by the Civil Air Patrol National Operations Center and the regional Air Defense Sector. After approval by the 1st Air Force, the Air Force command tasked to protect the continental United States, it is assigned to the appropriate CAP wing.

Once the small plane is intercepted, the fighter pilot has a number of options to get the attention of the smaller aircraft. One of the most challenging aspects of these missions is matching the speed of the faster aircraft to that of the smaller plane, which is much slower, during the intercept.

Sitter, of Dublin, has been a Civil Air Patrol member for the last seven years and a mission pilot for the last two. During the day he is an engineer for L-3 Communications Avionics Systems in Columbus. He belongs to the Columbus Senior Squadron based at Rickenbacker Airport. The squadron is a regular participant in the Keynote Missions. Training for these missions has real life implications, explained Sitter. "The recent incursion of a Canadian pilot into U.S. airspace with an alleged stolen aircraft is a great example of these types of missions Civil Air Patrol is supporting," the lieutenant said.

Last April, F-16s of both the Minnesota and Wisconsin Air National Guard intercepted a 31-year-old flight school student that had violated U.S. air space. They followed the plane until it eventually ran out gas and landed on a dirt road.

Sitter is honored to play a part in our nation's defense. "Civil Air Patrol has been an avenue for me to give back to our country, for a freedom that has allowed me to fulfill a passion of mine – aviation," he said.

The Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into World War II. CAP, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 56,400 members nationwide. There are 1,300 members in Ohio. CAP performs 95 percent of inland search and rescue missions, as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 91 lives in 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. Members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 22,000 young people currently participating in the CAP Cadet Program.

To find out more about youth or adult volunteer opportunities with Civil Air Patrol and to find a unit near you, please check out www.gocivilairpatrol.com or call 1-800-FLY-2338.

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EDITORIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

**By Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker,
Public Affairs**

Energy consumption here at the 180th Fighter Wing must be reduced by 13 percent in fiscal year 2010 in order to meet Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's goal of a 20 percent reduction in energy consumption by 2012.

Energy costs are rising, but the 180th's energy budget will not be increased forcing us to reduce energy consumption as not to exceed the annual budget while also meeting Strickland's goals.

Along with the State of Ohio's energy reduction requirements, Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, dated March 29, 2007, requires that all federal agencies reduce their energy consumption by three percent annually or by a total 30 percent between Federal Fiscal Years 2007 and 2015. Baselines for the reduction come from agencies total energy consumption in FFY 2003, meaning a 30 percent reduction in energy consumption from the amount consumed in 2003.

Here at the 180th FW, we have already reduced our consumption by approximately 28.8 percent since 2003. "We are on the right track," said the commander of the 180th FW Civil Engineer Squadron, Lt. Col. William K. Giezie. "We still have a long way to go and need to continue doing what we are already doing in order to meet these goals."

"I understand that we need to conserve energy, but its just too cold sometimes in a warehouse setting to leave the heat set at 60 degrees in the middle of winter," said Master Sgt. Lee Caplinger, clothing sales. "Its hard to work when you can't feel your fingers and toes."

In an effort to meet both the state and federal reduction goals, the 180th has implemented Wing Instruction 23-301, Energy Management and Conservation outlining all unit policies for energy conservation.

The policy felt by most unit members is the regulation of base heating and cooling systems. This policy mandates that the heating systems will be turned on the first of Oct. and be turned off on the 15th of April and set to 68 degrees in office spaces and 58 degrees in

shop areas during normal working hours. The air conditioning will be turned on the first of June and turned off on the first of Sept. and set to 74 degrees in shop and office spaces during normal working hours. Outside of normal working hours lower maintenance temperature settings will be utilized.

Though uncomfortable at times, maintaining a more rigid heating and cooling management system in itself helped to reduce our energy consumption by 13 percent from FY 2005 to FY 2007. "We all know the standards now and we know that they work," said Giezie. "We will all have to dress appropriately for the seasons."

"We are building a solar field here," said Master Sgt. Catherine Bouillon, training manager. Is it really worth the cost and what are the benefits?"

With much help from the Honorable Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

