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115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, WI



## **State of Emergency**

## Commander's Commentary

### Welcome Back, and Well Done!



Col Joseph J. Brandemuehl  
115 FW Commander

First, I'd like to welcome everyone back from our summer break. I trust you all had a great summer, and a safe one.

Certainly, the summer was not entirely one of free time and vacations, as evidenced by a couple of recent inspections. Many people spent a great many weeks and months preparing for the Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspection and the Communications Security inspection, and I'd like to say "thank you" to everyone who had a hand in those preparations. The prep definitely paid off!

It seems that I write a lot about inspections. Well, we will always have inspections, and this summer was no exception! The good part about it is that I get to write about a lot of great things!

On the ESOHCAMP inspection, some of the comments we got from the team chief

included, "Outstanding organization..." and "...best Guard unit he inspected in the 18 months that he has been a team chief." You can't buy praise like that - you have to earn it.

Led by our Wing Safety and Bioenvironmental Offices, the ESOHCAMP went exceptionally well.

The assessment considered 107 major environmental, occupational health, occupational safety, weapons, and flight compliance categories, or protocols. The categories covered federal, state, local, DoD, USAF, and ANG regulations and instructions. Environmental, Environmental Management System, Ground Safety, Weapons Safety, Flight Safety, and Occupational Health all were assessed as Successful, the highest possible assessment. 58% of the "findings" were in the minor category, meaning basically paperwork issues that needed to be cleaned up, and the best part was that there were no repeat write-ups. This is a big deal! It shows that we take seriously the findings from previous inspections and take action to not repeat the same mistakes. This reflects very well on the unit as a whole and shows the inspectors that we are committed to doing things right every day. This inspection occurs every three years, so we can see then how well we put into practice the "findings" of this one.

Actually, there was one repeat write-up that the Team Chief joked about, a Positive Finding - Outstanding Flight Safety Program, with no write-ups on that program. Great work by everyone in the organization! The team had nothing but great things to say about our people and their can-do, proactive attitude. The Safety Office would like to especially thank every unit member for the professionalism displayed during the inspectors' visit, compliance with Safety's instructions, and everyone's obvious, daily commitment to our culture of safety.

We also recently completed an ACC COMSEC inspection. This takes place every two years, and for the fourth time in a row, we received an overall "Excellent". This shows that we take our security as seriously as we take our safety, and is just another example of the pride in "doing it right", something we do everyday whether we are inspecting or not. Our Comm Flight

was the lead unit in inspection, but other shops that handle a lot of COMSEC material, like the Command Post and the Maintenance Group, were absolutely integral in achieving this excellent result.

Whenever I am traveling the country for meetings and conferences, I am always asked by other commanders and leaders, "How do you guys do that in Madison?" They want to know what it is that keeps us at the top of every inspection rating system. I truly believe there's no secret to it. We hire great people, we train them well, we set high standards, we take pride in doing the job well, and the positive peer pressure to do one's best is just infectious. Like a top-ranked sports team, once you've set your high standards, you never want to let your performance drop and let the team down.

Thanks for maintaining your dedication to excellence, our legacy continues!

AEF or ORI? As the BAM went to press, we had not yet received a firm commitment regarding our next AEF cycle. We will either deploy again in September 2009 or perform an ORI in August 2009. The IG schedule was to be "set in stone" by mid-August, so my hope is that by the UTA, we should have a definite word one way or the other. One thing I am certain of, though, we will be ready for whatever tasking we are given and we will set the standard for others to follow.

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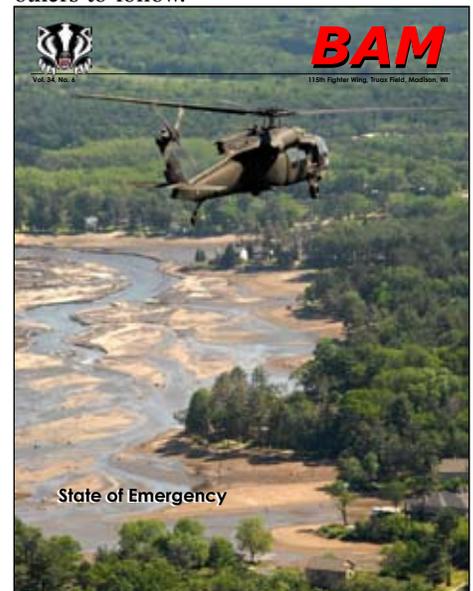
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**On The Cover - Lake Delton completely drained as a result of the early June heavy rains and flooding. Gov Doyle and Brig Gen Dunbar surveyed the damage here and at several other sites, and activated the Wisconsin National Guard to help in recovery efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt Paul Gorman)**

