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COMMAND COMMENTARY

Latest and Greatest

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Welcome to the rollercoaster known as the FY 13 Presidential budget! When I wrote the first article outlining the possibility of the 132nd being re-missioned, I cautioned everyone that this would be a long process. I have taken up the mantra that this is a marathon, not a sprint. What has happened since my last article?

The Council of Governors (Led by Governor Branstad) has made numerous counter proposals to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of staff of the Air Force on behalf of the Air National Guard. Actually, they have proposed, re-proposed over and over again. One of these proposals was reported by the Des Moines Register (that proposal had us remaining in F-16s). After numerous iterations, the Council finally felt that the Air Force was not willing to seriously consider their proposals. The Under Secretary of Defense has taken over the process and will now work with the Council of Governors. What does that mean for us?? Good question, one that I cannot answer with any certainty at this time. I am hoping that we get a better audience with the Under Secretary.

One thing that I am certain about is that our Governor, all our Senators and Congressmen, our TAG and our community are behind us 100 percent and that won't change. What is next?

I would expect that the Under Secretary of Defense will come up with a solution to the stalemate between the Council of Governors and the Air Force. The Council won't win every argument, but I feel they will fare better dealing with the Secretary of Defense vice the AF. Time will give us clarity; we need to be patient (I know, easier said than done).



This past Sunday the manning document was released for our **proposed** new mission in the MQ9. As I type this article, we are beginning to dissect what it means to each organization on base. The Top 5 is meeting to review the implications and will address your organizations this coming drill weekend. Realize that I hesitate discussing the document since it is

far from becoming reality and will cause angst among the Wing's Airmen, but I want truth in advertising and I said you would know when I know. I know I don't need to remind each of you that this is a proposal.

We are just in the initial months of this budget process, a process that could take until late this year (most likely after the November elections) to be resolved. You will hear and read many things in the coming months. All of them (both good and bad) should be considered speculation until you hear it from Wing leadership. You have heard it before and will continue to hear it until we have a signed budget; don't get caught up in rumor, continue to be the best Fighter Wing in the country and **Ride the Average!**

Synthetic Cannabinoids and Prescription Drugs

By Capt. Bret Lucas

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The use and abuse of synthetic cannabinoids and prescription medications is on the rise throughout the country. In response to this growing epidemic, the Air Force has engaged in measures prevent and deter abuse of these substances.

Synthetic Cannabinoids (commonly known as “Spice”, “Salvia” or “K2”) is a mixture of herbs that is sprayed with a synthetic compound to produce a psychoactive effect similar to marijuana when smoked. These substances are completely unregulated and the harmful effects are not all known. Effects range from a marijuana-like “high” resulting in mirthfulness, laziness and hunger to serious psychological and physical symptoms including panic attacks, hallucinations, delusions, vomiting, increased agitation and dilated pupils; military members have purportedly experienced prolonged psychotic symptoms even several months after cessation of Spice use.

The DEA categorized the chemicals in some Spice products as a Schedule I controlled substance in Mar 2011, meaning it is illegal to possess, sell or manufacture in the U.S. AFI 44-121 prohibits use or possession of Spice, and Major General Orr’s Red Border Letter #2 dated 5 February 2011 states in pertinent part “The use of, possession, purchase, attempt to purchase, transport, or distribution of any substance or derivative or variant of the substances

commonly known as Spice or Salvia is hereby prohibited”. Drug Testing for Spice began in early 2011, and every Airman is now subject to urinalysis testing for Spice.

In addition to synthetic cannabinoid testing, the Air Force is now expanding testing for the presence of prescription medications as part of the Urinalysis Program. While prescription medications may play a vital role in healing or maintaining your health, abuse of prescription medication has become rampant, and the Air Force has responded.

Inappropriate prescription drug use will not be tolerated and is defined as follows:

- Prescriptions used outside of their intended purpose

- Prescriptions used beyond their prescribed date

- Prescriptions used in excess of the prescribed dosing regimen

- Use of another individual’s prescribed medication

All unit members must report their prescription medications to the Medical Group and must follow all prescription guidance. Many doctors now communicate prescriptions directly to pharmacies and do not provide written copies. It is imperative, and you must ask for a documentation for you prescriptions so you can provide the information to the Medical Group. The Medical Group fax number is 515-261-8515.

MOTORCYCLE CLASS

On Sunday, May 20th, DMACC is offering a Basic Rider Course 2 specifically for members of the 132FW. This course is for riders who already have basic skills and a few years of riding under their belt. It is an excellent refresher course for practicing and renewing basic riding skills which often deteriorate over time. You ride your own bike during this course.

Certification from this course satisfies the requirement for permission to ride on base. Cost is \$60 and reimbursable through the Safety Office. See MSG Tuma in the Wing Safety Office or Capt. Vierkant in Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for more details.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS

State Family Readiness Training Conference and Youth & Teen Symposium

By **Amanda Wicker**

Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager

The Iowa National Guard Family Readiness Program will conduct its Annual State Family Readiness Training Conference and Youth Symposium **28-29 April 2012**, at Building S70, Freedom Center, Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Ave, Johnston, IA 50131. This year's event will be a fun packed event for our Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), Service Members, Family Members (spouses, significant others, parents and siblings), and Volunteers of the Iowa National Guard. Our theme, *Resilient Families: Ability to Bounce Back & Thrive*, will be the focal point of the weekend guiding lectures, training and discussions. Command emphasis will ensure all Units and Bases are represented. The goal of the conference is to improve personal and family readiness of the Iowa National Guard.

All Service Members, Family Members, Volunteers of the Iowa National Guard are encouraged to attend. Attendees will be placed on Invitational Travel Orders. Travel, lodging and per diem will be reimbursed in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulations. Each adult delegate will complete the registration form prior to the conference. The registration forms may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the **State Family Program Office, 7105 NW 70th Ave, JFHQ, Room 186, Johnston, IA 50131. Fax: 515-727-3103. Email:**

shalee.torrence@us.army.mil. Registration deadline April 13, 2012.

The Youth & Teen Symposium will conduct sessions for children and youth in grades K-12. Registration and release of liability forms must be completed by the parent or guardian for every youth/teen delegate prior to the symposium. All youth registrations should be returned by mail, fax or email to the attention of Jeremy VanWyk: **State Family Program Office, 7105 NW 70th Ave, JFHQ, Room 186, Johnston, IA 50131, Fax: 515-727-3103, Email: Jeremy.vanwyk@us.army.mil by April 13, 2012.**

Information regarding this event such as agendas and registration forms will also be available soon on the Iowa National Guard website at www.iowanationalguard.com. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Hung Hunt 14 April 2012 at 2:00 PM in Lawn Area west of Bldg. 110. Alternate location will be inside the dining facility Bldg. 110.

Next FRG meeting will be held on 06 May 12 at 1:30 PM in FSS Conference room Bldg. 110. Child care is provided and all are welcome to attend.

PEOPLE

April

Retirements:

5/5 - 1500 - Wing Classroom **CMSgt Thomas O. Montgomery**

5/5 - 1500 - DFAC PAvillion, **CMSgt Mark Louw**

5/14 - 1400 - Wing Classroom, **SMSgt Richard Milburn**

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