



Vol. 35, No. 4

# BAM

115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Madison, WI

# Passing the torch



# Time to Prepare: Fitness and VPP



Col. Joseph J. Brandemuehl  
115 FW Commander

Spring is here and it is time to come out of your winter hibernation. This year the 115th Fighter Wing is hitting the ground running with fitness testing. This is your wake-up call to emphasize that our annual fitness test is in May this year, not September.

Why so early this year? Well, our AEF rotation begins in September and in order to cut orders, we need everyone (let me emphasize, *everyone*) to be ready and to be fit. The fitness test is a requirement. Period. Every one of us needs to maintain a level of fitness that will allow us to do our jobs not only here, but in the austere environment of our deployed locations. The fitness hibernation that many of us tend to go through in the winter time needs to end, and it is time to start focusing on preparing for the AEF.

Failure to pass the fitness test has numerous ramifications – none of them are good. First of all, you may not be eligible to deploy, sending

ripples throughout the organization. Your position will have to be filled by someone, and if we end up shortfaling your position, it reflects poorly on the whole Wing. Secondly, and most importantly for you, your Tricare eligibility starts 90 days prior to the AEF deployment. If you fail the test in May and cannot test again until the June UTA, you'll be within that 90 day window, thus denying yourself health care coverage you are entitled to. Finally, your fitness drives much of your career progression. Schools, promotions, and even retainability are all based on your ability to pass the fitness test.

In addition, your commander has the discretion to exclude someone from deploying, even someone who has a passing fitness score. If a commander determines that an Airman does not properly represent the unit, either in appearance, attitude, or skill, the Airman can be held back from deploying. We cannot afford to send people into demanding situations who cannot make the commitment to taking care of business and themselves. Let me make this very clear: if a commander declines to send someone on the deployment for any of these reasons, I will support that decision.

Finally, I insist on absolute integrity when filling out your fitness questionnaire. Be honest and complete in your assessment answers. If you don't exercise regularly, say so. If you have a family history of heart problems, say so. If you smoke, say so. You don't do anyone, especially yourself, any favors by misrepresenting the information and by pushing yourself beyond your training limits. I don't want anyone suffering a heart attack or other tragic consequence by testing when you aren't ready and shouldn't test. And, on the flip side, don't lie on the assessment to get out of the run. Integrity at all times!

That said, prepare now to be ready!

### VPP Assessment

Speaking of preparing and being ready, the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Assessment is coming next month. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration team's goal is to talk to 50 percent of the base population in order to get a good handle on our safety culture. That means half of you can expect to give a brief interview to the team, consisting of perhaps a dozen or so easily-answerable questions.

In other prep for this event, I want you all

to have at least a working knowledge of what VPP is. The easiest way to do that, other than looking up past commander's columns in back issues of the BAM, is to read the card you were given when you entered the gate last UTA. Keep that card on you as a reference guide because you can use it during the OSHA assessment. It gives a good, brief overview of VPP.

The overall goal of VPP is safety – taking care of our people. Our Legacy of Excellence is a direct result of a legacy of safety. If we don't take care of our people, we obviously don't take care of our equipment and we can't do our mission. It's that simple. Just look around at our unit members, our facilities, and our equipment - we meet the highest standards of professionalism and pride in our organization. Be proud that we set the national standard, both in performance and safety.

VPP is not "just another program," it's a commitment from my level all the way down to our newest Airman that we will do things smartly and safely always. If you ever see anything unsafe, play your "Knock It Off" card and put a stop to it. No one here should feel that they are too junior to make a call about safety. It's everyone's business – make it yours! We maintain our Legacy of Excellence through our strong foundation of safety.

## The BAM

115 FW Commander

Col. Joseph J. Brandemuehl

### Public Affairs Officers

Lt. Col. Chris Rodel

Capt. Suzanne VanderWeyst

### Public Affairs NCO Staff

Master Sgt. Paul Gorman

Master Sgt. Dan Richardson

Tech. Sgt. Don Nelson

Staff Sgt. Christen Bloomfield

Staff Sgt. Jon LaDue

### Printing

Government Printing Office

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of *The BAM* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, or the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

*The BAM* staff reserves the right to edit all items submitted for publication. Articles, letters and photographs may be submitted to the Public Affairs Office. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at Truax Field, 3110 Mitchell Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53704-2591, tel: (608) 245-4395. Email [pa@wimadi.ang.af.mil](mailto:pa@wimadi.ang.af.mil)

## On the cover...



Col. Joseph Brandemuehl presided over the change of command for the 115th Maintenance Group and Squadron. Please see story on page eight.