# New government travel card to be issued, arrive in mailboxes this month

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Check your mail for your new Government Travel Charge Card with a scheduled arrival of August 22.

DoD's current Government Travel Charge Card (GTC) contract with Bank of America is ending this year. As the Travel Card Program transitions to the new Smart-Pay® 2 contract, all government travel cardholders will receive new cards during the summer of 2008, beginning in August.

The new GTCs will be ready for use on Nov. 30, after the current cards issued by Bank of America expire at midnight (EST) on Nov. 29. Your new GTC will be mailed to your mailing address on file with Bank of America, so please ensure it is current or the new card will be returned to the sender.

If you do not receive your new travel card by October 31, 2008, notify Capt Mara at x4592 or TSgt Skelton at x4364.

If you will be traveling during the transition, you should charge all official travel expenses up to, and including, Nov. 29, on your current Bank of America GTC. Travel expenses incurred from after midnight (EST) Nov. 29 should be charged to your new GTC issued by Citi®.

When members receive their new card, receipt must be verified by phone or online anytime after Aug. 22 to ensure that you will be able to use it when it becomes active. The contact information will be on a sticker that is affixed to your card. As part of the receipt verification process, you will be asked to accept the Cardholder Agreement Terms & Conditions. You must agree

to the Terms & Conditions in order to use your new Travel Card.

If you had a restricted account with Bank of America, you will have one with Citi. If you were denied a card through Bank of America, you can re-apply for a Citi card.

The new card will also be VISA branded and will have the same worldwide charging privileges that the current card does. Charge limits will remain the same and Agency Program Coordinators will have the authority to raise limits to meet mission requirements.

For transition information about this transition, contact is Capt Mara at x4592 or TSgt Skelton at x4364. Cardholders can also visit [www.defensetravel.dod.mil](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil) or [www.gsa.gov/smartpay](http://www.gsa.gov/smartpay).

# All ANG members' email address to change; 115 FW to switch in September

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Beginning this fall, the entire ANG will consolidate email services which will result in a change to everyone's email address. The migration will take approximately four months to complete ANG-wide with the 115 FW transition set to occur Sept. 26-28,

As part of the change, members will no longer have "wimadi.ang.af.mil" as part of their email address. The ANG standard email address will be "first.last@ang.af.mil".

This new address is not to be confused with "email for life" (first.last@us.af.mil), which is merely a pointer on the Air Force Global Address Listing that directs mail to your ANG account. However, following the migration, each individual user will be instructed to access the AF Portal to change the routing of their "email for life" to the new ANG email address.

The transition will require users to make changes to any application that references their current email address. Examples of applications that will require changes include MYPAY, LEAVEWEB, and ABSS. It will also be important to share the timing of our local migration with any contacts you routinely do business with. All ANG units are converting between Labor Day and New August 2008

Year's Day, so many members' contacts in those units will also need to be updated.

As a result of the of transition to the new server, the migration process will not copy the contents of any Outlook data (mail, contacts, calendar, etc.) from your old email account to your new email account. Prior to the September UTA, the Communications Flight will publish instructions that will detail the exact steps necessary to backup, preserve, and restore your data. Should you encounter any difficulties, your Client Support Administrator (CSA) should be your first call for assistance. If your CSA is unavailable, the Communications Flight Help Desk will be standing by at extension 4522.

At the same time the email server is changed, unit computers will also upgrade to Microsoft Office 2007. Users are encouraged to become familiar with the new applications prior to implementation this fall. The Communications Flight has planted an icon on every members' computer desktop titled "Office 2007 Training." This shortcut will lead to interactive training files that will introduce the changes in each application. Training videos have been placed on the network file server at \\115fw-fs-01\Office2007Training.

