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# Stay Focused...challenges and changes ahead!



**Col. Joseph J. Brandemuehl**  
115 FW Commander

First off, I'd like to thank everyone for a very successful Mega-UTA and Family Day during the June UTA. Family Day was the highlight of the UTA, and it would not have been a great success without the hard work of countless volunteers. I would personally like to thank everyone who sacrificed their personal time for our Guard Family. We all know that we cannot be "Mission Ready" without the support and sacrifices of our families.

From ancillary training to fitness testing, the Mega-UTA went very well. We accomplished a great deal and it set the foundation for pressing forward with the AEF deployment next month. This UTA will feature a good deal of the processing required for the AEF. As always, be prepared and be patient. The people who arrange the processing are very good at their jobs, but there are a lot of you to get through the system. Be pre-

pared, have your prerequisites done, get your paperwork in order before you go to process, be on time, and be patient. We need to get this processing done now, so we are ready to go when we get the official "launch date". Finally, I'd like to thank all of you who are stepping up to the AEF deployment. The 115th Fighter Wing has excelled in all previous AEF rotations, and I fully expect this AEF will be the same... living up to our standard of "Dedicated to Excellence".

**OG Change of Command.** The 115th Operations Group has changed commanders. Col. Dave Romuald has accepted the position of State Director of Operations for the WI ANG, taking over from the retiring Col. Chris Helstad. Col. Romuald has been the Ops Group Commander since December 2006, and has led the Ops Group to new levels of excellence. The 115th Operations Group has developed a national reputation for being combat seasoned professionals with a strategic vision for future fighter operations. Great job Col. Romuald, and congratulations on your new position.

As of August 1st, the command of the 115th Operations Group is now in the hands of Col. Jeff Wiegand. Col. Wiegand is one of our most experienced F-16 pilots (see the story on page 16 about him achieving 3000 flying hours in the F-16) and has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout every level of his military career. I have full confidence in his ability to carry on the Ops Group reputation and vision. The official change of command ceremony will take place on Saturday of the August UTA.

**Block 40 Conversion.** Since I announced to you in the last BAM that we were slated to receive Block 40 F-16s, things have accelerated faster than, well, an F-16! We now expect to receive our first Block 40s this fall. By June of next year, we should have all 22 Block 40 jet on station – 20 C-models and 2 D-models. The jets are coming from Osan AB, Korea and Hill AFB, Utah. Likewise, our Block 40 conversion partner, the Colorado ANG at Buckley AFB, will receive their new jets from the same locations.

Our current Block 30s will be transferred to the DC ANG and Buckley's will go to Atlantic City, with those two units' "small inlet" Block 30s being retired to the boneyard. The logistics of moving all these aircraft is a

marvel of coordination and, in advance, I'd like to thank all the people involved. This is an enormous task.

Once we get the jets on station, that is when the hard work begins. From the pilots' point of view, the Block 40 conversion should be fairly straight-forward, as the cockpits are nearly identical, with only minor avionics differences from our current jets. On the maintenance side, though, there will be some serious training involved, especially for the avionics, flight controls, and weapons people. Knowing our maintainers, though, I'm convinced they will soar through their training and come home ready to get to work. The Maintenance Group will have a lot of work to get the jets up to the 115th Fighter Wing standard. I have no doubt that they will meet the challenge and have these jets up to the highest standard for Block 40 maintenance.

**Stay Focused.** As you can tell, we have a lot of challenges ahead of us over the next 12 months. No matter what the challenge, whether AEF deployments or an F-16 conversion, we need to stay focus on the task at hand. First priority, and most important, is the AEF deployments. We have people's lives at stake, and we need to focus on every mission. Once we get home, we can start to focus on the F-16 conversion and beyond.

As always, stay focused, be professional, and be flexible. I know you will make the 115th Fighter Wing, the State, and the Air National Guard proud!

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## On the cover...