## What's Inside...

PA and First Sgt. columns.....	3
Fitness, Finance, Seven Habits...	4
Around the Air Force.....	5
115th Medical Group.....	6-7
Change of command.....	8
Services, Personnel merger.....	9
News Briefs.....	10
Wing History.....	11
Return to sender.....	12

# Understanding Public Affairs, public information

by Capt. Suzanne VanderWeyst  
115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs team started using a military contracted media distribution service, The Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), available to all U.S. military branches for marketing public affairs video, audio, photo and print products to media outlets. DVIDS also maintains a searchable archive of these products.

DVIDS is a 24/7 operation provided as a public service operated by Third Army/U.S. Army Central (ARCENT) who oversee the contract to a communications company providing the service.

Since it is a public service, any individual can create a login account to have access to download video and photo products. Family members, especially of deployed unit members, are encouraged to set up an account to have real-time access to broadcast-quality video, still images and print stories of the deployed member's unit, including personal holiday greetings and "shout-outs" that are often aired on local television broadcasts.

U.S. military public affairs offices deployed throughout U.S. Central Command are highly encouraged to use DVIDS as a primary source for distributing PA products

from the field to hometown markets, as well as national media markets.

Using DVIDS within the 115 FW Public Affairs operations enhances our reach to get a single story, including high definition video and photos, to multiple news outlets quickly with a media specialist who helps facilitate media requests. That means you'll see a lot more video being taken of news and features around base, to be marketed through DVIDS as either stock footage or put together in a video broadcast story. You'll also see the PA team gathering print and photo stories on 115 FW unit features and significant happenings to be uploaded and distributed to selected media outlets through DVIDS. Many of these will be the stories you see on the 115 FW public Web site. However, though they are already public domain, media agencies don't necessarily subscribe en masse to news feeds from our site, whereas thousands of media agencies are subscribed to DVIDS and can get broadcast quality downloads from there.

DVIDS media subscribers include not only television and print news agencies, but radio broadcast agencies who often submit requests for certain military members to do a taped or live radio interview. A lot of those are good news stories (accomplishments, unique job, community service, etc.)

and interviews that would be beneficial for getting the message out about the 115 FW and its excellent unit members.

Information presented on or via DVIDS is considered public information and may be distributed or copied unless otherwise specified by the publishing PA unit. Therefore, unit members may see their still and video images on the Internet, but if you are being photographed or filmed doing official duties, no permission is required from the Public Affairs personnel to use the imagery, as opposed to a commercial entity documenting the imagery.

If a video, photo or print story is picked up and used by a media outlet, we will inform any unit members filmed or quoted in that story.

If you are interested in learning more about DVIDS or want to set up an account to view any uploaded media, go to: [www.dvidshub.net](http://www.dvidshub.net). The 10 most recently-published news articles are available in the DVIDS RSS feed, which anyone can sign up for once logged-in to the DVIDS site.

To view the current stories, photos and videos, visit [www.dvidshub.net](http://www.dvidshub.net) and search "115th Fighter Wing." For questions, call Public Affairs at 608-245-4395.

## Remember Core Values?



Master Sgt.  
Martha Irizzary  
First Sergeant  
115 MDG

Do you remember the first time you heard the Air Force Core Values? Some of you may have heard them for the first time from your recruiter; for others, it may have been in basic training. Regardless of when it was - Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do set the common standard for conduct across

the Air Force.

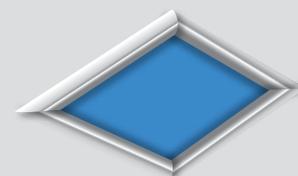
Integrity is being honest with others as well as ourselves. It is a commitment to the highest standards and is displayed through strong ethical behavior. Integrity guides us when decision-making is difficult and it gives us the confidence needed to take action, even in the face of opposition. It is "the willingness to do what is right, even when no one is looking."

As members of the Air Force we are part of a unique profession that is founded on the premise of service before self. We are not engaged in just another job; we are "practitioners of the profession of arms." We are entrusted with the security of the nation, the protection of its citizens, and the preservation of its way of life. In a recent poll it was noted that Americans trust the military roughly three times as much as the

president and five times as much as their elected representatives in Congress.

Excellence is a process of continual improvement and adaptation to the changing environment. It is the relentless pursuit to not only meet but to exceed the standards. It is doing the very best you can at all times.

Take a minute to think about what the Core Values mean to you. As members of the military we are held to higher standards. The core values should be a guide as to how we conduct ourselves. They are the foundation that helps us do the right thing. Are you exemplifying the core values by your conduct? If not, it is time to start!



# Fitness is a requirement for Airmen, but safety, integrity are still imperative for personal success

by Lt. Col. Phillip Bunton  
115th Medical Group

By the time this article is printed it will be less than a month before the May UTA and fitness testing. Whether you have or have not been preparing for the fitness test, your safe completion of the test is a priority.