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Included in the transition, all members can take advantage of the Microsoft Home Use Program. For a small shipping and handling fee, approximately \$21, unit members are allowed to purchase the full Microsoft Office 2007 suite of applications for use on one home computer. For more information or to order a copy, contact TSgt Annette Jilbert.

Finally, the CF recently implemented a "Wake on LAN" feature that will turn unit computers on to install updates overnight. This requires that computers are plugged into the network, have a power source, and have been replaced within the last year. This function will not operate on some older machines.

In order to meet energy conservation initiatives, the recommended end of day procedures are as follows: For "Wake on LAN" capable machines, simply click "start", then "shutdown", then select "shutdown" from the drop down menu; for desktops, be sure to turn your monitor power off as well. For those with older machines not capable of "Wake on LAN", we recommend that you click "start", then "shutdown", then select "restart" from the drop down menu; again, if you have a desktop please shut your monitor off at the end of your duty day.

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## Chaplain's Commentary



  
**Chaplain (Lt)  
 John O'Brien  
 115 FW Chaplain**

# Spiritual Triage

or an accident. Perhaps there has been an attack or an act of terrorism. Now imagine that in order to render the appropriate spiritual care, the chaplain needs to know your religious preference – and the chaplain needs to know it now. The chaplain looks for your I.D. tags and locates your religious preference, because at this crucial moment you are unable to provide this essential information.

Imagine for a moment that either you or a fellow Airman is in need of medical attention. Perhaps there has been an illness or an accident. Perhaps there has been an attack or an act of terrorism. Imagine that in order to render the appropriate medical attention, the medics need to know your blood type - and they need to know it now. They look for your I.D. tags and locate your blood type, because at this crucial moment you are unable to provide this essential information.

Now imagine for a moment that either you or a fellow Airmen is in need of spiritual care. Perhaps there has been an illness

Recently I was able to review the demographic data of religious preferences amongst personnel of the fighter wing. I found that about 31% identify themselves as Roman Catholic, 23% as Lutheran, 15% as having no denominational preference, and 15% as having no religious preference. About 1% identify themselves as either an atheist or an agnostic. Most of



the remaining percentages are distributed amongst those who identify themselves as Assembly of God, Baptist, Buddhist, Druid, Episcopal, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Methodist, Mormon, Pentecostal, and Presbyterian.

I only share all of this to underscore the importance of making sure that your religious preference is accurate and up to date in your personnel records. You can verify or update this important information with MPF or vMPF. Check your I.D. tags to ensure your religious preference is listed correctly. With such religious and denominational diversity amongst our fighter wing personnel, it is my duty as a chaplain to respect your religious preference. However, it is your duty to verify or update this information so that I, as your chaplain, can minister to you with honor and respect during your potential need for spiritual triage.

## First Sergeant's Corner Performance feedback



  
**Master Sgt.  
 Frank Blader  
 115 MXS**

Performance feedback - do you know what it is? Do you know what the purpose of it is, and how it can be properly implemented to effectively manage personnel performance, productivity, and future plans?

To begin I would like to take an excerpt out of ANGI 36-2627. "Feedback is a form of communication that should explain duty performance requirements and responsibilities, establish expectations, and tell the rate if they are performing as expected. Feedback is essential in

the growth of our subordinates, no matter what the rank. Formal feedback does not take the place of informal daily conversations on how an individual is performing. Formal Feedback should ask the following questions:

- How are you doing? (Performance)
- Where you need to be?(Expectations)
- How are we going to get you there? (Career development plan)"

As a supervisor, you play an important role in establishing the credibility of the Air Force Performance Feedback Program as well as, maintaining it, and preserving its integrity. You are the single most important person in a dynamic process

that, through mentoring and effective writing, ensures each Airman, Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), and Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) is afforded the same opportunity for success and increased responsibility. Is it also an excellent opportunity to get to know your people, and to stress the Air Force Core

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Performance feedback is an important aspect of the supervisor/subordinate relationship. Most people want to make a positive impact in their place of work, and contribute to making a difference in the overall mission of the 115th FW. They want to be recognized for their accomplishments and learn how to become even more productive members. Simply put, they want to know where they stand. People want feedback that is honest, objective, consistent, and fair. The Performance Feedback System is an excellent tool available to all supervisors to measure job effectiveness, and help subordinates plan future career path progression.