**Tech. Sgt. Jason Roberson, Force Sustainment NCOIC with the 115th Mission Support Flight scans his ID card to record his attendance at a Family Program briefing June 30, 2009. (U.S. Air Force Photo by: Master Sgt. Paul Gorman**



# Suicide – a permanent impact from a temporary challenge

I write this note as an open letter to all members of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. As I have said in many different places, we need each and every one of you to meet our mission requirements. We often stress safety, but one issue, suicide, should be highlighted. It is simply heartbreaking to see the impact and devastation endured by the survivors. This fact is made even worse knowing that we have numerous resources to help, but they are useless if not used.

I ask each of you to be attentive during the required suicide prevention training. Please don't look at as "just another class you have to go through to fill a square." Seriously consider the information presented and apply the lessons learned. We talk of "being a good wingman" – be alert to changes in your friends and coworkers. Ask, maybe even probe a bit, and if necessary, assist in referring an individual to the available resources. At state headquarters, the Service Member Support Branch, has numerous staff, ready willing and able to support. Family Assistance Centers are dispersed around the state and provide 24/7 response capability at 1-800-292-9464. In addition, our Wing Chaplains, Legal Officers, and Medical Groups all stand ready to assist in various ways. Military One Source has also proven to be an effective support network. Call 1-800-342-9647 or MilitaryOneSource.com

Please, if you are suffering in silence, pick up the phone, go online, or visit a friend – don't suffer in silence. We can only assist if you allow the assistance.

JOHN E. McCOY, Brig Gen, WI ANG  
Assistant Adjutant General for Air

## Chaplain's Thoughts



  
**Chaplain (Maj.)  
James Chizek  
115 FW Chaplain**

## Are you game?

"Dude, you've got to be into this!" said one engineering student with great excitement to his wide-eyed college buddy, his friend's eyes and ears now wide open. What was he talking about? He was talking about the Bible's message which God had recently used to change the orientation of his entire life. He had believed the message and through it,

embraced the message Giver.

Some of you might marvel when the emotions of normally stoic engineering types are so moved, but the word of God reaches the heart. Like a person lost and cold in a pitch black woods on a moonless night, how sweet and delicious to the eyes is the discovery of a single porch light. Even so, a true word from God pierces your darkness. It rejoices your soul and comforts your heart with a higher perspective you had not even considered.

Regardless of your take on the good book, I would like to ask each one to take the Proverbs challenge. The biblical book of Proverbs is filled with short pithy little sayings that are energizing powerhouses to wise living when heeded. I challenge you to

read a chapter a day for thirty-one days, whether you deploy or not, and if possible, get your mate to do the same.

Divine words, like great music, go right to the heart and strangely transform their readers. Read and ask the Spirit of God to apply the words of God to you. Read the same chapter in the morning and again in the evening because this is how great spiritual leaders of the past like Charles Spurgeon used to feed themselves on God's word. I can tell you, it really works. Google the book Charles Spurgeon wrote, "Morning and Evening," if you wish but remember the challenge is for one chapter a day from the biblical book of Proverbs.

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# Fighter wing medics assist in Nicaragua

by Airman 1st Class Ryan Roth  
115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 115th Fighter Wing's Medical Group treated the needy and sick of Nicaragua in May as part of a joint humanitarian mission with the Army, known as the Medical Readiness Training Exercise.

The free medical care provided by MEDRETE was needed throughout the country and the 115 FW played a continuing role in helping the Nicaraguans see the U.S. as a positive force in the region.

"Many would walk two to three hours to get treatment by American doctors, some with holes in their shoes and many looking very thin," said Maj. Jessica Y. Sullivan, an advanced practice nurse prescriber from the 115th Medical Group.

MEDRETE treated the medical, dental, and



Children at a school in Nicaragua receive beanie babies and dental hygiene kits made up of toothpaste, a tooth brush and dental floss as the mission promoted goodwill and preventative medical care.

optometric needs of the Nicaraguans and provided preventative medicine to them. In addition, the team had a veterinarian to treat the farm animals and pets of their patients.

"We wanted to make their walk worthwhile," said Lt. Col. John R. Anslinger, an optometrist from the 115th Medical Group.

The team worked as quickly as they could to see as many patients as possible, Colonel Anslinger added.

One elderly gentleman, probably 75 - 80 years old, arrived and explained through an interpreter that he had lost his glasses, said Colonel Anslinger.