Many of you may have heard or read that there was an Air National Guard member who died while performing the fitness test run in February. The details of the incident are not available, but, one must wonder if the person was physically prepared, if there was a medical condition he was not fully aware of or if he answered his fitness questionnaire honestly.

Did the death occur in the case at Andrews AFB, Md., because the member testing did not reveal as required on the Assessment Screening Questionnaires; that he was not exercising regularly, smoked, had high blood pressure, diabetes, uncontrolled cholesterol or a family history of heart disease? We may never know. However, it brings to our attention the importance, of the vital need to be honest when answering the ASQ.

When Unit Fitness Monitors review the ASQ, they have the responsibility to refer personnel who are at risk of injury, or worse to the Fitness Medical Liaison Officer for assessment. The UFM's have to assume all answers are honest and correct. It is not their job, and unfair to expect them to inquire about the integrity of ASQ answers. There should never be a reason to put your life at risk unnecessarily. Passing the fitness test is a job requirement but not one worth dying for. The ANG is committed to a safe and effective fitness testing program and there are more than enough safeguards in place to prevent tragedies such as the one above. If you are not prepared to take the fitness test safely, then don't attempt it.

We have ways of helping anyone prepare to pass the test. Trust me, I have heard all of the excuses for not exercising. With help, anyone who does not have a medical condition which prevents them from doing a component of the fitness test, can get the guidance necessary to pass the fitness test.

Fitness is a requirement, but safety is imperative.

## Airmen have chance to learn 'Seven Habits'

A Seven Habits Signature Program workshop has been tentatively scheduled for May 18 through 22. The Seven Habits Signature Program is based on Dr. Stephen Covey's best selling business book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." In this program, you will learn to:

- Take more responsibility for results and exercise more initiative.
- Set meaningful work goals and follow through with them.
- Get more organized by improving planning and time-management skills.
- Make work relationships more productive through "win-win" thinking.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Solve problems creatively and deal with conflict productively.
- Adopt a "continuous-improvement mindset" and improve work/life balance.

The value of this training, if taken in the civilian sector, is \$1,500; we are offering this training for free! If you are interested in taking the workshop, please use your chain of command by contacting your supervisor first. If your supervisor approves your attendance (annual training days), you may sign up for the workshop by calling Master Sgt. Kathy Pinnow at 245-4548 or via e-mail at [katherine.pinnow@wimadi.ang.af.mil](mailto:katherine.pinnow@wimadi.ang.af.mil).

The minimum for holding a workshop is 12 participants and is capped at 20 participants. If 12 people are not signed up two weeks before the workshop date, it will be cancelled. The training will also be open to Volk Field and Joint Forces Headquarters ANG personnel. The facilitator cadre is: Lt. Col. John Gaedke, Capt. Joe Walter, Sergeant Pinnow, and Master Sgt. Denise Hansel.

## Travel Card Myths

With the arrival of the Government Travel Charge Card that went into effect Nov. 30, Airmen are reminded that many of the previous rules and regulations still apply. Here are some facts to dispel myths about the GTCC.

**MYTH:** I have to pay interest on my Department of Defense GTCC.

**FACT:** Interest rates are never applied to the Department of Defense GTCC.

**MYTH:** I can use my personal charge card to pay for my official travel expenses.

**FACT:** Use of DoD GTCC is mandatory for all purchases related to official travel expenses, unless deemed otherwise exempt.

**MYTH:** Late fees begin to incur on my delinquent account after 60 days.

**FACT:** A bill becomes delinquent 60 days after the billing due date. Late fees do not begin to incur on delinquent accounts until a total of 75 days have passed and the bill remains unpaid.

**MYTH:** DoD does not have the authority to use my paycheck to pay for my undisputed delinquencies if I do not pay my delinquent bill within 120 days.

**FACT:** DoD has the authority to use salary offset to pay a cardholder's delinquent bill after the bill has become 120 days delinquent. The maximum percentage that DoD can deduct from a delinquent cardholder's disposable income to pay the GTCC contractor is 15 percent.

**MYTH:** If my bill is delinquent, the GTCC contractor will automatically report my delinquency to the credit bureaus, affecting my credit score.

**FACT:** An outstanding bill will not be reported to the credit bureaus unless the bill has remained unpaid for 210 days.

**MYTH:** If DoD does not reimburse me for my official travel within 30 days, there's nothing I can do about it.

**FACT:** By law, DoD must reimburse travelers within 30 days. If reimbursements remain unpaid after that, travelers will be paid interest on authorized reimbursement amounts.

**MYTH:** As long as I reimburse the bank, I can use my government travel card to pay for personal expenses while on official travel duty.