We owe our enlisted members a lot for their professionalism and dedication. Taking the time to properly complete Performance Feedback can make a difference in someone deciding to make a career of the Wisconsin Air National Guard or simply making it a temporary stop while they travel onto other adventures.

**“Simply put, they want to know where they stand. People want feedback that is honest, objective, consistent, and fair.”**

**Master Sgt. Frank Blader**

# 115th teams with Mississippi unit provide real-time video of flood damaged areas

TSgt Don Nelson  
115FW/PA

Flying at 8,000 feet above flood ravaged Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Air National Guard with assistance from Air Guard units from Arkansas and Mississippi provided emergency management officials with "eyes in the sky" to help with disaster relief efforts.

Recent heavy rains have left Wisconsin rivers and lakes swollen and in many cases the surrounding areas flooded. With disaster relief efforts ongoing, Airmen from the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison worked with Airmen from the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Air Refueling Wing in Meridian, Miss., to bring an RC-26 capable of flying over a flooded area and send back live video and still pictures.

Along with technological assistance from the Arkansas Air National Guard's 314th Airlift Wing in Little Rock, Ark., the mission flew to more than 25 different locations across the state to provide on-the-spot assessments of the flood situation.

The specific mission was born from a similar mission Wisconsin Air Guard members undertook during Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The Wisconsin Task Force Katrina also used an RC-26 to take photos of the bridges, highways and associated infrastructure in New Orleans. The Katrina mission required the RC-26 crew to land the plane to process the photos. The current mission in Wisconsin takes advantage of what's called a "Katrina Mod" which allows for instantaneous transmission of images and video without landing.

The testing phase of the modification was used in 2007 during the California and Florida wildfires. The mission in Wisconsin is the first, full-scale disaster assistance use of this technology.

Dubbed "incident awareness assessment," by aircrews, it is specifically designed to help coordinate on-the-ground relief efforts by providing real-time assessments of flooded areas. The imagery is sent to an antenna array that is temporarily set up on top of a building where officials coordinating the efforts can view the transmissions. The Wisconsin Joint Operations Center and the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center, located within the Wisconsin

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National Guard Headquarters, take these instant images and video and combine them with other information to coordinate the relief and recovery efforts.

"With any emergency response and recovery, it is all about accurate information," said Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar, adjutant general of the Wisconsin National Guard. "With this type of aircraft able to stream live video to the governor holding a cabinet meeting or a county official meeting with first responders, they can see first hand exactly what's going on and figure out how to deploy their assets in the best way possible."

Wisconsin's National Guard is organized under a joint task force where disaster relief support is a combination of support from the Air and Army Guard units that are best used to suit the needs to the response. In this case, the Air Guard side was used to fly the mission and the collection of the images and video was done by both Army and Air Guard personnel working along side Wisconsin emergency management officials.

The RC-26 mission includes drug interdiction support for local and state law enforcement agencies. Wisconsin is one of 11 states that are home to an

RC-26 and supports many of its neighboring states including Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The counter drug mission combines the assets of both the Army and Air Guard and provides the operational preparation the crews need to do disaster relief missions, said Lt. Col. Stephen Dunai, 115th Operations Group and RC-26 program manager.

"The communications and the relationships we have built up over the years doing the counter drug missions in Wisconsin apply directly to emergency response situations," Colonel Dunai said. "This greatly enhances our ability to provide support whenever called upon."

While it is not unusual for helicopters to



RC-26 Pilots Lt Col Scott Craver (left) from the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Meridian, MS and Lt Col Steve Dunai from the 115th Fighter Wing, Madison, WI fly an initial flood awareness assessment mission in the skies over Wisconsin June 10th, 2008. Photo by MSgt Dan Richardson

be used by officials for assessing damage over a particular area, the RC-26 offers some other advantages when there is widespread damage.