The man had cataract surgery a few years before and had very poor vision. Colonel Anslinger gave the patient the greatest prescription he had with him. When the man put the glasses on, he spoke to the American team in a language the interpreter didn't need to translate.

"We saw the smile on his face."

MEDRETE was made up of about 37 medical personnel. There were three MDs, one physician's assistant, two nurse practitioners, three dentists, one optometrist, one veterinarian, four nurses and other medical personnel.

"We were all very busy each and every day," said Major Sullivan.

In 10 days of field work the team helped well over 6,200 Nicaraguans obtain medical attention.

"The mission provided a continued opportunity to adapt to operating in a field environment," said Colonel Anslinger. "We had to improvise and think on our feet."

This is the first time Major Sullivan has been to Nicaragua and it is the second time for Colonel Anslinger, who joined the Army National Guard mission last year.

"Our goal was to spread goodwill and win the hearts and minds," said Colonel Anslinger. "What



Maj. Jessica Sullivan, an advanced nurse practice nurse from the 115 FW, and Sgt. Darrell Haas, a dental technician and former unit member, pull teeth as part of a humanitarian mission to Nicaragua.

we are doing there is important."

When asked if they would return on future mission trips to help the people of Nicaragua, both Colonel Anslinger and Major Sullivan responded with an excited affirmation. "Yes."

In addition to Colonel Anslinger and Major Sullivan, Lt. Col. Nancy A. Miranda from the 115 MDG participated in the mission.

The mission traveled to Pueblo Nuevo, Guesa Yuca, Llos Janos and ended their mission work in San Ramon.

# 115 FW pilots deliver F-16s to Hellenic AF, build coalition ties

by Capt. Suzanne VanderWeyst  
115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Four pilots with the 115th Fighter Wing proved developing the bonds of comradeship with coalition partners can occur in the most unique situations when they delivered four F-16 Fighting Falcons to Araxos Air Base, Greece, on June 20.

Lt. Cols. Bruce Fischer, Matt McCunn and Doug Read and Maj. Bart Van Roo flew four new F-16s purchased by the Hellenic Air Force. This is the first F-16 contract they've had with Lockheed since the Air Base began their conversion from the A-7 Corsair to the F-16.

As the pilots taxied in on a fresh asphalt taxiway into a shiny new hangar finished the day before, they were each met by the Greek pilots of the newly delivered F-16s. From the initial shaking of hands and trading of patches, to a formal reception in the hangar, the 115 FW pilots said they were received by the 116th Combat Wing members like they were part of the family.

"It's certainly very rare to get an opportunity to do something like this ... to bring F-16s to one of our allied partners there and have instant friends when you land, even though we have never met them before," said Colonel Fischer, 115th Fighter Wing Air Sovereignty Alert commander.

Even with all the countries Lockheed delivers aircraft to, Major Van Roo, 176th Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations, said the rarity of the experience is so high because there are so few deliveries that any one pilot would get to do.

The opportunity for the 115 FW pilots arose in part from Colonel Read's former working relationship and ongoing friendship with the current 116 CW commander, Col. Kostas Vouzios, who was his squadron commander during a one year remote active duty tour at Nea Anchialos Air Base also located in Greece. When the Greeks purchased their second F-16 contract with Lockheed in 1997, part of what they paid for was two American instructors to come over and train them for a year on the aircraft. Colonel Read was chosen to be one of the instructors who flew with one of their squadrons.

However, it was another relationship he made while stationed in Greece that brought the prospect of the F-16 delivery to his attention. During his year there, Read met the

Lockheed rep who lived in Greece, Ken Hayes, who just moved back to Greece recently to manage the current purchase. Both Read and his wife are good friends with Mr. Hayes and his wife and keep in touch with each other.

"When I found out Kostas was the wing commander, I thought it'd be nice if we could go over and take him some airframes," said Colonel Read, 115th Operations Support Flight commander. "So when the Lockheed folks got back to us and said not only do they have one but four (aircraft) to take over, we welcomed (the opportunity)."

The reception of all the 115 FW pilots given by Colonel Vouzios and the 116 CW was characteristic of the same Greek hospitality Colonel Read recalls experiencing during his previous time there.