**FACT:** Use of the travel card is limited to official travel costs only.

# McKinley visits deployed Guardmembers

by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
National Guard Bureau

The National Guard's first four-star general visited with citizen-Soldiers and Airmen serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait this week in dozens of formal briefings, town hall meetings and tours to "gauge their thoughts" about the missions they are performing.

"I feel it's important to visit the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard in theater," said Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau. "To see how they are doing, talk to their commanders, and visit as many of their organizations as I can to see what the conditions are and to answer any questions they may have of me."

McKinley has been the chief for just over 100 days, and his recent appointment comes at a time when more than 2,400 Guard forces are serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

At each stop, he expressed his appreciation for the troops. "Look at the places and the people that you affect," he told Guardmembers at Sather Air Base, Iraq, Feb 28. "I can't tell

you how grateful I am for what you are doing for the Guard, your nation and this country."

He offered similar sentiments at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, at Balad Air Base, Iraq, and at Camp Phoenix and Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, among other locations.

Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw Jr., assistant to Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and the Guard Bureau's Command Sgt. Maj. David Hudson accompanied him.

In Iraq, McKinley was briefed by Air Guardmembers of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The unit's more than 180 Airmen help operate a joint forces control center that manages the air space of Iraq and coordinates air support for multi-national forces.

From the base's control tower, he got a panoramic view of the OIF mission outside Baghdad. He also toured the 332nd Joint Theatre Hospital, the largest medical and critical care facility in that country, manned by active duty, Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

McKinley also visited Minnesota Army Guard Soldiers of Task Force 34, 834th Air Support Battalion and climbed aboard an

MRAP and other uparmored Army vehicles with Washington Guard Soldiers of the 161st Infantry Regiment at a motor pool. McKinley and Hudson asked the Guardmembers what was on their minds: "Your questions and concerns are important to me," McKinley said to them during a luncheon Feb. 28 at Camp Liberty, Iraq. "I will take them back to Washington."

Future operations, living conditions, deployment lengths, health and veteran care, equipment, mobilization training and other issues were the questions he and Hudson answered from the troops.

Economic conditions affecting employers and families back home were also among troop concerns. "We will get through this," McKinley assured them, but he said that future and recent challenges will test the Guard like never before. McKinley held a town hall meeting with Guard Soldiers from several states including Illinois and New York at Camp Phoenix outside Kabul, Afghanistan, March 2 and with active duty and Guard servicemembers at Bagram Air Base March 3, including those supporting Combined Joint Task Force 101.

---

## Prototype PT uniforms undergo wear tests

by Mike Wallace  
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A prototype physical training uniform for the Air Force is undergoing wear testing here, the Pentagon and MacDill AFB, Fla.

The new design was introduced last month at the three sites for 185 males and females of various sizes, ethnic backgrounds, officers--including 42 general officers, and enlisted, to wear during PT three or more times a week. At the end of this month, the Air Force Uniform Office here will evaluate the uniform's performance from feedback provided by the wearers.

Capt. Nick Ferry, program manager for the PT uniform, described it as "100 percent polyester with a moisture management system and an anti-odor lining."

He added that the prototypes differ from the current PT uniform in features including: no hood or vents, better reflectivity, decreased noise and lighter weight.

The uniform consists of a jacket and slacks, T-shirt, and tapered shorts with pockets and comfortable liner.

Emphasizing that the uniform still is in testing, Captain Ferry said that wearers initially "loved the fabric." He added they also "appreciated the longer length in shorts and the better fitting liner."

Captain Ferry said that volunteers were carefully measured, and they were required to wear the uniforms during PT activities.

"We have the whole gamut of what people do in PT," he said. "We have the three-times-a-week Airmen, and we have people who exercise longer, such as marathon runners. We require the volunteers to keep logs of exercise and laundry cycles."

The prototype uniform laundry instructions include washing in cold water using mild detergents, and not using fabric softeners or dryer sheets since chemicals from these could clog the pores of the uniform's polyester material and

adversely affect performance.

Since 1947, the AF Uniform Office here has been dedicated to giving Airmen the highest quality uniforms for them to accomplish their missions.

The PT uniform currently in use was adopted in 2004 from an Air Force Academy design, and technicians here modified it for general Air Force use. Feedback on the uniform's heat, weight, and discomfort when compared to exercise clothing available commercially led to creating the new uniform.

The wear test is scheduled to end March 31. Captain Ferry said that afterwards, "There'll be a final survey, and we'll analyze peoples' likes and dislikes to see if further tests or modifications are needed. Then, we'd brief at the Chief of Staff level, and from there it's a go or no-go."

He added, "I think it will be adopted, but we'll support any changes that are needed."



