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COMMAND COMMENTARY

New Year, New Challenges

By Col. Drew DeHaes

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I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know that we faced many challenges this past year and the new year will bring new challenges. Upcoming deployments of both Ops/Maintenance and Security Forces will deploy over one third of the base. We also have several ECS Airmen deploying as well. The Wing focus is centered on executing a successful deployment/redeployment of all our Airmen in the coming months. While they are deployed, the remainder of the Wing will continue preparations for our September home station ORE. We will focus on the things we can control and will not be distracted by things out of our control. I will be visiting your sections during this drill weekend to hold town hall meetings to answer questions concerning upcoming budget decisions for the Air National Guard.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a meeting between MG Orr and Lt Gen Wyatt concerning the upcoming challenges for the Air National Guard. With the \$450 billion dollar DOD budget cut changes will be made to the National Guard. There are signs that the end strength of the Air National Guard (currently 106,700) will be reduced to below 100,000 Airmen. Several weapons systems are at risk. The C-130, A-10 and block 30 F-16s are a prime target for the Air Force. Since we fly Block 30 F-16s, we had several questions concerning our future. Realize that LT Gen Wyatt cannot reveal what they are planning for our wing but I will summarize his comments.

General Wyatt said that there are growth opportunities in Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPAs), Cyber and potentially MC-12 aircraft. There was also a direct link between the Distributed

Training Operation Center (DTC) and our Wing needing to stay in a flying mission (either manned or unmanned). Based on the percentages that General Schwartz (Chief of Staff of the Air Force) briefed at a conference last month, the ANG has the potential to lose 100 Fighter Aircraft. The A-10 weapon system will bear the brunt of this cut, but F-16s potentially could be reduced. An important point to make is that this is what the Air Force is **PROPOSING**. The ANG has the support of the majority of Congressmen and Senators across the country, including all 7 of Iowa's elected officials. Their number one argument against the Air Force reducing the Guard has been, "why cut the most cost effective military force in the face of budget shortfalls"? I couldn't agree more.

What I expect is that when the President's 2013 budget is released in February we will see several proposed cuts to the National Guard. What I also expect is that Congress will be in an uproar to stop the Air Force from recapitalizing the force on the backs of the Air National Guard. I am confident that the 132d Fighter Wing will continue to be an important part of the Air National Guard. I have not heard any rumors about any shortage of mission for our proven Wing. We might be asked to change our mission of flying fighters, but after Congress gets their day in court, only time will tell what the future holds. Realize that much is out of our control. We have the top rated F-16 Wing flying Block 30 aircraft based on numerous metrics. We have engaged on a political level over the past several months to ensure our elected officials know what the 132d brings to the fight. Let's concentrate on what we can control and continue the legacy of Excellence at the 132d Fighter Wing. I look forward to your questions at the upcoming Town Hall meetings. Have a great drill weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON STATE FUNDED TUITION ASSISTANCE

Current funding levels from the State of Iowa Legislature is providing tuition assistance of at least 50% of the resident tuition rate charge at a public university based upon the tuition rate at state Board of Regents Schools; (Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa of the Spring Semester 2012. This educational incentive is available to ANG members without a Bachelor Degree and pursuing collegiate studies for a total of eight semesters as a full-time student, or as a part-time student for a total of 16 semesters, regardless of the career field at any North Central Association (NCA) accredited Community College, Public or Private College or University in Iowa. The State of Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program is approved annually as a state fiscal budgetary item. As such, the tuition assistance rate is subject to change.

COMMAND CHIEF COMMENTARY

Happy New Year!

By Chief Master Sgt. Angie M. Vos
132FW/Wing Command Chief

As we begin 2012, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy and prosperous New Year.

This time of year I tend to look back at the year that has just ended and take a moment to reflect; and then I look to the year ahead. One thing I know for sure is that this year will be different than last year, in one way or the other. This is certainly a season of change and the future is unknown as it always is. With upcoming budget constraints, one could easily become concerned about the future. I challenge each of you to take a moment and realize that each one of us has much to be encouraged by. Yes, things are always changing; it is important for us to realize this and to be prepared for it. Many of us struggle with change, but it is important to understand that it is a part of life. Currently, I have much change going on in my life.

I have recently resigned my full time job in the Human Resource Office at the Joint Forces Headquarters, so I am now transitioning into a traditional Wing Command Chief and I have recently begun homeschooling my daughters. That is a lot of change and a lot of transition, but I am certain I am not the only one experiencing change and transition.

As we begin this New Year, I would like each of you to take some time to think about all you have to be thankful for. I know I have been richly blessed and when I take a few minutes to reflect on all the things I have to be thankful for, it is overwhelming. It is so important to help keep things in perspective. Sometimes life can get pretty crazy and out of control if we allow it to; so take time to stop, be still and be thankful. This unit is filled with amazing Airmen and I cannot tell you how proud I am to be your Command Chief. As I work through this transition, I will tell you that my plan is to spend my drill week-ends out and about spending time with you. That is time well spent! Please take care of each other and be a good Wingman.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Impact of Mental Health Consultation

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

We know that the stigma of seeking mental health care or counseling is a major issue not only for the military, but the general public as well. Unfortunately, this stigma can keep Airmen from seeking out care, even when there are effective treatments that work. The ripple effects of not seeking mental health care or a preventative consultation could include failed marriages, lost job opportunities, continued alcohol abuse, and suicide attempts.