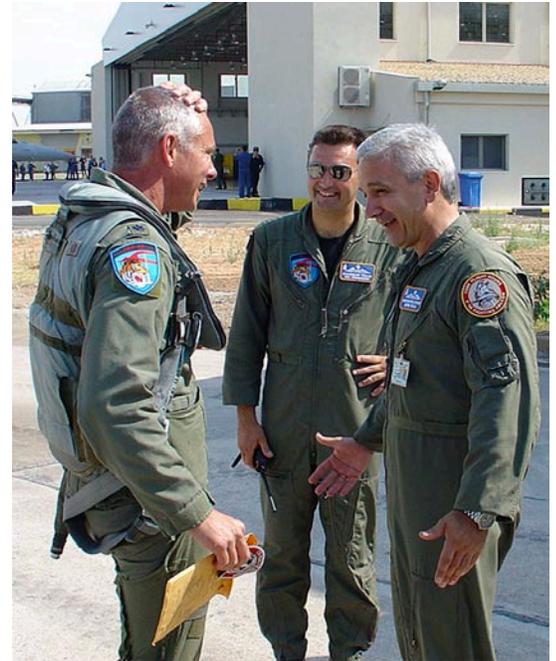
"The relationship is really the neat part of the whole thing because ... we can learn a lot from them in terms of hospitality," said Colonel Read. "They just have a wonderful level of hospitality they extend to you when you're over there."

The extension of that hospitality was shown also to the spouses, Lt. Col. Anne Fischer, Kelly McCunn and Wendy Read, who were able to fly separately, at their own expense, and be there for the reception of the four pilots.

"When I was stationed there in 1997, there was an opportunity to take my family over and have them with me, it would just be at my expense, and when I first met Colonel Vouzios, he was absolutely insistent that I do that because they wanted to welcome the family over there and extend the hospitality to them," said Read. "The family thing is very important to them, and having Wendy go back and the other wives go, that shows."

The day after the pilots arrived, the Greek squadron hosted a family get together. They shared about flying, family, what they do in their country, how they're going to use the aircraft and they training they do.

"It was neat to really get to know them a little bit even if it's only for a few days, and see how they're going to use them, what they think of us and our training and what they think of their training," said Major Van Roo. "There's a level of trust there



Lt. Col. Doug Read, 115th Operations Support Flight commander, is greeted by 116th Combat Wing commander, Col. Kostas Vouzios, upon arrival to the Hellenic Air Force base. (Photo submitted by Clyde Williams)

with what we're doing, in particular since Colonel Read had been there and worked with several of the guys who happened to be at this wing ... so we got some special insight into it all."

A level of trust that Colonel McCunn, 115 FW Air Sovereignty Alert director of operations, said extends all the way to the current Hellenic Air Force chief of staff who was the 111th Combat Wing commander when Read was there.

"The relationships go both ways because the impressions (their leadership) got from Colonel Read, which were obviously favorable, will certainly influence their thoughts of the USAF," said Colonel McCunn.

In the end, all the pilots described the most valuable aspect of the experience being the relational ties between two coalition air forces they were able to strengthen.

"I think it's really important for us to get outside the walls and the borders of our country and go to places, meet other people and see how they do things," said Colonel Fischer. "If we were ever to wind up going and fighting alongside these people it sure is nice to have something to fall back on, even just a little insight, knowledge and understanding of the people you may be working with."

# Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

by Capt. Suzanne VanderWeyst  
115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Known best by its acronym that few can decode from memory, the Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants flight, or POL, with the 115th Logistics Readiness Squadron here does more than just drive a big green truck and pump fuel ... it helps save lives.

With extensive quality control, accounting and storing programs that encompass every aspect of the fuels flight mission to provide clean, high quality fuel to all aircraft and vehicles on base, the POL team does their part to ensure every Airman in the pilot or driver's seat at the 115th Fighter Wing can perform their mission safely.

"We have a really strict quality control program that we follow," said Tech. Sgt. Allen Nielsen, POL flight laboratory supervisor.

Upon receiving fuel, samples are drawn and tested for any contamination. In the end, all fuel is filtered three times before it actually gets into the aircraft.

