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COMMAND COMMENTARY

132d Fighter Wing: A great value for America

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With today's declining DOD budget and increased pressure on our Nation to reduce debt, our military finds itself in a challenging position. With the recent DOD budget being cut \$380 billion over the next 10 years with a potential cut of \$1 trillion, our military needs to find a way to reduce costs while retaining the world's most powerful military. The Air National Guard is a big part of the solution.

Personnel costs (Pay, retirement, healthcare) make up a large portion of the DOD budget. It costs the federal government more than \$126,000 on average to provide annual compensation to active duty service members. Compare that to a traditional guardsman's per capita compensation of \$19,000 and you can begin to see way the Guard is more efficient. At our Wing, 30% of our members are full time and 70% are traditional guardsman. When we are not deployed, we cost significantly less to operate than our active duty counterparts. In addition, reserve component retirement pay costs 10% of active duty. With 6% of the USAF budget, the Air National Guard provides 35% of the Air Force capabilities. We are the solution to declining budgets and the ability to maintain a capable force. How do we take the message to the people who have a bearing on where the budget dollars will fall??

In the past 2 months, the Wing has engaged our elected officials and military leaders on several fronts. We have hosted the city manager of Des Moines, Senator Harkin's staff and Congressman Latham. We will be hosting the Des Moines City Council, several influential state leaders and the staff of our congressmen and senators in October. General North, Pacific Forces Commander, not only visited the wing, but flew 4 sorties in our aircraft. To quote General North, "Outstanding! That is the one word that describes your wing and my visit". General McKinley, Director of the National Guard, will be visiting Iowa in November. We are in an all out blitz to get the word out about the efficiencies and excellence of the 132d Fighter Wing. What can you do to help? Be an advocate for the 132d and the ANG by being familiar with the reason why the Air National Guard is the solution to fiscal challenges our nation faces. I will be sending a base wide email Thursday with two items attached. One is a "push card" used by Lt Gen Wyatt to outline why the ANG is a great value. The other is an article by General McKinley titled "*The National Guard: A great value today and in the future*". We all need to be versed in our strengths and why we are the solution to the challenges faced by the DOD. Have a great drill weekend.

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

Doanes Park

Saturday 17 September

11:00am- 5:00pm

Entertainment to include Inflatable's for kids and adults, dunk tank, baseball fields for pick-up games, Petting Zoo (to include goats, sheep, llamas, calf), face painting/tattoos, Shriner Clowns, and musical performances by "Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50's" and "Sydney Lett and the Rest"

Lunch- 11am-1:30pm

Live Music- 1pm - 5pm

Please feel free to bring your own lawn chairs, coolers, additional beverages/snacks, and baseball bats/gloves. No alcohol is allowed at this event. Volunteers will be on hand to direct parking

Directions

Take McKinley Ave east to Fleur Drive, turn right on Fleur Drive, then head south on HWY 5. Follow HWY 5 S onto HWY 65 N. Take exit 77 for SE Vandalia Rd toward Pleasant Hill Blvd. Merge onto Co Rd F70/Vandalia Rd, Turn right onto S Pleasant Hill Blvd. Take the 2nd right onto Doanes Park Rd. Drive time approximately 25 minutes.

For more details: www.132fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/afd-110912-028.pdf

LEGAL BRIEFS

Airmen Participation in Political Events

By Lt. Col. Suellen Overton
132FW/Staff Judge Advocate

Doesn't it seem like the last presidential campaign just ended not too long ago? It doesn't seem possible that we already are in the middle of the next presidential election cycle. Welcome to Iowa politics 2011 style!

As members of the military we have to be careful participating in the political process.

The following is a list of prohibited activities:

- Do not give the press or others the impression that your support for a political candidate or party is connected in any way to your military status or in some way indicates the military's support for that political candidate or party.
- Do not wear your military uniform at political campaign or election events.
- Do not participate in a candidate's news conference.
- If you are being interviewed by the media, never disclose any information that may jeopardize operational security.

- If giving a speech or writing an article in your capacity as a member of the military, do not contain material that may be construed as political in nature.
- Do not use your official authority to solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue or to solicit political contributions from others.
- Do not distribute political campaign literature while in uniform or while on a military installation.

With the above restrictions in mind, we encourage you to:

- Most importantly, register and vote!
- Attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings, rallies, or conventions as a spectator when not in uniform.
- Express your personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of or as a spokesperson for the military.

And finally, if you are of the few who will be sad when 2012 presidential election is over, please take comfort in the fact that the 2016 campaign will be starting a day later!

