



# The Truax Ticker

April 2016

MISSION: Deliver dominant combat airpower and provide agile support for domestic operations

VISION: We will be the premier fighter wing: outstanding Airmen who are trained, ready and dedicated



# Commander's Corner



Welcome to the April UTA. This UTA we'll be deploying the 115 FW aviation package to Nellis AFB to support the USAF Weapons School. Thanks to the entire 115 FW's efforts to make this deployment successful, and thanks to all the Airmen deploying. This deployment will not only provide valuable training opportunities to our Airmen, but will provide critical flying training resources to the USAF. Next month, we'll deploy the 115 FW aviation package to Tyndall AFB for Combat Archer, a live air-to-air missile employment exercise. Thanks for all of your efforts to make these deployments successful!

This April, the 115 FW will host the annual combined WINGA and WINGEA conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells 22-24 Apr. These organizations are dedicated to the support of all Wisconsin National Guardsmen and ensure that our civic leaders remain aware and engaged in support of our great efforts. Mr. Zach Brandon, President of the Greater Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, is the guest speaker and will discuss the importance of building relationships between the National Guard and the community. The location and schedule will also provide the perfect opportunity to spend time with your family and build camaraderie and friendship with your fellow Airmen. There is still time to register for this event!

115 FW Commanders are required to be able to notify and/or recall personnel within specific response times for contingency operations. For many of us, the "recall roster" or "telephone tree" has been a constant part of our Air Force culture. The last few years, we explored technology-based solutions to meet our mass notification and recall requirements. The 115 FW recently purchased AtHoc Alert, a Networked Crisis Communications Suite. This technology will allow commanders at all levels to instantly reach wing members simultaneously and across multiple mediums to communicate emergency information or provide mission essential instructions.

Because AtHoc is secure (DISA approved) and approved for security of personally identifiable information (PII), all wing members are required to provide personal contact information. A profile was established for each wing member and each member will be required to provide a personal cell phone or home phone number, just as you do now with the paper-based recall roster. You may enter more than one phone number and an email address as well. Commanders will ensure AtHoc profiles are fully populated by the end of the May UTA. A typical AtHoc command message will be sent simultaneously via telephone, SMS text, and email, and will report instantaneous results to the Command Post. In certain circumstances you may be asked to respond by replying to a voice prompt or texting or emailing a response back to the system. This immediate feedback will let commanders assess the timing and effectiveness of mass notification messages.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month. Eliminating sexual assault in the Air Force requires Airmen at all levels to be engaged all year, not just during April. Airmen are expected to embody the Air Force Core Values every day, whether on or off duty, uniformed or civilian. Airmen are the Air Force's best asset in preventing sexual assault. Professional dedicated Airmen who take care of their Wingmen every day of the year will help eliminate sexual assault from our ranks. Every Airman who enforces professionalism in their workplace and insists their Wingmen treat each other with dignity and respect is taking action to eliminate sexual assault.

The next few months we will be busy with the deployments and CAPSTONE. As a reminder, the May UTA is 21-22 May, so we have a longer than usual break between UTAs. Please enjoy your spring, stay safe and we'll see you at the end of May.

JEFFREY WIEGAND, Col, WI ANG  
Commander

# Airmen Action Items

- Combat Archer Pre-TDY Briefs in the Building 404 Main Briefing Room Sunday, 03APR16 at 0900 and 1300; mandatory for all travelling ISO Combat Archer.
- AtHoc is secure (DISA approved) and approved for security of personally identifiable information (PII), therefore all wing members are required to provide personal contact information.
- Activate your travel card. All Chip and Pin GTC cards have been issued by Citibank. The ANG has thousands of cards that have not yet been activated. Cards will auto close 6 months after issue if not activated.
- AFPAAS (AF Personnel Assessment and Accountability System) is a very important program that assists with accountability reporting of all members and their dependents (including civilians) when natural/man-made disasters occur. (visit the 'click here' link in monthly updates for more information)
- Please backup your computer prior to leaving every guard drill. If you fail to do so, you risk losing all the items/information saved to your desktop
- Take a moment to view the Air Force Be Ready video by [clicking here](#) or downloading the Be Ready App

## Monthly Updates

Chapel services: Bldg 500 Rm 129  
Saturday:  
1445 - 1500 Confession  
1500 - 1530 Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday:  
0730 - 0800 Roman Catholic Mass  
0800 - 0830 Protestant Worship

SEDP Courses:  
Sunday in bldg 505 classroom  
Effective Communication at 0800

[Click here](#) for an informational brochure on AFPAAS.

