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Combat Ready and Inspection Ready



Col Joseph J. Brandemuehl
115 FW Commander

There's an old military joke that was true in the past, that "any unit that's combat-ready never passed inspection and any inspection-ready unit never passed combat." Years in the past, inspections were often seen as "window dressing" and more about "painting rocks" than being able to actually do the job.

Not any more, and we can prove that inspection-ready and combat-ready units are one and the same. Now that we have excelled in the "combat portion" of the AEF cycle, we are into the training and evaluating portion.

Recently, the NORAD IG team was here to conduct an Alert Forces Evaluation (AFE) of our Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) mission. I'm happy to report that it went extremely well. Overall, our alert forces were rated "NORAD Mission Ready", which is the highest available rating under

the new three-tier grading system. If we still had the previous five-tier system, we would certainly have rated an overall "Excellent" and I believe we would have been a strong candidate for an "Outstanding".

I can assure you that this inspection was completely mission-oriented and the evaluation that we are "mission ready" says it all. We demonstrated our capability of performing the "real-world" mission every day, all day, and not just on inspection day. Some of the comments from the NORAD IG report include:

- Launch and recovery procedures were flawlessly executed.
- Well-choreographed and rehearsed launch procedures were smoothly executed.
- Maintenance information system documentation was error-free.
- All evaluated aircraft and weapons systems passed 100% reliability checks.

And, to top that, our security forces came through this inspection with zero discrepancies. That's outstanding if I ever heard it. These are the kind of results that come from a permanent culture of safety and excellence, not just ramping-up for inspection day. Thanks for the hard work and commitment.

That inspection, however, is just the beginning of a busy summer. During the June UTA, we will be hosting the 12 AF Safety team for a Staff Assistance Visit (SAV). Their purpose is to help our already outstanding safety office identify areas for safety improvement. The last time this SAV team came to Truax, they highlighted our Safety Office as the best ANG Safety in 12 AF. It is this reputation and culture of safety that has allowed us to excel for decades. Our foundation of safety has helped maintained an historic Ops Tempo while deployed in combat and defending the homeland.

Shortly after that visit, we'll have the ESOHCAMP in July, which I talked about at length in my last column. To recap, this inspection will check our environmental and occupational safety "health" and again help us hone our foundation of safety and environmental stewardship.

All of these inspections get noticed at The BAM

the highest levels. Units can highlight themselves in very positive or very negative ways. The 115 FW has an exceptional inspection history. We have a legacy of excellence that sets the standard for the entire Combat Air Forces (CAF). Other units look to us to see "how it's done". Our reputation is also reflected in the confidence that the theater commanders have in us, both in CONUS with the alert forces and overseas in the AEF. Great job and keep up the great work!

Since this is the last column I'll write until August, I want to wish all of you a very safe and enjoyable summer season. I hope you all get a chance to relax a little, enjoy family and friends, and come back for the August UTA refreshed and ready to go. Be safe, have fun, and thanks again for all you do!



On The Cover - SSgt Dan Wyrick of the 115 LRS found old unit guidons while "housecleaning" in the supply section. After being cleaned and ironed, the guidons made a nice cover photo as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 115th Fighter Wing.

In other anniversary news, the winner of the F-16 tail flash contest had not been determined at press time. Look for an announcement during the June UTA.

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Awards and decorations nominations move to vPC-GR

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Beginning May 30th, the process for federal awards and decorations nominations will officially change over to the Virtual Personnel Center – Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR). From submission of a nomination to its approval, the vPC-GR site will be the required venue for processing the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and Aerial Achievement Medal.

Using the Dashboard link on vPC-GR, users can submit nominations for an award or decoration, correct federal awards and decorations, request a copy of current decorations, view current federal awards

and decorations and inquire (nominators and coordinators only) about the status of a submission. In order to use Dashboard or to be nominated, each member must be registered with a vPC-GR account.

After a nominator completes the online submittal, each coordinator involved in the coordination chain can go in to review and/or make changes. Coordinators could include more than the unit or group commander, such as flight commanders or first sergeants, depending on wing's coordination policy.

"This change will significantly affect the coordination process," said SMSgt Melanie Lange, 115th Mission Support Flight. SMSgt Lange and Maj Brian Green,

deputy commander of personnel, stress the importance for those submitting award or decoration nominations for retiring members to do so well in advance of the projected retirement date.