# 115th Medical Group Wisconsin Air Force

(Clockwise from top left) Tech. Sgt. Hannah McGhee and Airman Heather O'Brien use an X-ray radiation detector, or "McMeter" and a radio frequency detector to check for radiation needs from Staff Sgt. Matt Johnson during a physical. Airman Heather O'Brien prepares to test Airman Steel's hearing. Master Sgt. Elizabeth Kind prepares to test Airman Steel's hearing. Master Sgt. Elizabeth Kind prepares to test Airman Steel's hearing. Master Sgt. Elizabeth Kind prepares to test Airman Steel's hearing. Maj. Jeffrey Miles shows Senior Airman Heather O'Brien how to use a radio frequency detector. Lane begins a physical exam on Airman 1st Class Eric Wittwe





# Changing of the guard

## 115th Maintenance Group, Squadron get new commanders



(U.S. Air Force Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Gorman)

March's UTA offered promise for the 115th Fighter Wing. It was announced March 7, before two change of command ceremonies, that three Truax officers would be promoted to colonel. Lt. Cols. Donald Hamilton, Philip Hasler and Patrick Volk have all been promoted.

Along with the announcement of the new promotions, the new commanding officers at the helm of the largest units in the 115th Fighter Wing were formally introduced. Col. Joseph Brandemuehl presided over the ceremony in hangar 400 where new commanders were put in place for the 115th Maintenance Group and Squadron.

Lt. Col. Brian Gray was named the new commander of the 115th Maintenance Squadron. Colonel Gray relieved Lt. Col. John Pietsch who assumed the position of the 115 FW executive officer.

At the same ceremony, Col. Ted Metzgar handed the unit flag to Colonel Volk to symbolize handing off command of the 115th Maintenance Group.

Colonel Metzgar took command of the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee at a ceremony earlier that day.

Colonel Volk, now commander of the 115th Maintenance Group spoke to the assembled Airmen about the importance of supporting those already deployed.

"Fellow Airmen, the stakes have never been higher," said Colonel Volk. "Use the time now to hone your skills and groom those jets so we can protect Wisconsin militia providing hope of freedom to people with little hope."

# Truax program shows 115 FW Airmen it 'C.A.R.E.S.'

by Tech. Sgt. Robert Niemer  
115th Maintenance Squadron

Whether you are an Airman having financial difficulties, have a family member who is sick or injured or are just in need of some help after a traumatic life event, there is a program available to 115th Fighter Wing members that is designed to help.

The C.A.R.E.S. program is designed to assist any Air National Guard member of the 115 FW and their immediate family in times of need. This is done in conjunction with other base programs that are already

established to aid Truax Field military personnel.

C.A.R.E.S., which stands for Caring, Assistance, Relief, Effort and Services, is a voluntary organization under the 115 FW that gifts money to its members and their immediate family and does not expect anything in return. All money that C.A.R.E.S. has received has been donated by current and past members of the 115 FW family. In three years, C.A.R.E.S. has donated more than \$1,800 back to a number of its members who simply needed some assistance. Just like any other organization,

we have rules and regulations governing how C.A.R.E.S. is run and how the money is gifted.

There are several ways to request more information or help: contact a committee member of C.A.R.E.S., contact your first sergeant or ask your supervisor.

If you would like to help make a difference on base, the C.A.R.E.S. program is always looking for more committee members. If interested, please contact one of the following board members: Dave Gugger, Robert Niemer, Mike Post, Sr., or Justin Salerno.

## Support, services flights merge to form Force Support Squadron

by Sen. Master Sgt. Tom Cunningham  
115th Mission Support Flight

A new force support structure takes flight this month as the mission support and services flights merge to form the 115th Force Support Squadron.

The Air National Guard implementation of the merger follows the same action taken by active and some Air Force Reserve units over the past 18 months. The merger establishes a consolidated squadron with enhanced service delivery capabilities which are aligned with the Total Force and mirrors organizational changes implemented in other units.

In accordance with the ANG programming plan, the Force Support Squadron will be comprised of four new flights:

- Force development flight, formerly base education and training

- Manpower and personnel flight, formerly the military personnel flight.

- Airman and family services flight, formerly family readiness.

- Sustainment Services Flight is the new name for Services Flight

Other significant name changes include:

The mission support commander becomes the force support squadron commander, while the services commander becomes the officer-in-charge of the sustainment services flight.

The director of personnel becomes the force support officer and the mission support flight superintendent becomes the force support squadron superintendent.

As part of the merger, the officer Air Force Specialty Codes for personnel, manpower, services and military equal opportunity were consolidated. Currently there is no plan to

make changes to the personnel or services enlisted AFSCs.