"The RC-26 is a fixed-wing aircraft which can get to the scene fairly quickly and can easily be redirected to other sites that officials would like to see," said Col. Dave Romuald, 115th OG commander.

The Katrina and wildfire missions allowed the units who fly the RC-26s to tweak the systems to allow for the greatest ability to transmit live video, particularly when working with crews on the ground receiving the feed and transmitting it to officials who need it.

"The use of live video is new to our mission," said Lt. Col. Rick Berryhill, 186th Air Refueling Wing from the Mississippi ANG. "The active duty has been using this capability for a while to support the war on terrorism and we are using some of the same concepts they use overseas."

Unfortunately, the bad weather in Wisconsin has generated a need to provide as much data to the emergency responders as possible, General Dunbar said, providing that data to those who can use it to help people is the primary goal of the mission.

"It is not about the particular cause of the event, whether it is mother nature or a terrorist threat; it is about all hazards response and this capability for homeland defense is irreplaceable," General Dunbar said.

# Devastation...



Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle (right) and State Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar (left), along with representatives from key state and local government agencies perform a flood damage assessment of Rock County Wisconsin from onboard a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter of the 147th Army Aviation Battalion on June 20, 2008. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt Paul Gorman)

Heavy rains in the midwest U.S. caused a 245-acre lake in Lake Delton, WI to overflow on June 9, 2008 destroying several homes as it breached a local highway, and completely drained into the nearby Wisconsin River. Serious flooding throughout the State of Wisconsin prompted the governor to declare a state of emergency, allowing Wisconsin's Adjutant General, Brigadier General Don Dunbar to activate National Guard troops to assist in the relief effort. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt Paul Gorman)



Mission system operator Lt Col Tim Howell from the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Meridian, MS operates a console aboard an RC-26 aircraft specifically designed for viewing and transmitting high quality video and still imagery to military and civilian Operations Centers in real-time. The crew of this RC-26 flew above the flood stricken region transmitting real-time imagery to the Wisconsin Joint Operations Center (JOC) and the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (WEOC) in addition to other agencies. This imagery was used to assess the integrity of several area Dams in addition to flood damage assessment in the hardest hit regions of the southern half of the state. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Daniel Richardson)

## ...and Celebration

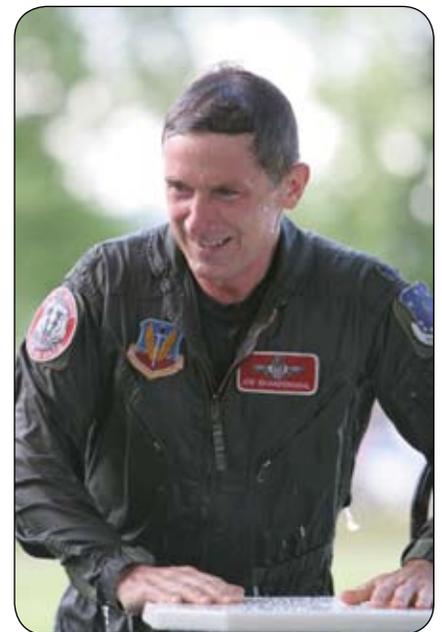
SSgt Mike Moen gets a welcome-home greeting from SMSgt Deb Shaw as the 115th Services Flight returned from a 120-day ECS deployment to Al Dhafra AB, UAE on May 22. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt Daniel Richardson)



115 FW family members enjoyed food, fun, fellowship and fireworks at Family Day 2008.



Part of the Family Day entertainment was a dunk tank with "celebrity dunkees" Command Chief Master Sergeant David Zoromski (left) and Wing Commander Colonel Joe Brandemuehl (right). (Family Day photos by TSgt Saul Easley)



## Country star sees 115th jets refueled up close



Country singer Laura Bryna, along side SSgt Linda Matthews, 128 ARW boom operator, gets a first-hand look inside the boom pod of a KC-135 during an air to air refueling of a 115th FW F-16. Bryna performed a tribute song entitled "Hometown Heroes," while on stage at Country Thunder music festival in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin July 16th. The rising country music star out of Nashville, Tenn. is the new voice of Air National Guard advertising. The song truly represents the spirit of The Air National Guard," said Bryna the singer/songwriter who co-wrote the tribute song. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Richardson)



## Wisconsin National Guard Team Places Third at NGB Marathon Championships

TSgt Mike Zeigle  
115 MXS

For the second year in a row, the Wisconsin National Guard marathon team placed 3rd overall in the national championships. The competition, which encompasses state teams from throughout the US along with teams from Guam, US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, has been held every year since 1984. The competition is held in conjunction with a recruiting/retention workshop, held the day before the 26.2 mile race.