Another service POL Airmen provide to the aircraft is cryogenics, better known as the liquid oxygen aviators need in order to breathe at high altitude. It's such a serious item that cryogenic technicians must go to a formal school and then do six months of on-the-job training before they can be awarded certification.

Even with a small shop, the 115 LRS fuels flight can produce big results. When a higher sortie generation is required, they can perform hot pit refueling, which means fueling the aircraft while the engine is still running. They also can decrease aircraft turn-around time by refueling while munitions Airmen simultaneously reload. On top of all that, the POL flight has someone on duty 24/7 to take care of the high priority alert aircraft.

When asked how challenging it is to work in fuels, POL flight superintendent, Master Sgt. Dennis Notler, said being physically fit to handle hoses in icy winter conditions and being able to drive a 70-plus thousand pound truck without crashing into anything are just some of the challenges.

U.S. Air Force photos by: Master Sgt. Paul Gorman and Staff Sgt. Ashley Bell





Staff Sgt. Patrick Brown, refueling unit operator for the 115 FW, monitors the fuel flow rate during hot pit refuel operations.



An Oshkosh R-11 refueling truck stands ready for operations June 28, 2009.



Staff Sgt. John Brown, center, a refueling unit mechanic with the 115th Fighter Wing, points out areas of danger to Staff Sgt. Shaun Herholz, left, and Staff Sgt. Patrick Brown, during hot pit operations on one of the unit's F-16s.



Staff Sgt. John Brown, refueling unit mechanic for the 115 FW, transfers JP-8 jet fuel to an R-11 refuel truck for distribution to the unit's F-16s.



Members of the 115 FW perform hot pit refueling. Hot pit operations allow the refueling of aircraft with its engine running, allowing for fast turn times between missions.



by Master Sgt. Takashi Dehart  
115 AMS  
First Sergeant

# What is My Enlisted Development Plan?

Setting goals and establishing a plan for your development and career progression

can be integral to your success as a career Airman. Often times this path may not be as clear as we would like it to be.

As a young Airman, you may struggle or get discouraged if you don't have all the answers on how to progress in your career field. As a junior noncommissioned officer you will become a technical expert but may want to seek out greater challenges. As a senior NCO you will have faced many challenges and may look to see how you can round out your career. These are challenges all career Airmen may face at certain milestones in their careers. Fortunately, the Air Force has created a tool that allows each Airman to look at their current developmental progress and find insight into future

requirements for each stage of their career: My Enlisted Development Plan (EDP).

MyEDP is a force development tool launched in October 2006. At that time, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney J. McKinley (now retired), envisioned a portal that allows Airmen to play a bigger role in developing their respective Air Force careers. Chief McKinley stated, "It's your personalized space to view, plan and track your career." MyEDP encompasses enlisted Airmen's education and training, leadership and job experiences, providing Airmen a complete view of all their data and information in one location. It provides Airmen critical career field and grade specific information managed directly by each career field manager. It also has unique features, such as a personal journal and mentoring capabilities where supervisors or mentors can see your goals and help you accomplish them.

MyEDP is a comprehensive source and

serves as a "roadmap" for continuing your professional development, helping to face the challenges of career progression. To access your MyEDP page, log into the AF Portal, click on Life & Career, then Force Development (FD), finally on the left column Enlisted Development and your MyEDP page will open in a new window.

Establishing goals, developing a plan to meet those goals, and attaining those goals are key components to an Airman's success. This is a cycle we all will experience many times over in our careers and MyEDP is a useful tool to help us through the process. What is YOUR Enlisted Development Plan?