Combat Archer Pre-TDY Briefs in the Building 404 Main Briefing Room Sunday, 03APR16 at 0900 and 1300; mandatory for all travelling ISO Combat Archer.

WINGA and WNGEA Conference @Chula Vista Resort 22-24Apr16. Volunteers are needed to supervise children. [Click here](#) for more info.

Public Affairs Saturday hours:  
Portraits from 0800-1000  
Isopreps from 1200-1400

DFAC Menu:  
Saturday: 1000-1200  
Roast Pork Loin/Beef Stew  
Vegetarian Stew  
Pepper & Pea Rice  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy  
Brussel Sprouts/California Blend  
Chili/Broccoli & Cheese Soup

Sunday: 0900-1100  
Scrambled Eggs/Denver scrambled  
Ham, Egg & Cheese Muffins  
Bacon, Sausage, Grits  
Breakfast Potatoes  
Cinnamon Rolls

Dessert: Yellow Cake w/choc frost  
Donuts, Apple/Grape parfait,  
pudding

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To-Go Meals on FSS SharePoint**

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# News Briefs

## Chief's Column

Hello 115th Fighter Wing Airmen!

Welcome to the April regularly scheduled drill (RSD). As I mentioned last month, a small group of volunteers has begun design and implementation of a formal enlisted mentoring program for both the Fighter Wing and Volk Field personnel. The goal of the program is to develop well-rounded Airmen who will broaden their capabilities and provide both organizations with a strong enlisted force for years into the future. This month the group had scheduled training for those individuals who volunteered to participate as mentors. Due to several scheduling conflicts we felt it necessary to delay the training session until the May RSD.

The Human Resources Advisor position advertisement closed on 22 March. We are going to do our best to get all interviews completed and the selection in the seat by the May RSD. Mentoring is a focus area for the HRA so it will fit well for the new person to be involved with the program at the onset of the training sessions. If you are interested in the mentoring program either as a mentor or mentee please watch as more information will be distributed in the near future.

This month our wing is host to the Wisconsin National Guard Association and Enlisted Association (WINGA and WINGEA) state conference at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. This is an excellent opportunity to network and plug into current events affecting our National Guard. If you are interested in attending please visit [winga.org](http://winga.org) (officers) or [wingea.org](http://wingea.org) (enlisted) for information on the conference. Even if you are not interested in the conference please visit the websites to see what these outstanding organizations do for us. Many of our benefits can be traced to their efforts. Our support allows them to continue these efforts directly with those who have "a say" on the future of our National Guard.

Thank you and have an outstanding weekend!  
Chief McKay

## Did you know?

My name is SSgt Libby Muller. On drill weekends I work in the Aircrew Flight Equipment shop in Ops and during the week I work for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). I work as a Marketing Specialist with WDVA where I have an emphasis in the Women Veterans Program and working with Veteran Service Organizations. To help spread the word about the many benefits and programs across the state for veterans and their families I will be creating monthly fact sheets for the Truax Ticker. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on these fact sheets, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [libby.muller@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:libby.muller@dva.wisconsin.gov)  
[Click here for the April edition.](#)

## Important update:

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## Wing Survey Details

<https://www.research.net/r/115FW>

- The survey is open and ready for your inputs; it takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.
- Please be open, frank and honest in your answers; it will make the results more meaningful for your wing.
- This survey will close on 3 Apr 16.

# The PHASE Hangar