All the final approved certificates will be sent from Total Force Service Center to the unit for approving authority (i.e. wing commander) signature.

"Knowing about this new process is key to ensuring our members are being recognized and awarded for their contributions. We are failing as an organization if we do not recognize our members for their service and commitment," said Col Brandemuehl, 115th Fighter Wing Commander.

For more information on the process, contact Mission Support Flight or go to the vPC-GR website. The vPC-GR site can be accessed via the Air Force Portal or <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/>.

PT testing on tap for September UTA

TSgt Don Nelson
115FW/PA

Your PT uniform and running shoes called. They miss you. They want you to succeed. It is time to make them happy.

During the September UTA, all members of the 115 FW will be required to participate in annual physical fitness training. All 115th units are scheduled to test and individuals are to sign for a time through their supervisor. The testing begins at 7 a.m. and members should report to the softball pavillion near civil engineering.

"Physical fitness is a critical element of readiness," said Col Brandemuehl, 115th Fighter Wing Commander. "Air Force

regulations are clear; those who do not pass the fitness test can not be promoted or deployed."

Prior to testing, each member is required to complete and assessment screening. The screening will determine whether the member will be required to run 1.5 miles or perform a step test. In addition to the aerobic portion, there is a strength test which includes crunches and push-ups.

The assessment screening will evaluate several risk factors to determine which test the member must take. The risk factors include a physical profile, certain chest or breathing discomfort conditions, and two or more of the following if over 35 year old:

- Physically inactive. The member has not participated in a consistent exercise program of 30 minutes per session for a minimum of three days per week for at least three months.
- Smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days.
- Member is diagnosed with diabetes
- Uncontrolled high blood pressure.
- Uncontrolled high cholesterol.
- Family history of heart disease.
- Abdominal circumference of greater than 40 inches for males and 35 inches for females.

-- Males over the age of 45 and females over the age of 55.

The assessment screening form along with additional information about the physical fitness program can be found at www.angfitness.com. Those who are not registered may contact their unit fitness program manager to gain access to the site.

The test is pass or fail with a score of 75 or higher required to pass. The following elements will make up the score:

- Height, weight, abdominal circumference.
- 1.5 mile run time or resting and recovery pulse for the step test.
- Sit and reach score.
- Number of push-ups and crunches in one minute.

Even though the newly completed running track is available for use, the run test will be completed by doing 3 1/2 laps on the road surrounding building 500.

Those who fail will be required to attend a health profile management briefing which educates members about diet and exercise. Members will also receive counseling from their commander and will be required to retest within 90 days.

"To prepare for the test, it is recommended members do light to moderate exercise at least three times a week, combined with a healthy diet," said Capt Michael Palmer, 115 MXS, wing fitness program manager.



The recently completed running track is available for fitness training, but will not be used for the fitness test during the September UTA.

(Photo by SSgt Katie Kane, 115 FW/PA)

Chaplain's Commentary

The Power of Words



Chaplain (Lt)
John O'Brien
115 FW Chaplain

The words we use are very powerful. These words can both build and destroy our lives and reputations. Our words can encourage, instruct, and edify the people around us. Our words can also discourage, mislead, and degrade the people around us. The words we speak and write can be either a balm that heals or a bomb that hurts our families, friends, and fellow Airmen.

Whispers fade away and pages are lost, but our words leave a lasting impact upon those who listen to them and read them. Speak in person. Make a phone call. Use your cell. Send a letter or postcard. Fire off an email. Text a message – and use a

noun as a verb. In all these scenarios, we are using the power of words in ways that impact our lives and reputations.

When we pray, we are invoking the power of words. Our spoken and written prayers may be in the form of poetry or prose. Our prayers may be ecstatic or scripted. But despite their form, they convey the content of our human experience as spiritual beings.

I have read and listened to many prayers over the years. Perhaps we have even seen and heard some of the same prayers. Nevertheless, I want to share a couple of prayers with you that are well worth your time reading and reciting. The power of the words transcend the time they were written because they contain practical knowledge and wisdom for us in the 21st century.

The first is very short and yet very insightful. It is attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr and is as follows, "O God, grant us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen."

The second prayer is from St. Francis of Assisi and is as follows, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be understood as to understand; not so much to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life. Amen."

The power of words to encourage, instruct, and edify are evident in these two prayers. I encourage you to ponder them for both their simple and their profound meanings. Allow them to instruct your own thoughts and actions. And finally, allow the power of words like these to edify your families, friends, and fellow Airmen.