## Airmen- our #1 asset

Wisconsin Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Master Sgt. Jayson Colvin, base training manager for the 115th Force Support Squadron, works with one of the 115th's newest member, Sen. Airman Adrian Willett of the 115th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Sgt. Colvin manages the formal training requirements for all unit members and was honored with the NCO of the year because of his dedication and professionalism. (U.S. Air Force photo by: Staff Sgt. Ashley Bell)



Husband and wife enjoy same-day promotion. Tech. Sgt. Michael A. Lien, 115th Communications Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of voice networks, and Tech. Sgt. Tracy L. Lien, a communications-computer systems planning and implementation management specialist also with the 115 CS, were promoted to the rank of master sergeant June 27. Together they have 32 years of military experience and five years of marriage. They reside in Mazomanie, WI. (U.S. Air Force photo by: Staff Sgt. Ashley Bell)



# News Briefs

## Travel Section Tips

Return from TDY: Submit your Travel Voucher within five work days. Outstanding Travel Vouchers affect your travel pay, GTC payment, and the wing budget. Travel appointments: Be sure to attend all travel appointments. Please check the appointment system for up to date appointment information: <http://115fw-badger-01/web/appointments/check.cfm>. Claiming mileage on orders: Be sure to write in your round-trip mileage.

## PA Officer

The 115th Fighter Wing is accepting applications for Public Affairs Officer. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, preferably in mass or public communication, communicative arts, journalism, public relations, advertising, or one of the behavioral sciences. Non-commissioned applicants must have received qualifying scores on the AFOQT and will need to attend ANG officer training as well as PA officer school. The maximum authorized grade is Major. Application deadline is November 8, 2009. Mail cover letter and resume, one copy of the AF Form 24, a copy of the qualifying AFOQT scores and a transcript of baccalaureate or higher degree to:

115 MSF/DPMMAE  
3110 Mitchell Street  
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ATTN: MSgt Heather LJ Howe

For more information, call Master Sgt. Howe at (608)245-4586.

## GI Bill

Air Force Personnel Center officials provided updates to the field recently on the Air Force implementation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The updates, effective Aug. 1, include guidance on how eligible Airmen can choose to transfer part or all of their educational benefits to family members enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. All Airmen serving greater than 90 days of active duty, post-Sept. 11, 2001, are automatically eligible and enrolled for the new GI bill benefit. For additional information and eligibility requirements, visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

## Military Justice

On June 30, 2009 a senior airman assigned to the 115 OSF was reduced to the grade of airman first class under Article 15 of the WCMJ for dereliction of duty and insubordinate conduct towards a noncommissioned officer.

On 15 July 2009, a TSgt assigned to the 115 CF was reprimanded under Article 15 of the WCMJ for conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the armed forces and insubordinate conduct towards a noncommissioned officer.”

## Bye-Bye BAM

The Public Affairs Office regrets to announce the imminent demise of the monthly newsletter we know as The BAM. The new AFI 35-101 directs units to cease using government funds to publish base newspapers. Despite the best efforts to find a “loophole”, we anticipate the last BAM issue to be the October 2009 edition. That's the bad news. The good news is that the information you get in the BAM will be available on the 115th Fighter Wing public web site: [www.115fw.ang.af.mil](http://www.115fw.ang.af.mil). The advantages of this transition will be: news updated more frequently; multi-media capabilities, including video; the ability to download articles, pictures and video; and the ability to check wing news from web-enabled mobile devices. Same great news, easier to access format. While many of us still like the look and feel of paper when we read, this transition to web-based wing information gives the PA office a lot more opportunity to do news stories and shoot pictures and video, rather than doing a newspaper layout that consumes a disproportionate amount of our time.

Keep an eye on the web site

[www.115fw.ang.af.mil](http://www.115fw.ang.af.mil)

## PA Wants Your Help

Do you have something to write about? If you have a passion for writing or would simply like to develop your skills, become a Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR). Contact the 115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 245-4395 for details.

# Promotions



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Patrick Lauritz

# Retirements

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Crivello  
Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Hunt  
Master Sgt. Jonathon Beede  
Master Sgt. Lori Mclean

# Among the Ranks

Interviews by Amn. First Class Ryan Roth and photos by Staff Sgt. Ashley Bell.

What movie did you most enjoy or would you like to see, this summer and why?



Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Miles  
115th Fighter Wing

I'd like to see Year One because I think it can put a smile on my face.



Sen. Airman Michael Mueller  
115th Aircraft Maintenance Sq.

The Hangover because I look forward to seeing the adventure and nights of blur."



Staff Sgt. Lisa Keick  
115th Medical Group

The Hangover. I couldn't eat my popcorn because I was afraid I'd choke on it while laughing so hard



Maj. Larry Mara  
115th Fighter Wing

I want to see Transformers II because I like the edge of the seat, non-stop action.

