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COMMAND COMMENTARY

Welcome Home.....Job Well Done!

By Col. Drew DeHaes

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As I type this article, our last couple of Warriors have returned from our latest aviation contingency deployment. This was our 10th since 1996 and we executed with the same excellence that has become our standard. As we celebrate their return, let's not forget that we have approximately 65 warriors still deployed around the world, from Oman to Bagram and a few places in between. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Excellence was abounding in Kandahar! To put our most recent deployment into numbers: over 800 sorties flown, over 3200 flight hours, 100 percent kinetic attacks executed flawlessly, 100 percent tasked sorties executed and over 6 cases of Diet Mountain Dew delivered. Excellence in all we do, you bet!!

I have to say thank you to all Wing members who have deployed over the years. This most recent group carried on the tradition of excellence that many of you set and that bar was set high. The deployment numbers speak for

themselves, and those alone set this deployment apart. Add in the fact that this group relocated over 300 miles and reestablished a US F-16 base where none existed before. All this without missing a single sortie! Outstanding!

What is next for the 132nd Fighter Wing? This week, the council of Governor's proposal was countered by the Secretary of AF. The offer to the ANG was 24 of the Oldest C-130s in the AF inventory and approximately 2000 manpower positions. Gen. Orr is adamant that this was the starting position of the negotiations and the real work lies ahead. Gen. Orr is meeting with our CODEL this week to discuss the way forward for our Wing. I need everyone to exercise some tactical patience as we move forward. Gen. Wyatt said that we are to recruit to 106,700 personnel and keep executing our current mission. Those are our marching orders. We will execute these to the best of our ability. In other words, THE EXCELLENCE CONTINUES!



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Tips for Couples

By David N. Brown, Ph.D., LMFT

Wing Director Psychological Health

As the spring wedding season is here, there's an endless amount of advice for couples heading down the aisle to help them find true wedded bliss. However, even those couples married for 20 or so years can benefit from the same such advice. Here are some simple suggestions for those newlywed

and for those not so newlywed. Be friends and be respectful of each other. Show interest in your companion and show you care. Support your significant other and be appreciative of what you partner is doing. Be tolerant of each other's faults – No one is perfect. Be attentive to your partner and show good listening skills. No blaming, sarcasm, or contempt. Learn to say you are sorry. For questions or assistance contact David Brown, Wing Director Psychological Health at 515-306-8015 or david.brown.ctr@ang.af.mil

LEGAL BRIEFS

USERRA and Your Reemployment Rights

By TSgt Jake France

132FW/Legal Office

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA, 38 U.S.C. §§ 4301 – 4335) is a Federal law that establishes the rights and responsibilities for members of the National Guard and Reserves and their civilian employers. It is intended to ensure that persons who serve or have served in the Armed Forces: (1) are not disadvantaged in their civilian careers because of their service; (2) are promptly reemployed in their civilian jobs upon their return from duty; and (3) are not discriminated against in employment based on past, present, or future military service.

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform military service. To be reemployed you must: ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service, return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service, and have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge. If you have been deployed for 31-180 days, you

must report back to work or apply for reemployment within 14 days following completion of service.

When you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents. Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve serves as a proactive liaison between military leaders and employers to address issues and develop solutions to problems that arise because of employee participation in the National Guard. An ESGR Ombudsman will provide you with information, confidential counseling and neutral mediation. There is no charge for any of these services.

If you have concerns with your reemployment, contact the base legal office at 261-8507 or the Iowa Committee for ESGR at 1-800-294-6607 ext. 4192 or ext. 2757 or ext. 2742 and www.iowaesgr.org

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Never Retreat

By Chaplain (Capt.) Gabriel Casciato

132FW Chaplain

I recently came across a great piece of history. Someone found a letter from Their "Grandpa B" who was a Chaplain with the 140TH Infantry in WWII. Specifically he took part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive; the war's largest Western front offensive against the German army. That offensive began on September 26, 1918. After Grandpa B passed, this person found and published a letter that "Chaplain B" had sent to his parents before the offensive. It's worth quoting part of it.

"I'm writing just before what will probably be the greatest military activity the world has ever seen. There are lots of interesting things might be told, but I'll tell you all about it when I get back home! One thing that would be very significant in religious work, and it is an order that's

scattered everywhere so every private and orderly knows it, is that anyone who at any time orders any kind of retreat or retirement, is to be shot down at once by an officer. If no officer hears it, the enlisted men must take the offender to the nearest officer to be shot. We're going forward, and no

orders to retreat can possibly be official. Germany has repeatedly sent men into the Allied ranks perfectly disguised as Allied officers, speaking English or French perfectly, to order a retreat..."

The person who found this letter was stuck by the repeated theme of "never retreat." And it wasn't just about the armed hostility about to begin but Chaplain B had applied it to life and faith as well. There are times where it feels like we are "in it." Uncertainty, fear, depression seem to surround us just as much as any enemy in the field. And it can feel overwhelming at times. But what I want to say to you is NEVER RETREAT! The thing about these hard times is that they always pass. I have had hard times come and then I have watched them go, even when I thought they were here to stay. "This too shall pass."

I want you to know that your Chaplains are here to help along with a plethora of other resources (Dr. Brown, 1st Sergeants, commanders, family life consultants, etc.). If you are in the battle, don't hesitate to call in reinforcements. But whatever you do, don't retreat. In the Christian tradition, Jesus once said, "In this world you will have troubles. But take heart, I have overcome the world."



SILVER SQUADRON

2012 Events Schedule

Michael B. Knight Chief Master Sgt. Ret.
Silver Squadron Commander

- May 17 Spring Social at the Machine Shed Restaurant. Please arrive by 6 p.m. and be seated for the program which will start at 7 p.m.
- May 26 Place American flags on Veteran's Graves, Glendale Cemetery. Gather At 8 a.m.
- Jul. 18 Regular Meeting, Viper Lounge at 7 p.m.
- Sep. 19 Regular Meeting, Viper Lounge at 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14 Fall Social at the Machine Shed Restaurant. Please arrive at 6 p.m. and be seated for the program which will start at 7 p.m.

Please contact one of the following Silver Squadron Board Members with suggestions for Guest Speakers at the Spring & Fall socials, or other activities:

A Flight (Bill Crouse). D Flight (James Cade).
E Flight (Mike Vandelune). C Flight (Marv Mick).

Additionally, if you know of someone who would like to be added to the Silver Squadron e-mail list, Please send their e-mail information to Michael Knight at cmsgtknight1946@msn.com

ADVERTISED EVENTS

Retirements:

- 5/5 - 1500 - Wing Classroom, **Chief Master Sgt. Thomas O. Montgomery**
5/6- 1400 - Wing Classroom, **Senior Master Sgt. Richard Milburn**
6/1- 1600 - Wing Classroom, **Senior Master Sgt. Robert Schwering**

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