First Sergeant's Corner

Proper Customs and Courtesies



SMSgt Mike
Busdicker
115 FW

Military Customs and Courtesies are proven traditions that explain what should and should not be done in many situations. They are acts that show respect and courtesy when dealing with people and have evolved into rules that define order, respect, and a sense of fraternity among members of the military. Yet they go well beyond these simple definitions and can play an important role in building morale and enhancing mission accomplishment.

Proper utilization of Military Customs and Courtesies help ensure respect for the chain of command along with building a foundation for self-discipline. With this in mind, I would like to touch upon a couple of areas of consideration for each of us to keep in our thoughts as members of the 115th Fighter Wing, the Wisconsin Air

National Guard, and the United States Air Force.

The salute is a courteous exchange of greetings between people or sign of respect when rendered to the flag. When a situation requires the rendering of a salute, the eyes and head should always be turned towards the flag or person being saluted. Also, when a situation requires a salute between people, the junior member should salute first with the senior member returning the salute. If you are outdoors and are carrying items, every attempt should be made to carry them in your left hand to allow saluting with the right hand. When a superior has both hands full, the junior member should still initiate a salute with the superior offering a nod or verbal acknowledgement of the salute. When a junior member has both hands full, only verbal greetings are exchanged between individuals. There are very few no-salute areas on our installation and the saluting of officers is mandatory.

Common courtesies among military members can go a long way in promoting good order and discipline within a unit. When common courtesy begins to falter, there tends to be a relaxation of discipline, resulting in a negative impact on mission accomplishment.

When working in an office environment, proper courtesy needs to be displayed to those officers in superior positions. Common courtesy dictates that when a superior enters into your office environment you immediately stand and recognize him or her. Common sense dictates that if worker safety will be jeopardized, a verbal acknowledgement may be appropriate.

Recognition of authority based upon rank and proper the use of titles should be remembered as well. Leaders of military units are placed in these positions based upon rank, combined with their ability to lead, and deserve the respect that comes with their authority. This holds true from the highest-ranking leader to the most junior person in a position of leadership.

It is acceptable to use first names when members of the same grade are meeting amongst themselves, but junior members should always address superiors by the proper title, showing respect for position and rank.

It is up to each one of us to build upon the strong talent and leadership demonstrated by personnel of the unit. The proper display of customs and courtesies will help keep us on the path set by past and current leaders.

Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter

Major Brian R. Green
115 MSF

Senior Master Sergeant Daniel S. Doolittle was selected as the Senior NCO of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter FY 2008. He serves as the Superintendent Operations Intelligence for the 115th Operations Support Flight. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), SMSgt Doolittle oversaw the Combat Intelligence Cell which validated over 4,200 mission reports. He also directed and managed the Mission Planning Cell's production of over 5,700 air support requests.



SMSgt Doolittle coordinated over 150 kinetic strikes in support of ground operations and supervised activities that led to over 2,900 TARS images being exploited for enemy resources and positions. He developed an OIF Intelligence Training Program for Intelligence Personnel and was awarded the 332 Expeditionary Forces Support Squadron SNCO of the Month.

SMSgt Doolittle is President of the Mid-Tier Enlisted Council and Advisor to the Junior Enlisted Council. He is very active

in the community and in Youth Hockey Leagues. He recently completed a Master's Degree from Silver Lake College.

Technical Sergeant Nathan G. Nickel was chosen as the NCO of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter FY 2008. He serves as a Squadron Medical Technician for the 115th Operations Support Flight. TSgt Nickel developed, coordinated and initiated medical out-processing for 294 personnel with zero discrepancies.

TSgt Nickel recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He volunteered to fly in Casualty Aero Medical Support Facility helicopter combat missions to augment flight crews and provided additional medical support that directly impacted patient survival. He also established and managed anti-fatigue protocols for the 176th Fighter Squadron's flying members, and he volunteered at the Balad Air Base Hospital.

TSgt Nickel manages two park properties for the Three Rivers Park District in Minneapolis. He also serves as a volunteer



National Ski Patrolman at several local ski resorts in Minnesota.

Senior Airman Joseph B. Pavela Jr. was selected as the Airman of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2008. He serves as an Operations Intelligence Technician for the 115th Operations Support Flight. Airman Pavela recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, he conducted intelligence briefings on over 450 flights and validated 3,300 Combat Mission Reports which resulted in no fighter or transient aircraft lost to enemy surface firing during this timeframe. He also implemented a surface-to-air firing data sharing plan which eliminated duplicate efforts and saved 240 man hours per AEF rotation.