For the fourth consecutive year, all three members of the team qualified for the "All Guard Marathon Team": Captain Mike Western, 128 Air Squadron, Volk Field, Sgt Jason Kirch, 106th Engineer

Team (Quarry), and TSgt Mike Zeigle, 115 MXS, Truax Field. All three members of the team have qualified for the "All Guard



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Team" every year they have competed, (33 years combined).

In addition to the National Championships at Lincoln, NE, members of the All Guard Team participate in additional competitions and recruiting events throughout the year.

Individual results for the Wisconsin team members were; Capt. Mike Western, Control 2:47:04, 2nd place 25-29 age group. Sgt. Jason Kirch, 3:02:53. TSgt Mike Zeigle, 3:00:16, 1st place 55-59 age group.

National Guard members interested in trying out for a position on next year's Wisconsin Marathon Team, (and/or the Wisconsin National Guard Biathlon Team which combines cross country skiing and marksmanship), can get additional information by contacting TSgt Mike Zeigle at [michael.zeigle@wimadi.ang.af.mil](mailto:michael.zeigle@wimadi.ang.af.mil).

# 115th members in action.....



(above) Capt. Suzane VanderWeyst, 115FW Public Affairs, interviews the Japanese Air Self Defense Force vice commander while deployed with the 386 Air Expeditionary Group at Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait. The Japanese military officers are part of a Maintenance Exchange Program with the U.S. Air Force. The program allows for an exchange ideas of how to do maintenance on the C-130, to better improve processes. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

(Below) Maj. Richard Svardahl (left), a C-26 pilot from the 115th Operations Group, and 2nd Lt. Paul Borke (right), an Intelligence Officer for the 115th Fighter Wing in Madison Wis., signal their position to a nearby A-10 close air support aircraft during a practice search and rescue (SAR) mission at Hardwood Range in Juneau County WI on July 16. As part of the 2008 Patriot Exercise, the SAR mission allowed Air and Army National Guard aircraft to work in tandem to locate, protect, and extract friendly personnel from a potentially hostile environment. (Photo by MSgt Paul Gorman)



## Among the Ranks

Interviews by TSgt Don Nelson  
Photos by MSgt Paul Gorman

What do you think about Brett Favre being traded from the Packers to the New York Jets?



**MSgt Chaz Bocook, 115 OSF**

I am pulling for him, however, the Packers and Favre walked themselves into a corner and team chemistry would have been destroyed and too much damage has already been done. It was probably best that he was traded.



**Maj Brent Keegstra, 115 OG**

I am completely bummed out, but, happy it is over. I think Ted Thompson and Mike McCarthy screwed it up. I'll be rooting for him and will buy a New York Jets Brett Favre jersey.



**TSgt Amanda Lease, 115 SVF**

I don't think it would be right for Brett Favre to play for another team. I would him rather play for the Packers or retire. It is just sad.



**SrA David Ruff, 115 MXS**

I did not think it would ever happen. It is good for Favre and bad for the Packers. I am sure there is more to the story, but, on the surface, it looks like Brett was not treated well.

**SSgt Edwin Vendrellcruz, 115 SFS**

He should have stayed retired and finished out his career on top. As a Bears fan, I would have rather seen him retired or as the Bears QB.



# Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

## Newcomers

Maj Jon Kalberer, 176 FS  
1st Lt Jonathan Hullsiek 176 FS  
TSgt Jeffrey Elk, 115 AMS  
TSgt Steven Iburg, 115 MXS  
SSgt Robert Fox, 115 AMS  
SrA Zachary Skiba, 115 MOF  
A1C Patrick Lauritz, 115 AMS  
A1C Clint Mc Cullick, 115 AMS  
A1C Jacob Rasmussen, 115 AMS  
AB Michael Vanhecker, 115 CF

## Promotions



Grant Berggren



Christopher Arenz



Steve Veers



Michael Daniels  
Laurie Kelsey



Nicholas Amoriello  
Andrew Brickl  
Timothy Dahnke  
Anna Dressler  
Richard Goddard  
Mark Hansel  
Scott Klobucher  
Bryan Krug  
Michael Murphy  
Rick Podoba  
Alexander Prestidge  
John Romadka  
Tara Tippiery  
Paul Vaughan  
Andrew Walker  
Thomas Williams  
Jeremy Wrolstad  
Charles York  
Scott Zingsheim



Savannah Fuchs  
Nola Marum  
Joseph Moore  
Bethany Simon  
Scott Thomas



Andrew Binns  
Julie Krohn

## Retirements

TSgt Allan Sitte



At press time the menu for the UTA weekend was not available, however, sources confirm that the meals will be as delicious as they always are.

## IG Tidbits

Did you know that the IG Complaints Resolution Program is a leadership tool? Absolutely! The program identifies where commander involvement is needed to correct systemic, programmatic or procedural weaknesses and ensures resources are used effectively and efficiently. Problems affecting the Air Force mission are promptly and objectively resolved. An effective Complaints Resolution Program should instill confidence in Air Force leadership and create an atmosphere of trust in which issues can be objectively and fully resolved without retaliation or fear of reprisal. For help and/or assistance with your complaint, your installation IG is LtCol Kari Wiegand, x 4648.

## Perfect Student

TSgt Laurie Kelsey recently graduated from the financial management and comptroller apprentice course at Keesler AFB with a perfect score. TSgt Kelsey is one of the newest members of the 115 AW finance office.

## New 115th website

Check out the 115th Fighter Wing's newly designed public website is available at <http://www.115fw.ang.af.mil/>. The site has many new features including unit news, photo and video galleries and unit links. Let the Public Affairs office know what you think of the site.

## Activated members to get extra W-2

Wisconsin ANG members who received payment for state active duty during 2008 will receive a separate W-2 from the State of Wisconsin at the end of the year.

The W-2 forms will be sent to the mailing address that was used to mail the state active duty checks to the service member. If that mailing address changes between now and the end of the year, the service member should contact the DMA State Payroll Office so the correct address can be updated prior to the W-2 forms being mailed.

If a WING member who received a payment does not receive a W-2 by Feb. 1, 2009, they should contact Katie Esser at [katie.esser@wisconsin.gov](mailto:katie.esser@wisconsin.gov) or via phone at 608-242-3165 at the DMA State Payroll Office.

## August UTA Pay Date



Sept. 3, 2008

## 2008 UTA Schedule

Aug. 23-24	Nov. 1-2
Sept. 6-7	Dec. 6-7
Oct. 18-19	



# Legacy of Excellence

**Right: Fifty Years Ago** - The photo lab was a far cry from what the PA office is now. Photo technicians worked on a large developing machine to process film and laid out the base paper by hand. Now, it's all electronic - much faster and a lot less messy! (August 1958 Scorpion)



Shown with developing machine are: (l. to r.) S/Sgt. John Hansen; A/10s Robert Germann, Ivan Iverson; also in Photo Lab are, T/Sgt. Winter, S/Sgt. Stan Waller and A/2C Moon Hyland.

Shown discussing a rival newspaper are: (l. to r.) S/Sgt. Jeth Alexander; A/1C "Ike" Eichstadt; Lt. Mack Hoffman, and S/Sgt. Don Beran, all of Info Section (See Story on P. 2).

BY T/Sgt. W. R. Winter, NCO in Charge  
THE BASE PHOTO LAB in a Fighter Group has as its primary mission—to process film from airplane cameras. The 115th PhotoLab has four men in its photo department and two men in camera repair.

## BOWLERS TAKE SECOND



Team members left to right; front row, Mark Hamilton, Capt Stan Allen, John Newell, Back row, Patrick Kinney and David Kinney.