However, for most Airmen who seek mental health care, their privacy is maintained and their career is unharmed. In fact,

97% of Airmen who seek treatment at Air Force Mental Health Clinics suffer no negative career impact. For 90% of Airmen who seek mental health care, no one from the unit is ever contacted. And, when commanders are contacted, they're generally given only fitness for duty and safety information (Source: Frontline Supervisors Training).

So if feelings of stress, anxiety or relationship issues seem beyond your control, do not hesitate to contact a chaplain or mental health professional.

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



ALL Air National Guard members and retirees are now able to refer new recruits and receive rewards for doing it!

The NGB has rolled out a new referral program at www.refer2ang.com. Anyone full-time, traditional, or retired can go to the website, set up an account and start referring. After registering, the member will receive an info packet on the program as well as business cards to hand out to their referrals.

The rewards are issued on a tiered system, the more recruits referred the better the incentive gift. Members can select gifts from a backpack (1 recruit), to fitness kits (2 recruits), all the way up to a 3D 40 inch high definition television or gaming kit containing a gaming platform and 40 inch HDTV(5 recruits)!

Now get out there and start headhunting!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It's the Thought that counts!

By Chaplain (Maj.) Wendell K. Rome

132FW Chaplain

Can you believe that another year has come and gone. It is 2012 and ready or not it is here and another holiday season is over. Recently, I was tucking my nine year old daughter Destiny in at bed time. I admit being tired and was trying to hurry her up in bed during our nightly prayer. Destiny asked me "Daddy, do you have anyone you want to pray for tonight". I said yes I'd like to pray for Jack one of my basketball players who just broke his finger on yesterday and will be out for several weeks. At the end of our prayer Destiny went to get her stationary pad and said she wanted to write Jack a note of encouragement. In my mind I thought is she serious? The note was short and simple and read : Jack, it's Destiny Coach Rome's daughter. I hope your finger gets better and I'm thinking of you, Love Destiny. Destiny sealed it, drew hearts on the outside and said "daddy please don't forget to give Jack his note". That next day at basketball practice Jack had his finger in a splint and I

gave him the note from Destiny. After he read it you would have thought that he won the lottery at the smile on his face.

This was a very small and selfless gesture by Destiny but it went along way. Destiny decided that she would take a risk and try and do something kind and thoughtful for someone else. Jack actually went home and showed the card to his parents in excitement. Destiny proved to me once again that it is really the thought that counts when it comes to being kind and considerate. A new year is here filled with new opportunities to make a difference in someone else's life. That could come in the form of volunteering in your community, church, shelter etc. Remember, it's the little things that make a difference and make this world a better place to live. In 2012, I invite and encourage you to do more to make this world a better place by showing love and compassion to someone who may need it. Happy New Year and I pray this is the best year yet for you and your family.

FYI

2011 Tax Statement Information

Tax season is here and it's time for annual tax statements. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) is in the process of preparing and distributing the millions of tax statements due to DoD customers by the end of January. Visit [virtual Finance](#) for other online financial resources.

Annuitant 1099-R	December 14, 2011
Retiree 1099-R	December 15, 2011
Civilian W-2 (DoD and non-DoD)	January 5, 2012
Reserve Component Air Force, Army, and Navy W-2	January 6, 2012
Army Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) W-2	January 11, 2012
Active/Reserve Component Marine Corps W-2	January 16, 2012
Army Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) Civilian W-2	January 20, 2012
Savings Deposit Program (SDP) 1099-INT	January 21, 2012
Active Component Air Force, Army, and Navy W-2	January 24, 2012
Travel/Miscellaneous W-2	January 31, 2012

VACANCIES'

Non-Rated Officer

The 132nd Fighter Wing will convene a Non-rated Officer Selection Board during the June 2012 UTA. Packages are due 06 May 2012 to the Force Support Squadron. Question should be addressed to Major Stan Kowalczyk, 515-261-8525.

For more information see: www.132fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120103-034.pdf

Pilot Training Candidate

The 124th Fighter Squadron is looking for the next Pilot Training candidate. The Pilot Training interview board will convene 23 June 2012. Pilot Training application is due to the 124th Fighter Squadron no later than 16 April 2012.

For more information see: www.132fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111116-033.pdf

ADVERTISED EVENTS

January

Promotions:

1/7 - 1530 - DFAC, Col. (select) Mark Chidley

Retirements:

1/7 - 1700 - Off Base, **SMSgt Craig Herman**

1/8 - 1400 - Bldg. 100, Wing Classroom, **MSgt Berry C. Fox**

Other Events:

1/8 - 1430 - DFAC, **Medical Group Change of Command**



February

Promotions:

TBA

Retirements:

2/4 - 1500 - DFAC. **Col. James Bartlett**

Other Events:

Note: Dates, times, locations subject to change, please call in advance. Current as of : 20120103

132FW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and Victim Advocates

The 132nd has 10 qualified Victim Advocates and a new SARC. Confidentiality rules apply if reporting a sexual assault incident to the SARC or any Victim Advocate. All are trained to provide the applicable resources, depending on your military status at the time of the incident. We cannot help if you don't report.

Victim Advocates

SMSgt Bob Burkhart	FW	MSgt Joyce Piazza	OSF
MSgt Brenda Safranski	FSS	MSgt Rebecca Stamer	FSS
MSgt Todd Moomaw	FW	SSgt Rebecca Kennedy	SFS
TSgt Lonnie Hoyt	MXG	MSgt Kim McWilliams	MDG
TSgt Tina Bizios	LRS	A1C Stacia Taylor	MXG

132FW SARC

Capt Ken Hartman ext. 203

For confidential sexual assault support
www.SafeHelpline.org
or 877-995-5247