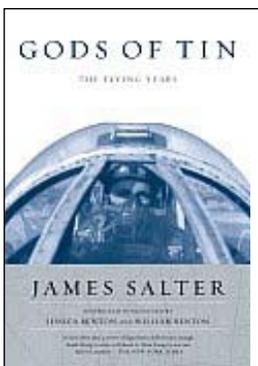
Airman Pavela was awarded the 332 Expeditionary Forces Support Squadron Airman of the Month and the Most Valuable Intelligence Airman Award during the deployment.



CSAF's quarterly reading list selections

Gen T. Michael Moseley
USAF Chief of Staff

Over 105 years ago, American inventors from Dayton, Ohio, changed the world by ushering in the era of manned flight. Since then, Airmen have continued to innovate, pushing the limits of imagination and technology to dominate the air and ensure our nation's security. As we expand our horizons, I recommend three new



books to enhance your professional development.

Gods of Tin, by James Salter. The author brings to life his riveting tales as a fighter pilot flying more than 100 combat missions over Korea.

On the Edge of Earth: The Future of American Space Power, by Steve Lambakis. The book reflects on America's accomplishments in space and its strategic importance to our national security.

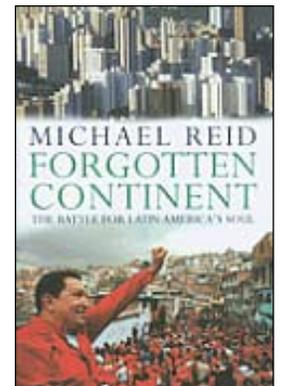
Forgotten Continent: The Battle for Latin America's Soul, by Michael Reid. Reid describes Latin America's unique opportunities and challenges and explains how economics and politics in the region affect our national security interests.

The book reflects on America's accomplishments in space and its strategic importance to our national security.



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Synthetic fuel testing begins on fighter engine

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Public Affairs

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, Tenn. (AFNS) -- Engineers at Arnold Engineering Development Center began testing a Pratt & Whitney F100 engine April 29 in the J-1 simulated altitude jet engine test cell using a blend of alternative synthetic fuel. The engine is the power plant for the F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Once testing and evaluation is complete, this will be the first fighter jet engine to use the synthetic blend.

Since 2006, AEDC specialists have taken an active role in supporting the U.S. Air Force's Alternative Fuels Certification Office in the evaluation and certification of the synthetic paraffinic kerosene alternative fuel, which is derived from natural gas or coal using the Fischer-Tropsch process, for use in all Air Force aircraft.

Testing at AEDC on the General Electric F101 engine, the power plant for the B-1 Lancer bomber, was the first series of testing of a high performance, afterburning engine with FT fuel for a combat aircraft.

This engine also was tested in the center's J-1 high altitude jet engine test cell.

Air Force officials have already certified the engines for the B-52 Stratofortress bomber to operate on FT fuel, and the C-17 Globemaster III transport has flown on SPK fuel.

The successful flight of the B-1B March 19 helped to reinforce the feasibility of the projected timeline for the Air Force's alternative fuels initiative.

Since 1969, AEDC has logged more than 20,000 hours testing the F100 engine.

Fitness 'In Training' program helps runners



The twelfth annual United States Air Force Marathon will take place on September 20, 2008, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- Air Force fitness has a new program that may improve Airmen's running goals.

The "In Training" program, accessible from the Air Force Fitness Web site, www.usafsports.com, has guides for runners of all fitness levels.

New runners can use the program to learn how easy it is to start a training program. Visitors will have access to the Air Force running doctor, tips, training schedules and an easy-to-use tracking system on a dedicated tracking site. The tracking system acts as a virtual coach, logging distances and allowing runners to see how they compare to others in the program.

"In a partnership with several corporate sponsors, we are dedicated to growing run-

ners in the Air Force community, military and civilians alike," said Margaret Treland, the Air Force fitness chief. "We know there are people who are interested in running but for one reason or another just haven't gotten started. This program will be a way for people to meet other runners in their area and track their progress on line."