The transformations brought on by the merger of the flights will be phased in over a period of the next 18 months. As far as customers are concerned, with the exception of the name changes, most of the changes will be "behind the scenes" and should be transparent to most.

The implementation date for new squadron is April 1, although, the official activation date is still to be determined pending an official organizational action letter from NGB. The letter will outline the correct unit deactivation and redesignations of the existing flights.

Once an official activation date has been set, a dedication ceremony for the new squadron will be set.

## BAM and AP style

Nearly every newspaper, magazine and other journalistic publications use something called the Associated Press Style Guide to craft their stories. AP style was developed and is maintained by The Associated Press, the world's oldest news service.

Why use AP style? Because AP style is the gold standard for print journalism. The bible for journalists is the AP Stylebook which is a comprehensive catalog of proper style usage and has literally thousands of entries. Formatting our stories and photo captions to the AP Style increases the chances of civilian media outlets running our news which helps to tell the 115th Fighter Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard and Air Force story.

Here are some of the most basic and commonly used AP style points.

Numbers - One through nine are generally spelled out, while 10 and above are generally written as numerals. Example: He carried five books for 12 blocks.

Percentages - Always expressed as numerals, followed by the word "percent." Example: The price of gas rose 5 percent.

Ages - Always expressed as numerals. Example: He's 5 years old.

Dollar Amounts - Always expressed as numerals, and the "\$" sign

is used. Example: \$5, \$15, \$150, \$150,000, \$15 million, \$15 billion, \$15.5 billion

Street Addresses - Numerals are used for numbered addresses. Street, Avenue and Boulevard are abbreviated when used with a numbered address, but otherwise are spelled out. Route and Road are never abbreviated. Example: He lives at 123 Main St. His house is on Main Street. Her house is on 234 Elm Road.

Dates - Expressed as numerals. The months August through February are abbreviated when used with numbered dates. March through July are never abbreviated. Months without dates are not abbreviated. "Th" is not used. Example: The meeting is on Oct. 15. She was born on July 12. I love the weather in November.

Job Titles - Generally capitalized when they appear before a person's name, but lowercase after the name. Example: President Barak Obama. Barack Obama is the president.

Ranks - Generally capitalized when appearing before a person's name and abbreviated as stated in the style guide. Example: Master Sgt. John Smith, Maj. Mike Jones, Airman 1st Class Beth Morgan.

Courtesy Titles - On first reference, a person's full name is used. On second reference, a courtesy title such as Mr., Ms., Sergeant, or Airman is used before the person's last name. Example: Mr. Black, Sergeant Smith, Maj. Jones, Airman Morgan.

# News Briefs

## Volleyball Tournament

The 115th Services Flight is sponsoring a volleyball tournament on Sunday, June 28, of the Mega UTA weekend. Start time is 5:00 p.m. at the Landing Strip. To sign-up, see Tech. Sgt. Shoemaker or Tech. Sgt. Kapugi at the lodging office no later than noon on Sunday, June 28.

## Youth Camp

The Wisconsin National Guard Family Program is hosting a Youth Camp July 31 through Aug. 2 at Volk Field. The camp is open to children of Wisconsin service members ages 8 through 18. The purpose of the camp is to provide military youth a better understanding about the mission of the National Guard, various careers available in the military and to develop friendships with other children of service members. Registration will open in April. More information, including camp fees, can be found at [www.wingfam.org/youth/youthcamp.asp](http://www.wingfam.org/youth/youthcamp.asp). Also, with the deployment of the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, there are many volunteer opportunities this year. Camp counselors, drill sergeants, medics, and drivers are especially needed. Please help make the camp a success and volunteer. Volunteers can register at the web site listed above.

## Teen Summit

The Air Force Reserve Command is hosting two Teen Leadership Summit events in Georgia July 13 through 17 and 27 through 31. All dependant teens of current Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, ages 15 through 18, are eligible to apply. Activities vary among the weekends and include everything from high-ropes courses and white water rafting to canoeing and dolphin tours. Applications must be received by April 6. For more information on the events or

to download the application, visit [www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/](http://www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit/).

## Bowling tournament on tap

The 46th Annual Air National Guard "National" bowling tournament is being-hosted by the 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines, Iowa May 6 through 9. Deadline for entries is Mar. 31. Those interested in participating in these tournaments should call Chief Master Sgt. Charmaine Schultz at 608-245-4574.

## Tax Season

W-2 statements are only available on the MyPay website: <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. MyPay pin resets may be requested through the MyPay website or in person at the finance office (Military ID required). W-2s for student loans will mailed directly to members. Visit the 115 FW Financial CoP for financial resources; a link to the CoP is available on the 115 FW home page on the Air Force Portal.