The 132d Fighter Wing Legal Office has an opening for a paralegal. There is a Technical Sergeant slot available. Qualifications include typing ability of 25 words per minute, a General score of 51 or above on the Airman Qualifying Examination (AQE), and at least a 5-level in a prior AFSC. Training requirements include a six-week apprentice course and a six-week craftsman course that are both held at The Judge Advocates School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Job responsibilities are many and varied including preparing wills and powers of attorney and assisting the judge advocates (JAGs). Numerous opportunities are available for additional training and deployments. For additional information on the paralegal position, please contact MSgt Donna Weepie at the legal office at extension 507.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Independent and Resourceful People

By Chaplain (Capt.) Gabriel Casciato
132FW Chaplain

I have met some incredibly independent and resourceful people in my time...and I have met some really dense people too. The line between self reliant and dense is a difficult one to see sometimes, but I'm pretty sure that an unnamed man from Glendale, CA provides us with a marker for how you know when you have crossed that line. The news article did not name the man, so I'll make up a name for him. Let's call him "Andrew." Andrew was 63 years old at the time and suffering from a hernia. Apparently, he grew tired of waiting for the surgery to fix the problem and in an attempt to fix it himself plunged a butter knife into his belly and apparently attempted to cauterize the wound with a cigarette. I'm all for self-reliance but I'm pretty sure this qualifies as dense. Some things just should not be done independently...and I'm pretty sure surgery counts as one of them.

But it's not just surgery. Life is one of those things that also should not be done independently. Please understand, I am

not advocating for a wimpy, whiny, co-dependent lifestyle to feed Maury Povich or Jerry Springer. Some of us are "people persons" and some of us aren't. However, all of us need someone watching our 6. All of us need community that is more than play time; a place where we can be known well and appreciated for who we are. So I submit 2 questions for us to consider this month. Who, outside your family, knows you well enough that if something was going on in your life and you didn't tell them about it, would still know something was up? Secondly, who do you know well enough that if you asked them how they were doing and they told you "fine," you would know if they were lying.

We won't all magically become extroverts...and we shouldn't. But neither should we try to do surgery on ourselves. As the ancient writings remind us, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*

A PUSH ON THE FLYWHEEL

“A Push on the Flywheel”

By Senior Master Sgt Brad Thomas
132FW Human Resource Advisor

The 132FW has a proud tradition of mission excellence. A key question that is often asked is how can we sustain our focus on excellence and how do we build on it and take it to the next level? To that end the Wing is starting a Leadership Poster Campaign based on the concept, “**A Push on the Flywheel.**” Each poster will feature a key leadership theme to focus your attention on pushing the flywheel of excellence. These themes will also help you grow both personally and professionally. Let me introduce the *Flywheel* concept to you and then present this month’s theme: **Warriorship.**

The Flywheel Concept - A flywheel is simply a mechanical wheel that once jump started, if it continues to turn long enough and at a fast enough pace, it will eventually get to a point of breakthrough where it begins to move under the weight of its own momentum.

What constitutes a push on the *flywheel*? Each positive action that you take as a 132FW Team member pushes the *flywheel* a little further. Enough of these little pushes will provide breakthrough momentum! Failure occurs when we stop pushing and the *flywheel* comes to rest or slows for lack of energy. Quite simply, unit initiatives fail in part because of a lack of sustained momentum or people stop pushing on the *flywheel*!

Warriorship

The foundation of Warriorship is that “All men are created equal.” Warrior ethics have respect for human equality as the premise – just as it is stated in the Declaration of Independence. It is our noble courage to put others before ourselves as the protectors and defenders of freedom. We must cultivate the willingness to develop the bravery to apply that ethic to an enemy that has

arisen from another culture, with a code of warfare of their own, in this global war on terror.

The 132 Fighter Wing has a commitment to the ethical principles of leadership and diversity because it strengthens and validates our warrior ‘ethos’. It is our *commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; to do What is Right – Always* of which our Core Values are built. Our moral courage is fueled by the institutionalized character we establish in ourselves each day. Sound morals go beyond our ranks or positions; they cut to the heart and to the soul of who we are and what we are each and every day as Airmen of character. The warrior ethos also emphasizes that today’s Airmen are “Battlefield Airmen” and that this moral courage is continuously built upon to arm us with the challenges to come and unite us as expeditionary Airmen and is typified in the Airman’s Creed.

Warriorship

I am filled with the “Warrior Spirit” — It drives my tireless commitment to Honor, Integrity, Passion, Pride, Discipline; It fuels my Moral Courage to do What is Right — Always!

Flywheel Challenge: Ask yourself: “*What did I do today to push on the flywheel?*”

- What is a moral, mental or physical exercise you can develop in your path to being a noble warrior?
- How do you demonstrate character and integrity in your actions?
- What displays of nobility do you exhibit in the area of *Warriorship*?

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

By David N. Brown, Ph.D., LMFT
Wing Director Psychological Health

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Remember ACE!

Ask your wingman. Have the courage to ask, but stay calm. Ask the question directly - “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”

Care for your wingman. Calmly control the situation, but do not use force. Actively listen to show understanding. Remove any means for self-harm.

Escort your wingman. Never leave your buddy alone. Escort to chain of command, chaplain, psychological health, primary care provider or the emergency room.