The training regimen is designed to help a person train, regardless of their initial fitness level, for the U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled to take place Sept. 20 in Dayton, Ohio. The tracking program is the first of its kind to be associated with a sanctioned marathon. However, runners can apply the same training tips and regimens to local runs or marathons.

ABUs authorized on commercial flights

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force leaders here recently expanded existing uniform regulations and authorized Airmen to wear the airman battle uniform, battle dress uniform and desert camouflage uniform (as appropriate) while traveling in an official capacity on commercial travel throughout the continental United States.

Airmen are still authorized, and encouraged, to wear their blue uniforms.

Civilian clothes are also still authorized for wear while on commercial travel. Commanders have the authority to be more restrictive when conditions warrant. The policy does not extend to other utility uniforms, such as the flight suit.

Airmen are reminded that professional appearance and discipline are paramount to public opinion and confidence in the Air Force.

Questions regarding uniform policy can be answered via the Air Force Personnel Center Call Center at 210-565-5000 or toll free 800-616-3775, option 1, 1, 2.



F-16, chief hit 3,000 hour milestone



In the care of crew chief MSgt Brian Carroll and at the hands of pilot LtCol Erik Peterson, aircraft 87-260 surpassed 3000 flying hours while assigned to the 115th Fighter Wing. MSgt Carroll has been the crew chief for that aircraft since its arrival in Madison. Three other crew chiefs have previously hit that milestone with their aircraft - MSgt Bob Dederich (aircraft 87-280), MSgt Darrell Miller (87-343) and MSgt Mike Myers (87-288).

Coincidentally, LtCol Peterson was the pilot for MSgt Carroll's incentive flight.

Prepositioning weapons at Balad to save \$1.3 million

Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFP) -- Balad Air Base has been chosen by Air Force leaders to be the test base for a weapons prepositioning initiative expected to save the Air Force approximately \$1.3 million per year in transportation costs.

This initiative involves the prepositioning of M-9s and M-16s that will allow certain Airmen to travel here without weapons from their home stations.

The participants will, instead, sign for their weapons once arriving on station.

"If you consider that most people pay about \$85 each way for excess baggage charges for their weapon, this is a huge savings to the military," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Swartz, the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent

of supply operations deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

The first phase of this test period has already begun.

"We currently have almost 1,000 Airmen

testing this new program," said Master Sgt. Darryl Sterling, the 332nd ELRS customer service and equipment section chief deployed from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. "We figure the first portion of this test phase should save the Air Force approximately \$85,000 in transportation costs."



Master Sgt. Darryl Sterling checks the serial number on an M-16 rifle April 5 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Balad AB has been chosen by Air Force leaders to be the test base for a weapons prepositioning initiative expected to save the Air Force approximately \$1.3 million per year in transportation costs. (U.S. Air Force photo)

All weapons involved in this initiative are considered to be Balad AB or U.S. Air Force's Central assets and will be assigned to designated Airmen once they in-process the base. When the Airmen redeploy, they

will be required to outprocess through the armory here and turn in their weapons.

"By ensuring accountability of all weapons at a more centralized location we save the Air Force additional money," Sergeant Sterling said. "Prior to this new initiative, people leaving at a moment's notice usually due to emergency leave, would often forget their weapon at the armory. This resulted in us spending additional time and money tracking them down and sending their weapon back to them."

Additionally, this new program will also help reduce the number of hours spent trying to figure out the base to which a weapon belonged.

Individual Airmen play a crucial role in the success of the prepositioning program.

"All Airmen need to make sure to read their line remarks on their orders and check with their unit deployment managers to verify if they need to bring their weapon or if they are part of the test group," said Staff Sgt. Eric Michel, a 332nd ELRS armory customer service craftsman, deployed from Luke AFB.

"A lot of thought went into this process and we know it will be successful," Sergeant Swartz said. "This will be a great change for Airmen deploying in the future and we need everybody's help to show the Air Force that this program will not only save the military money, but also it benefits the Airmen by saving them time and aggravation during travel, especially with all the new rules in airports these days."

Tucker tapped for NGB post

By Lt. Col. Tim Donovan
Wisconsin National Guard

Wisconsin Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Charles E. Tucker, Jr. will become the new director for Joint Doctrine, Training and Force Development (J-7) for the National Guard Bureau on Oct. 1, 2008. Tucker has been assigned to Joint Force Headquarters of the Wisconsin National Guard as chief of staff of the Wisconsin Air National Guard and commander of the headquarters Air staff since August 2005.