## JROTC Instuctors needed

The Air Force JROTC program is currently seeking applicants for an instructor vacancy at Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Wis. Instructors must be retired active duty, Guard or Reserve Airmen. Current Airmen who are close to retirement are also encouraged to apply. For more information or to apply, visit [www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/afjrote](http://www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/afjrote) or contact Jo Alice Talley at 1-866-235-7682, ext. 7742.

### New First Sergeant Announced

Master Sgt. Scott Schweighauser is the new first sergeant for the 115th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Sergeant Schweighauser was previously assigned to the 115th Base Education and Training Office.

# Retirements



Catherine Herman  
Wendi Pelletier

# Promotions



Donald Hamilton  
Philip Hasler  
Patrick Volk



Brian Adamson  
Kevin Fuerbriner



Anmarie Schneider



Deidra Braun  
Ontario Robinson



Jason Edgren  
Andrew Gilbertson

# Newcomers



Kasey Mehail



Peter Bergee  
Adam Dax  
Jon LaDue  
Gregory Land  
Erica Neubauer



Joshua Aubihl



Jennifer Callies  
Adam Depas  
Melissa Gallun  
Katrina Johnson  
Aaron Johnston  
Danielle Lawrence  
Casey Lund  
Alicia Pendell  
Patrick Soderlund

## April UTA Menu

Saturday	Sunday
Pork Ribs	Turkey Ala King
Chicken Breast-Parmesan	Philly Cheese Steak
Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes
Butter Parsley Potatoes	Rice Pilaf
Carrots & Peas	Soup and Salad bar
Soup and Salad bar	Assorted desserts
Assorted desserts	

April  
Pay Date  
Apr. 20 , 2009

## 2009 UTA Schedule

Apr. 4-5

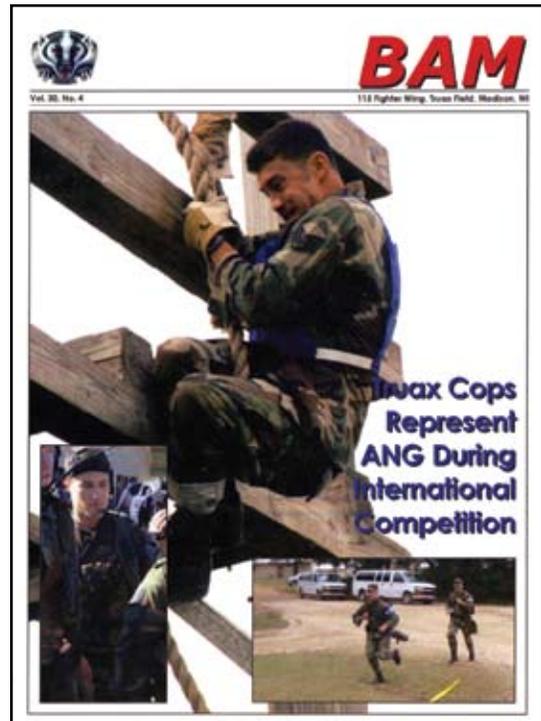
May 2-3	*Jun. 27-30
July 18-19 (RUTA)	Aug. 22-23
Sept. 19-20	Oct. 3-4
Nov. 7-8	Dec 5-6

\*Changed from Jun 6-7 to Jun 27-30



# Legacy of Excellence

(Right) Five Years Ago: Staff Sgt. Steven Fox, of the ANG's Defender Challenge Team along with 115 SFS members Staff Sgt. Jason Stude (inset left) and Tech. Sgt. Andi Peck (inset right) competed against teams from around the world in Defender Challenge. (April 2004 BAM)



(Above) Twenty Years Ago: In a nice change of pace from noise complaints, Mike Houle of Blue River made his appreciation for the WI ANG known with this "love letter" on the roof of his shed. Almost certainly, pilots of the low-and-slow-flying A-10 could have seen this gesture of support. (April 1989 RAM)

(Below) Thirty Years Ago: The 128 TASW returns to "The Jet Age" with the announcement that the not-much-loved O-2s would be replaced by the OA-37 Dragonfly. The wing maintained the Forward Air Control (FAC) mission, which would continue into the A-10 era, two years later, and is still part of the mission today. (April 1979 RAM)