Senior Master Sgt.  
Duane Peterson  
115 Aircraft Maintenance Sq.

I enjoyed Gran Torino because it is classic Clint Eastwood with a great ending.



## Aug UTA Menu

### Saturday

Baked Chicken  
BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Mashed Potatoes  
Red Beans and Rice  
Mixed Vegetables  
Corn  
Assorted Desserts

### Sunday

BBQ Ribs  
Italian Style Beef  
Mac N Cheese  
Oven Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Green Beans  
Assorted Desserts

## 2009 UTA Schedule

July 18-19 (RUTA)  
Sept. 19-20  
Nov. 7-8

Aug. 22-23  
Oct. 3-4  
Dec 5-6

## Aug UTA Pay Date

Sept 1



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# Legacy of Excellence

Five Years Ago: Col. Joseph Brandemuehl takes command of the 115th Fighter Wing. Col. Brandemuehl had previously been the 115th Operations Group commander. Pictured in the inset is Wisconsin DAG-Air and former 115 FW commander Maj.Gen. Fred Sloan handing the unit guidon to Colonel Brandemuehl during the change of command ceremony. (July 2004 BAM)



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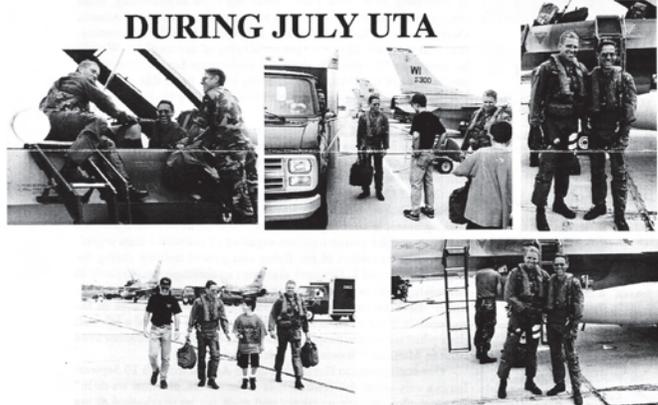


New 115 FW Commander shares views on past, future leadership during change of command

Ten Years Ago: 115 FW historian Tech. Sgt. David Anderson traced the history of the wing's unit patch by explaining the significance of the 176th Fighter Interceptor Group patch worn here in the 1960s and 70s. The two figures are the pilot and radar observer of the F-89 (the pilot is the one with the musket; the RO is the one holding the telescope). Both are dressed in fur, representing Wisconsin's history of the fur trade. The moon represents the night fighting capabilities of the F-89, and the rockers above and below identify the unit as the 176 FIS and display the unit motto of the time. (August 1999 BAM)



### INCENTIVE RIDE PROGRAM: PETE KARABIS TAKES OFF DURING JULY UTA



Thirty Years Ago: The 128th Tactical Air Support Wing rejoins the jet age with the delivery of its first OA-37. Pictured are wing vice commander Col. D.C. Harned and maintenance supervisor Chief Master Sgt. Leonard King welcoming the delivery pilot to Truax Airfield. (July 1979 RAM)

Fifteen Years Ago: The first incentive ride in the F-16 D-model went to Master Sgt. Pete Karabis. Sergeant Karabis was selected in a random drawing to be the initial "passenger". The ride included approaches at Volk Field, simulated bombing and gunnery passes at Hardwood Range and a supersonic run over Lake Michigan. Pictured at top left are Karabis (rear cockpit), his brother, Master Sgt. Nick Karabis (rear ladder), and incentive ride pilot and wing commander Brig. Gen. Fred Sloan (front ladder). (August 1994 RAM)

# Mr. 3000



Lt. Col. Jeff Wiegand, 115th Operations Group commander, is celebrated by family and fellow pilots after landing from a flight that took him over 3000 flying hours in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, July 16. Colonel Wiegand, call sign "Ace", is one of two current 115th pilots to reach this milestone, an accomplishment achieved by fewer than 200 F-16 pilots worldwide. (U.S. Air Force Photo by: Master Sgt Dan Richardson)