His responsibilities at National Guard Bureau will include doctrine development, training and exercise programs, education, professional development and readiness assessment for National Guard joint units and operations. Tucker's new position is authorized the two-star rank of major general.

Tucker previously has extensive opera-

tional and international law experience. In 2004 Tucker served as military legal advisor to the U.S. ambassador to Iraq and in 2005 he served in the Defense Department's Office of General Counsel. He has also deployed in support of operations in Honduras, Brazil and Central Asia and in 1999 he served as legal and economic advisor to the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was named the Air National Guard's outstanding judge advocate of the year in 2001.

He served nine years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force beginning in 1982 with duty assignments that included chief of civil law in Germany and chief of international law in Turkey. From 1989 to 1992, Tucker was an assistant professor of law at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Following active duty he served briefly in the U.S. Air Force Reserve

before transferring to the Wisconsin Air National Guard in 1993. Tucker was staff judge advocate for the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee for more than six years before an assignment as staff judge advocate on the Wisconsin Air National Guard's headquarters staff brought him to Madison in 2002.

A current resident of Peoria, Ill., Tucker's civilian position is executive director of DePaul University Law School's International Humanitarian Law Institute in Chicago. He has also worked as a senior field attorney for the United States National Labor Relations Board and an adjunct professor of management at Bradley University.

Tucker has an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and a 1982 law degree from DePaul University.



New 115 FW JAG officer

The 115 FW welcomes a new judge advocate to the base legal office. Recently, Brig Gen Chuck Tucker, Chief of Staff for the Wisconsin Air National Guard, swore-in 1st Lt. Attila Bogdan as a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. 1st Lt. Bogdan will serve as the deputy staff judge advocate.

1st Lt. Bogdan is a graduate of the DePaul University Law School and currently serves as a county felony prosecutor for Cook County, Illinois. His legal background also includes expertise in the area international criminal law with a specific emphasis on the Geneva Convention, the International Criminal Court and War Crimes Tribunals.

News in Brief

Wisconsin National Guard Youth Camp

The National Guard Family Program and Volk Field host almost 600 youth and volunteers annually at Youth Camp. The Camp is held at Volk Field, August 1-3, 2008. The camp's mission of "Discovery, Friendship and Teamwork" develops between the young people attending camp. The youth will have an opportunity to build new friendships and work as a team, while learning more about different aspects of military life. For more information and registration for this event please visit the website at: <http://www.wingfam.org/index.asp>. The registration deadline is July 7th.

115 CES reunion set

The 115 CES is scheduled to host their squadron summer picnic here August 23rd. This picnic will celebrate past and present members of the squadron including the retirements of some current members. For those who plan to attend please send a current address, telephone number, e-mail address, and the number of those attending to: 115 Civil Engineering Squadron, Summer Picnic, 3110 Mitchell St., Madison WI, 53704, and as always, donations for this event are greatly appreciated.

Traditional officer position available

The 115 LRS is seeking applicants for a logistics readiness officer. The position

is a traditional guard slot with a maximum available grade of major. The closing date for applications June 8th. For further information on this job announcement, please contact CMSgt Lori Holen at 245-4575.

Airman online magazine revamped

Airman online magazine has a new look and will feature Airmen at war.

The web page change will bring the magazine online look in line with the rest of the Air Force's web sites. The new site will also bear a new web address as well: www.airmanonline.af.mil.

Visitors will be able to click on links that will take them to stories on the web or as portable document formats for viewing or printing.

News in Brief

Family Day set for June 28th

The 115th FW annual Family Day event is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, from 5-10 p.m. Events include a silent auction with several signed Packer footballs, mini-helmets and hats. Brats, hot dogs and drinks will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Members are asked to please bring a side salad or dessert to pass. Carnival games, and kids activities will run from 5-8 p.m. and all games and activities are free of charge. Rhythm & Booms fireworks run from 9-10 p.m. with unit F-16s take-offs and landings as part of the fireworks show. Volunteers will be needed to help with clean up starting at 10 p.m. For more information or to volunteer please contact Kim Sandleback at 246-4654 or 1-800-438-4654 or FRO@wimadi.af.mil.

BX Customer Appreciation Day

Customer Appreciation Day at the Base Exchange is set for June 7. BX shoppers can enjoy free hot dogs, chips and soda from 11 a.m. to 1 pm. The parking lot will feature vendors with free samples and giveaways all

day long. Customers can also register to win several items inside the store during the day. The event is just a small thank you for all those who support the facility.