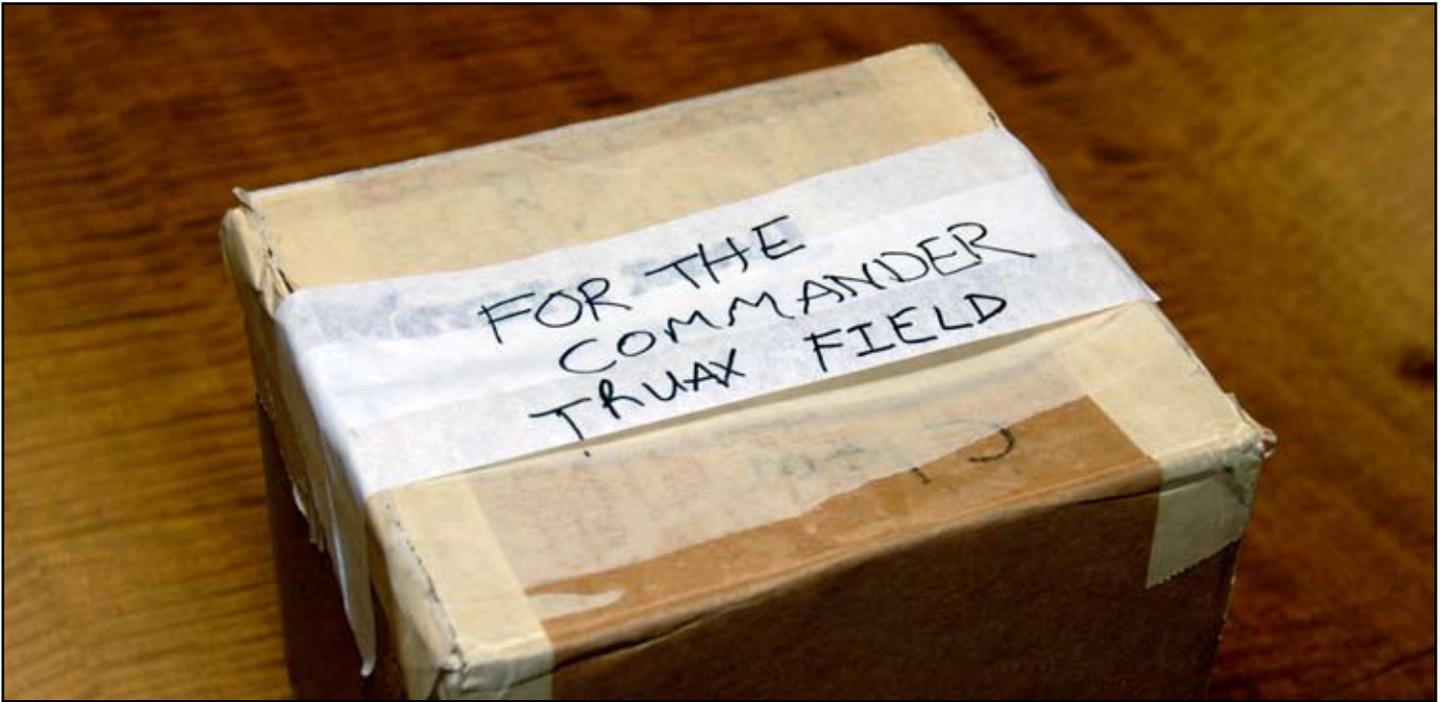
Kim Price, Poynette High School senior, takes her oath of enlistment into the Wisconsin Air Guard from Capt. Cheryl Miller during a recent ceremony at the school. Kim, the daughter of TSgt. and Mrs. Jim Price, 115th RMS Packing and Crating NCOIC. Kim also is the niece of CMSgt. and Mrs. Ray Steinhilber, 115th CEF Structural Maintenance NCOIC. With Kim at the swearing in were Orrie Ritter, her counselor at Poynette High School and TSgt. Joe Lustgraaf, her recruiter.

--115th CSS Audio Visual Services photo by Sgt. Randy Kostroski



(Above) Twenty Five Years Ago: Poynette High School senior Kim Price takes the oath of enlistment from Capt. Cheryl Miller. Both ladies went on to stellar careers in the Air National Guard. Miss Price is now Chief Master Sgt. Kim Jochem, Superintendent of Recruiting and Retention Advertisement at National Guard Bureau. Capt. Miller retired as Col. Cheryl Prinsland, her last duty being commander of the 115th Mission Support Group. (April 1984 RAM)

## Return to Sender...



This suspicious package was delivered to the 115th Fighter Wing Headquarters building the morning of Mar. 18 as part of an internal exercise. The exercise was designed to test the detection, notification and response capabilities of 115th Fighter Wing emergency response personnel. This joint exercise joined the 54th Civil Support Team out of Madison, with many different 115 FW units, some of which included: explosive ordnance disposal, security forces, fire and rescue, command post and emergency management. For the complete story, visit [www.115fw.ang.af.mil](http://www.115fw.ang.af.mil) or see the May edition of the BAM. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Richardson)

Presorted  
US Postage  
PAID  
Beldenville, WI  
Permit No.2