The Seventh Annual Air National Guard Bowling Tournament was held March 15th thru the 17th at New Orleans, La. The 115th Fighter Group Team took second place in the tournament. There were 252 entries from 40 different states. Members of the 115th team were team captain Stan Allen, Mark Hamilton, David Kinney, Patrick Kinney, and John Newell. The teams total pins (with handicap) was 3048. Entered in the tournament was one team from Volk Field, two teams from Milwaukee, and nine teams from Madison.

**Left: Forty Years Ago** - Truax Field has a history of sporting success. The BAM and its predecessors have reported on top-notch performers in softball, baseball, marathons, biathlons and triathlons and in a Wisconsin tradition, bowling. The team at left finished second in a field of 252 teams in the 1968 National Guard Bowling Tournament. (July 1968 Deuces Wild)

**Right: Fifteen Years Ago** - Wing Commander Brig Gen Fred Sloan received the I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award from the NCO Academy Graduates Association. It was the second year in a row the award went to Madison. The previous year's winner was LtCol Gerald Olesen. (Aug 1993 RAM)



## Brig Gen Sloan Receives I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award 22 July!

Brig Gen Fred R. Sloan received the I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award for Region 6 during the 25th Silver Anniversary National Seminar of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association held 22 Jul 93 in Knoxville, Tenn.

This is the second consecutive year that 128 FW commanders have won this prestigious award. Lt Col Gerald C. Olesen received the award last year.

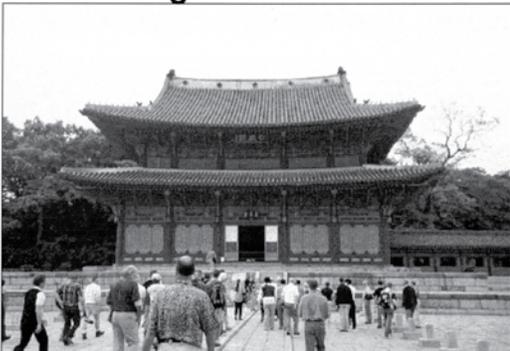
This award is given to a commander who shows great support for our organization, PME and the NCO. Madison's

Chapter 5 received the Outstanding Chapter Award for Region 6.

In July 1994, the National Seminar will be in Madison, with Milwaukee's Chapter 86, Madison's Chapter 5, and Volk Field participating. The last time Wisconsin hosted a National Seminar was in 1972, the first seminar ever held away from McGhee Tyson ANG Base.

The NCO Academy Graduates Association meets every UTA, on Sunday at 1415 hours in Building 500. Interested persons should contact SSgt Angela Colden at Ext 478.

## Modernizing an ancient land...



Twenty-three members of the 115 Civil Engineer Squadron recently completed two rotations to Osan Air Base, Korea. Unit members were part of an Air National Guard team installing fibre optics cables on the base. On one of their infrequent days off, unit members had the opportunity to see historic sites like this royal palace. See story on page 11.

**Above: Ten Years Ago** - 115 CES members deployed to Osan AB, South Korea to install fiber-optic cable. Despite the heavy rain, which slowed their work, they were able to do a little sightseeing, like the royal palace, above. (August 1998 BAM)

**Right: Five Years Ago** - the 115 FW was right in the middle of its last ORE/ORI cycle. The end result was an overall "Excellent" when the ORI smoke cleared. (August 2003 BAM)



## Wing airmen hone readiness skills

TSgt Albert Kelly, 115th Medical Squadron (right) and TSgt Trent Stein perform an unexploded ordnance sweep after a simulated attack during the July Operational Readiness Exercise at Volk Field. The upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, Aug. 16 -22, will allow the unit to demonstrate its customary dedication and readiness to the inspection team. For more photos from the recent ORE, see pages 6-7.



Photographer Joe Oliva produced yet another spectacular Rhythm & Booms picture with one of our jets, this time with the newly-painted 60th Anniversary F-16. Winning designer Paul Valenstein, a relation of SrA Laura Valenstein, 115 MXS, is pictured with the jet at Family Day 2008. (Fireworks photo courtesy Joe Oliva, winning designer photo by TSgt Saul Easley)