Unit Welfare Fund offers discount golf

This summer, the Unit Welfare Fund is offering a discount golf program for all unit members and dependents. The UWF will match, dollar for dollar, the participation costs that the member pays to certain golf courses. Those participation costs are specially discounted rates for members and retirees. Unfortunately, the fund's limited resources do not allow for a match for retirees.

The participating golf courses include: Six Mile Course in Waunakee, Jefferson and Watertown; Kestrel Ridge in Columbus; Portage Country Club; Lake Mills Golf Club and Coachmen's Golf Course in Stoughton. Golf packages are also available at www.wisconsin-golf-packages.com.

Currently, CMSgt Carl Schoenecker runs the program and is seeking a volunteer to take it over next season. For more information, please contact him at 245-4369.

Credit Union officers elected

The Truax Credit Union held their 52nd annual meeting in the credit union office recently. Bill Scholz, a retired Army National Guardsman, was honored for 31 years of volunteer service to the credit union. Scholz's term of office expired and he declined to run for another term.

Mike Williams was elected to the Board of Directors. Mike joins the remaining directors, retirees Elaine Moll-Podoll and Bert Wilson, active Army Guardsman Mary Scullion and Air Guardsman Marty Jones. Air Guardsman Tim Pollack was appointed to the Credit Committee, joining Dennis Sommer (Air Guard) and Brenda Essie (Army Guard).

Full SSNs on ID cards to end

To combat identity theft, DoD will issue identification cards without full Social Security numbers on them. Plans are to remove the numbers from cards issued to military family members by the end of this year, but those cards will still display the sponsors' SSN, for now. Between 2009 and 2010, all cards will feature only the last four digits of a holder's SSN. New cards will be issued as they reach their expiration dates.

Among the Ranks

What are your Summer vacation plans?

Interviews by TSgt Don Nelson
Photos by SSgt Katie Kane



SSgt Quincy Amoah, 176th FS

I am going to Las Vegas for the fourth time. I am staying at the Luxor Hotel and Casino and I really like Las Vegas because it is like Disneyland for adults.



SSgt Dave Mahoney, 115 MXS

We are going down south for two weeks with another couple. We will be hitting Atlanta, Biloxi and New Orleans in a new motorhome.



SSgt Frank Greenan, 115 LRS

I wanted to go as far south as I could go, so we are going to the Florida Keys. We will be doing some deep sea fishing near Marathon Island and Key West, the swordfish capitol of the world.



MSgt Julie Stubblefield, 115 FW

I am going to Wisconsin Dells with my family. We are staying at Jellystone Campground. I am looking forward to not doing laundry for a few days and a break from the daily grind.

Capt. Mike Dampf, 115 SVF

Taking my kids to Disney World in Florida for one week. I have not been there since I was a kid and I am looking forward to my kids having a good time.



Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

Newcomers

1st Lt. Attila Bogdan
 TSgt Don Nelson
 SSgt Benjamin Hein
 SrA Nathan Reed
 SrA Erin Sturm
 SrA Matthew Treder
 A1C Stafani Hablewitz
 A1C Andrew Holm
 A1C Chad Olszewski
 A1C Caitlin Taylor
 AB Christopher Welter

Promotions



Kris Larson
 Brian Steffen
 Timothy Strassman



Bruce Bjugstad
 Jose Hernandez
 Jeffery Hirst
 Richard Lampi
 Dayle Payne
 Donald Rabitz
 John Schueman
 Peter Seibel
 James Toth

June UTA Pay Date



June 18, 2008

2008 UTA Schedule

June 7-8	Sept. 6-7
July NONE	Oct. 18-19
Aug. 23-24	Nov. 1-2
	Dec. 6-7



Tracy Aiello
 Michael Ayers
 Joel Dietz
 Jason Eisenmenger
 Terry Hiscocks
 Sara Jensen
 Rachael Lease
 Douglas Linder
 Eric Marcure
 Jason Merrell
 Stephanie Miles
 Gary Mills
 Mark Murphy
 Randall Petersen
 Patrick Polson
 Isaac Rades
 Michael Schmidt
 Gregory Schroeder
 Brian Stapley
 Justin Strausser
 Jacob Verbeten
 John Wheat
 Brian Wyman
 Scott Zingsheim



Brandon Buchner
 Aaron Clark
 Ryan Fish
 Timothy Janko
 Barton Lechner
 Jamey Kuske
 Joseph Pavela
 Roger Roth
 Emily Sears



Jason Gillis
 Ryan Pafford

Retirements

Col Thomas Wildes
 SMSgt Scott Hilber
 MSgt William Bloomer
 TSgt Troy Messer



Col Josph Brandemuehl, 115 FW commander, presides over the change of command ceremony for Col Thomas Wildes, 115 MDG. Col Wildes is completing a 35 year career with the Air Force and Air National Guard, all as a flight surgeon. He served as the medical group commander from 1999 -2008.