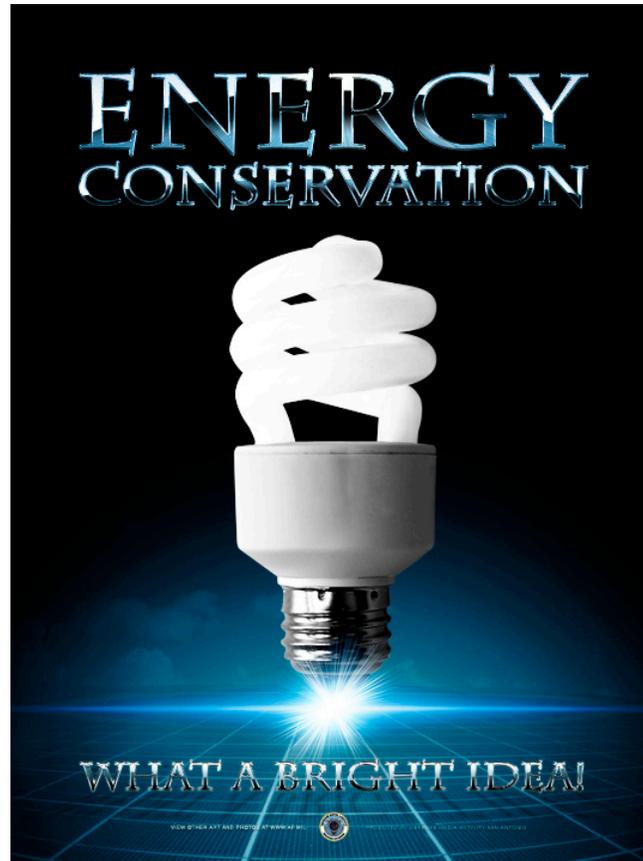
from Ohio's Ninth Congressional District, the 180th has begun the development of the solar electric generation. Kaptur obtained \$11.4 million in Department of Defense Research Development Testing and Engineering funds to develop a renewable energy site. "What we are about to produce is a prototype Guard research like none other in America," said Kaptur. This is "A glimpse of the future."

The site, scheduled for completion in Oct. 2010, made up of approximately 10,500 solar panels are projected to produce ¼ of the kilowatt hours used by the 180th. The projected savings is 24 percent of our annual electric consumption or \$100,000 our annual utility budget. "The funding for this site came from the Department of Defense," said Giezie. "None of the unit's normal budget was spent on the development of this site." The site officially began producing energy in Sept. 2008. All energy being produced by the solar field goes directly to use here at the 180th, in turn causing less use of outside energy sources. "The benefits of this site are immediate," said Giezie.

The 180th also has over \$2 million in other energy

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"Every gig we went to we personally interacted with the most amazing Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and [coalition forces]. It started with the British Coalition and kept going from there," said Lt. Armstrong.

Throughout their travels, Mojave got the troops excited and, using their style of newer rock and interactive performing, brought the music of the AFCENT band to a broader array of listeners.

Proof of their successful mission was evident as the band was shocked by the flood of requests for autographs which followed most of their performances. This time was usually a mixture of the host base's members praising Mojave's job of bringing great music to the AOR and Mojave praising, and asking about, the deployed member's job.

Staff Sgt. Michelle Pohlable, Mojave band member, said by the time they were done talking, the band members ended up being more excited about the deployed members' jobs than the employees were about the band's job.

One tone that stuck with the band was that it did not matter what service or base they were at, everyone

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high threat environment."

Throughout this two week war, several of the 180th's senior pilots had the experience of acting as mission commanders. As mission commanders, these pilots were responsible for the overall execution of the mission and up to 50 aircraft from different service and nationalities.

At Red Flag, 180th pilots had the chance to be exposed to a variety of mission types from interdiction, attack and air superiority to defense suppression, air-lift, air refueling and reconnaissance in an environment that is more intense than current combat operations around the world.

"As part of the Red Flag package, you get to experience the multiple different aspects a strike large force employment exercise that you don't necessarily get to see from the Red Air side," said Silance. "Red Flag allows for training that cannot be gained anywhere else; professional adversaries, surface to air missile replicators, and the capability to truly understand how to employ inside a 50 plus aircraft package.

When asked if the 180th would participate in other Red Flag exercises in the future, Lt. Col. Reed responded by saying, "We schedule Red Flag every few years to provide large force training to our pilots and specifically to our younger pilots in order to give them their first 10 'combat' missions before the real bullets start flying. The value of learning to operate and survive in this hostile environment is priceless and cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world."

was so proud of their facility. Every place was different and they all had history. And every installation's sponsor eagerly shared their history with the band. There was so much pride in their installation and their jobs in the service.

"It is humbling. We are coming here to give thanks and they were thanking us. Our job is to boost morale. But, a lot of times it was the other way around," said Sgt. Pohlable.

The AFCENT Band may have surprised deployed members on what they were able, and willing, to play. With the personal interaction and updated playlist, they did not notice anybody leaving whenever the band would take breaks and their audience would usually stay until the last note of the last song.

"Don't just write off the bands," said Lt. Armstrong. "If you hear about an Air Force band, give them a shot. You never know who they may be."

DAY OF HONOR



Courtesy photo
On Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Toledo Zoo, Command Chief Michael Haas accepted on behalf of the 180th Fighter Wing a large thank you card. The Toledo Zoo, along with Mercy Saint Vincent Hospital, presented the local armed forces, law enforcement, fire personnel and rescue personnel with these large thank you cards signed by zoo visitors. It was their way of remembering 9-11 and saying thank you to the above mentioned groups.

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conservation projects lined up throughout fiscal years 2008 and 2009. These projects include the installation of automated thermostats, lighting management and upgraded heating systems, all of which will result in a reduction of energy usage and utility bills.