For questions or assistance contact David Brown at 515-306-8015 or david.brown.ctr@ang.af.mil .



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

**VA Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-TALK
(8255)**

BLOCK THE SUN RUN

By Chief Master Sgt. Ed Schellhase

While deployed to Volk Field for our Operational Readiness Exercise, on Saturday June 18th at Wisconsin Dells, twenty two Airmen from the 132d Fighter Wing participated in a 5K race called "Block the Sun Run - 2011". This was not only a fund raiser for Melanoma but a great fitness event which built camaraderie for the unit. There were 285 race participants total and the average finish time was 29:07. Five of our Airmen finished within the top three of their category and garnered medals, listed below. Our 132d Fighter Wing Airmen beat the average time with a 25:58 average. It was great to see a nice turn-out from the Wing. Thank you to TSgt Gary Burch from LRS who organized the 132d Fighter Wing Participation. <http://www.blockthesunrun.com/>

- TSgt Janel Anglick
- SrA Jennifer Barrer
- Lt Col Monica Blakley
- SSgt Brian Breuner
- TSgt Gary Burch (5th place overall, 2nd place M35-39)
- SSgt Justin Coop
- SSgt David Crockett
- Maj Paul Deboer
- SSgt Anne Downing (3rd place F30-34)
- MSgt Barry Fox
- SSgt Jeff Huxford
- Lt Col Dennis Langfeldt
- Lt Col Suellen Overton
- Maj Harry Pegg (3rd place M40-44)
- TSgt Leanne Praska
- A1C Anna Rietveld (2nd place F20-24)
- CMS Ed Schellhase
- TSgt Gary Thatcher
- Maj Michael Touney
- SrA Kirsten Van Dusseldorp (1st place F20-24)
- MSgt Donna Weepie
- Capt Mark Williams



PEOPLE

Movin' In

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| TSGT | MCDOWELL, SARA J. | FS |
| SSGT | ALEXANDER, NATHAN D. | LRS |
| SSGT | PETERS, JASON W. | MDG |
| SRA | BURKHART, CHARITY J. | FSS |
| SRA | ODELL, ANDREW J. | MXA |
| SRA | VANZEE, ROBERT D. | MXA |
| A1C | ALLEN, JOSHUA A. | MXA |
| A1C | ASLESEN, BENJAMIN J. | FSS |
| A1C | BERNS, EMILY K. | MXM |
| A1C | JACKSON, STEVEN D. | MXM |
| A1C | JOHNSTON, JACOB R. | MXA |
| A1C | JONES, DURWOOD M. | 124 FS |
| A1C | MCDONNELL, CHAD A. G. | CF |
| A1C | OOSTREEN, ANNEMIEKE A. | MXM |
| A1C | VESPESTAD, DREW M. | MXM |
| A1C | WELLS, DUSTIN L. | LRS |
| AB | KVIDERA, DAKOTA L. | MXO |
| AB | RUSSELL, WENDY L. | MDG |
| AB | SHERMAN, ALEXANDER M. | MDG |

Movin' On



MSgt Andres Gaub



MSgt Tim Schuster

ADVERTISED EVENTS

September

Promotions:

TBA

Retirements:

9/18 - 1300, Bldg. 240 Classroom, MSgt Don Stevens

Other Events:

9/17 - 1100, Family Day, Doanes Park, Pleasant Hill

For schedule of events/directions go to: www.132fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/afd-110912-028.pdf

9/30 - 1600 - Bldg 100 Wing Classroom, 124th Fighter Squadron Change of Command

Note: Dates, times, locations subject to change, please call in advance. Current as of : 20110912



PEOPLE

Movin' Up

to Lt.Col.

MCEACHEN, JAMES C.

to Major

GARROW, BRENT L.
LATCHAM, CHRISTOPHER G.

to Captain

BARNEY, NICK D.
LUCAS, BRET J.
TIMMINS, JASON T.

to 1st Lt.

HOFF, JOHN B.

to Senior Master Sgt.

ADAMS, ERIC T.
BURKHART, ROBERT C.
KOSTER, PAUL J.

to Master Sgt.

LINCOLN, ALAN L.
NIELSEN, STANLEY A.

to Technical Sgt.

CHATFIELD, BENJAMIN K.
TORRENCE, DANIEL J.

to Staff Sgt.

BLAKE, SABRINA J.
FENDER, MATTHEW J.
SARGENT, ROBERT L..
SCHURMAN, SCOTT L.
SPRAGUE, COLBY M

to Senior Airman

BARRER, JENNIFER S.
BRANCALEON, JACOB M.
COTTON, JONATHAN P.
HOLLAND, SAMUEL L JR.
KEELER, WAYNE W.
KOOIKER, RYAN J.
LEMASTER, JOSHUA G.
SMITH, SUSAN A.
THORSBAKKEN, CHRISTOPHER T.
WAGNER, MARIA K.

Movin' On



MSgt Donald Stevens



MSgt William Umphress



TSgt Robert Cannata