Saturday
 Grilled pork loin
 Grilled chicken - bbq & plain
 Red potatoes w/rosemary
 Corn on the cob
 Cornbread
 Tomato soup
 Rice Krispie bars

Sunday

Chimichanga - beef & chicken
 Burritos
 Spanish Rice
 Refried beans
 Green chile cornbread
 Black bean & rice soup
 Cookies

Meal hours are 10:30-noon each day and are subject to change. Meal cost is \$3.85. Please bring correct change.



Legacy of Excellence

Right: Ten Years Ago - Air Force Advisor to the 115FW Maj Tom Duke painted the lithograph seen here. Maj Duke has published several other limited edition prints over the years, some of which are displayed here at the 115FW. (July 1998 BAM)



Matera named to Hall of Fame

The first Wisconsin Air National Guardsman to become Wisconsin's adjutant general has just become the 25th member to be inducted into the Wisconsin Air National Guard Hall of Fame.

Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Matera (ret.), 68, was inducted at a special mass held every year honoring the military at St. Mary of the Nativity Church, Marshall. The Memorial Day weekend service was on May 30.

General Matera's distinguished, 46-year military career began at age 18 when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as an aerial gunner in the South Pacific during World War Two. Later, as an Air Force pilot, he volunteered for duty in Korea during the Korean Conflict.



Maj Gen Raymond A. Matera (ret.)

What would become a 35-year career in the Wisconsin Air National Guard began in August 1954 as an assistant operations officer in the 176th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. General Matera became chief of staff of the Wisconsin Air National Guard in 1971 and adjutant general in 1979.

General Matera is a command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in 11 different aircraft. His many awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with cluster, the Order of the Sword, and the Billy Mitchell Award.

The Wisconsin Air National Guard Hall of Fame was created in 1983 to recognize exceptional contributions to the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

Left: Fifteen years Ago - Major General (ret) Raymond Matera was inducted into the WI ANG Hall of Fame. He was the first Wisconsin Air National Guardsman to hold the post of Adjutant General in the state. His military career spanned 46 years, including 35 in the WI ANG, and included service in World War II and Korea. Matera's induction was performed during a special military-oriented mass at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Marshall. (June 1993 RAM)

Right: Twenty Years Ago - The 115th Weapons System Security Flight completes their fitness run en masse. They completed the course while carrying their colors, calling cadence and clapping. The group finished the 1.5 mile run in twelve minutes. (June 1988 RAM)



Below: Twenty-Five Years ago - Volk Field commander Col Walton Nichols swears in Mr. Kenneth Kammer at Kammer's farm near Camp Douglas. Kammer was an Air Force veteran re-enlisting to work flightline maintenance at Truax Field. (June 1983 RAM)



Col. Walton C. Nichols, Volk Field Commander, swears in Kenneth Kammer on his farm near Camp Douglas. Kammer, who has prior service in the Air Force as a jet engine mechanic, will be working in flight line maintenance at Truax after he returns from tech training school.

Below: Thirty Years Ago - Actor Bob Crane, best known as Col Hogan in the TV series "Hogan's Heroes", was found dead of an apparent homicide. Pictured here are photos from his visit to Truax in 1969, while filming a public service announcement for the National Guard. At left is Crane with then-Adjutant General James Lison, and at right with RAM photographer MSgt Bill Winter. (July 1978 RAM)



Bob Crane posed with Gen. Lison and Sgt. Winter on his 1969 visit.



—Official WI ANG

'Colonel Hogan' Found Dead

National Guard Loses Friend



SrA Thomas Twohig and SrA Phillip Givens adjust the guidance fins on an AIM-120 missile prior to flight. Both Twohig and Givens recently returned from a 60-day deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq where they were part of the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Wing in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photo by MSgt Paul Gorman, 115 FW/PA.