Why is this so important, you may ask or how does this effect you? Along with meeting the goals and requirements set by both the state and federal governments, the 180th has a set annual budget for utilities of about \$600,000. Eighty percent of this budget is funded by the federal government and 20 percent is funded by the state. As energy costs soar our budget remains the same. "This budget has the potential to be decreased, but rarely will it ever be increased," said Giezie. "The money has to come from somewhere."

If the 180th exceeds the utility budget, money will be taken from other programs under the Facilities Operations and Maintenance Activities regulation. This means the loss of state contracted employees or even the loss of funds to clean and maintain buildings on the base or even to maintain the grounds. "If this were to ever happen we may have to look at assigning unit members additional duties for facility and grounds maintenance," said Giezie.

Energy conservation does and will affect all of us in one way or another. We may be a little chilly sometimes, but we can deal with that by dressing warmer or in layers. That is better than losing employees or adding more additional duties to the work load we have already.

We are all going to have to do our part in helping to conserve energy here at the 180th. "This is going to be the key to us making the presidential and governor's mandates on energy reduction," said 180th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Mark E. Bartman. "We've already picked almost all of the low hanging fruit and turned the thermostats down as much as we can, so we have to get engaged with alternative energy sources to comply with the mandates."

There are several things that you can do to help conserve energy. A 2007 study by Air Force Communications Agency found that by turning your monitor off at the end of the day and setting your monitor to sleep mode to ten minutes can save the Air National Guard \$1.5 million annually in energy costs. It's little steps like this and turning off the lights that add up and make the biggest impact. So take the time to turn your monitors and computers off at the end of the day. Make sure to keep lights off in areas that are not occupied or turn them off when you leave the room.

If we all make energy conservation our responsibility, we will continue to be on the right track to meeting the goals and requirements set before us.

180TH HONOR GUARD



The 180th Fighter Wing Honor Guard. Back row, from left to right: Airman 1st Class Jeffery Tabaka, Jr., Tech. Sgt. Bradley Haas and Senior Airman Ian Thomas. Front row, from left to right: Capt. Elizabeth Vossler, Senior Airman Lexi Close, Airman 1st Class Helen Kervin, Tech. Sgt. Serena Dedes and Chief Master Sgt. Lee Burgy.

The 180th Honor Guard provides funeral services for military members, retirees and veterans. They also participate in Color Guard ceremonies such as Memorial Day, Honor Flight and Toledo Speedway opening ceremony.

For more information on how to join the 180th FW Honor Guard please contact Master Sgt. Jeremy Lohman at 419-868-4159.

To request the Color Guard at your event please visit, the Ohio National Guard webpage at ong.ohio.gov.

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Family Programs is proud to offer to 180th members Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, for the second time. Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace!

During the first class held from Feb. 09' through Apr. 09' 12 members of the unit combined were able to pay off \$29,500 in debt and save \$26,000 by applying these principals. The 13 week course will begin again September 28th. The 2 hour sessions are once a week for 13 weeks. The class normally costs \$120 and it is being offered to 180th members for \$30.

The cost includes the membership kit for singles or couples, one of Dave Ramsey's New York Times best selling books and access to online support from thousands of others taking the class. The class has 10 slots left and are available on a first come first serve basis. If you are at all interested in this financial course, you can get more info at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>. You can sign up for the 13 week course by contacting Joe Carter in the Base Safety Office, 419-868-4238, or Judy York, 419-868-4550, in the Family Program Office. The \$30 fee must accompany registration and checks may be made out to 180th FW/FSG.

WAR GAMES..



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Williams

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Laura Smith and her wingman use Self Aid Buddy Care to take care of a head injury victim outside of Headquarters of the 180 Swanton Ohio Air National Guard Base. The 180th members were participating in an Operational Readiness Exercise.

2009 OCTOBER 180TH CCAF GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following 2009 October 180th Fighter Wing graduates of the Community College of the Air Force!

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Tech. Sgt. Jethan N. Avery
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Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
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Electronic Systems Technology

Military Family Fun Night

The Corn Maze at The Butterfly House

11455 Obee Road, Whitehouse, OH
www.whitehousecornmaze.com

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
4:00 - 7:00 PM

DISCOUNTED ADMISSION
\$5.00 PER PERSON (regular price is \$8)

- TRICK-OR-TREATING stations will be placed throughout the smaller mazes*
- Miniature putt-putt provided by the USO*
- Smores by the bonfire*
- Refreshments will be served*

~Add to the fun by coming in costume!

All children who wear a costume will be entered into a drawing to win one of eight \$5.00 Toys R Us gift cards, a YMCA/JCC membership, or a certificate for free classes at the YMCA/JCC



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Williams
U.S. Air Force State Command Chief Tamara R. Phillips does a video interview outside the Baker Building of the 180th Fighter Wing, September 19, 2009. Phillips was promoted as the new Command Chief of the state of Ohio.

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An F-16CM Fighting Falcon taxis out for a combat training mission during a Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB. Members of the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, were deployed to Nellis AFB to participate in a Red Flag exercise. Red Flag exercises are intended to provide the most realistic training environments for the United States and allied air forces. (Photo by Master Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Public Affairs)



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