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F-15 fighters from the 104th Fighter Wing are positioned in the new Air Sovereignty Alert hangar on January 27, 2010 for the first time since construction on the hangar was completed. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)



*Col. Robert T. Brooks, Jr.*

# Commander's Column

## By Col. Robert T. Brooks

Barnestormers,

As of 1 February, we have reached a major milestone by achieving Initial Operational Capability (IOC) in the F-15. This has been made possible through the work, grit, and determination of each and every one of you. In just over a week, we will stand up Air Sovereignty Alert and become one of eighteen ASA sites defending our nation. I want to thank Lt Col Davis, SMSgt Roy, and SMSgt Bolduc for their efforts in leading the charge with ASA. For the past eighteen months, two of our wing goals have been becoming IOC by completing our conversion in a safe and efficient manner, and successfully standing up ASA. While there is still a lot to improve upon, we are certainly at the threshold of achieving what we set out to do. These goals could not be accomplished without leadership at all levels, and having a "can-do" attitude second to none.

An Air Force Operational Assessment team will be here next week from 8-12 Feb to validate our capability to accomplish the ASA mission. Once this team leaves, we start a 60-day countdown until the NORAD Inspector General will show up on our base and perform our first Alert Force Evaluation. This will be our first major inspection in the F-15. This Alert Force Evaluation occurs approximately every 18 months and tests all facets of ASA including operations, maintenance, command post, command and control, security forces, and POL, just to name a few. ASA operations are no doubt a complete team effort involving all areas of our Wing.

Supporting the Global War on Terror is also one of our goals, having deployed over 160 airmen since 2009, and have many more set to deploy in the near future. I am proud of the fact the Barnestormers continue to volunteer to deploy and serve our country with many of you in harm's way. Some of you have asked about Haiti, and if we were sending any airman to support the relief efforts. We have had many requests for information with respect to availability of airmen, and have had several volunteers; however to date we have had no taskings from National Guard Bureau.

It is my distinct pleasure to announce two winners from the 104th Fighter Wing

for the MA ANG 2009 State Awards. SrA Jason Grimaldi from Operations is the Airman of the Year, and TSgt Julie Acker from Maintenance was the Honor Guard Member of the Year. Please help me in congratulating these two airmen. This Saturday night of drill, the Chiefs Council will recognize and honor Major General Richard Platt (retired) with an induction into the "Order of the Musket". The 104FW "Order of the Musket" has been established by the 104FW Chiefs Council as a means of recognizing and honoring individuals, both military and civilian, for conspicuous and significant contributions to the welfare and prestige of the noncommissioned officer corps of the 104FW and the military establishment. Major General Platt served for 15 years in the 104th, with his last five as Wing Commander. He is now serving in the "DC AOR", and continues to fight battles for the ANG today. We welcome back Major General Platt and his family to the 104th Fighter Wing and Western Massachusetts.

Thank you all for the effort you give day in and day out here in the 104th Fighter Wing. You are doing something bigger than yourself, and that is something to be proud of, and something you can hang your hat on for years to come.

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## Command Chief Master Sgt.'s Column By Chief Master Sgt. Al Reale

It's official. As of 1 February, we are an F-15C wing. The BRAC commission announced our conversion plans on 26 August of 2005.

That was 1,620 days ago...or 4 years, 5 months and 6 days. Time flies. A lot has happened since then and now our conversion is "officially" complete. You have made that happen. Jets are now beginning to fly with regularity, or as regular as anything mechanical that is 30+ years old can be expected to fly. Is anyone out there driving a vehicle from 1978? If you are it must be a classic. Think of how amazing it is that we are flying a 30 year old machine that is still "leading edge". Is anyone not in awe as they watch an F-15 take off?

On February 15th, just 2 weeks after our official operational date, we will stand up our homeland defense mission—the Air Sovereignty Alert. We truly are the home town air force. We will have jets armed and ready to launch against targets of interest (TOI's) at a moment's

notice, 24/7/365. This is a new age for Barnes, this is a new age for you. Embrace the mission.

What can you do to embrace the mission? Do what you are supposed to do. Be here. Be trained. Be fit. Be ready. Doing all of that and doing it well may seem a bit overwhelming at times and we have a guide that can help to sort it all out. Over the February and March drill your first sergeant will be giving you a personal copy of the "Professional Development Guide", AFPAM 36-2241. This guide is like an almanac for airmen. It's not a regulation. It's a guide, a reference. Take a few minutes and look through it and you will find a lot of interesting information on a variety of topics such as leadership, uniforms, fitness and force development to name a few. Please use it. All NCO's and SNCO's will receive a hard copy. If you are not an NCO, you can download an electronic version at:

<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFPAM36-2241.pdf> <<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFPAM36-2241.pdf>>



You and your actions as an individual comprise team Barnes and define us as a unit. Please remember that you have an important role as we move forward with the ASA mission. We also need your help during upcoming Operational Readiness Exercises to prepare for our Inspection in June of 2011. While all this is going on, we will continue to support the fight overseas with our expeditionary combat support (ECS). In fact we have many members of our Barnes team deployed and in harm's way at this time. Please remember their service and sacrifice as we enjoy the benefits of being at home with our families and offer support where you can. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your service and dedication. Thank you.

## Community Outreach By Maj. Matthew Mutti, Wing Executive Officer

Our community plays in integral part in this unit through support of our mission, and our members. The men and women of this unit understand that important relationship and work to give back as much as they can. Recently, the wing received a few thank you letters. Here is a list of acknowledgements:

- \*The Westfield Open Pantry for the 104 turkey's donated at Thanksgiving;
- \*The Holyoke Solder's home, thanking the unit for sending Christmas Cards to the heroes who live at the hospital;
- \*The Boys and Girls Club for sponsoring over 50 underprivileged children by providing gifts via The Angel Tree Program;

- \*The Westfield School system for hosting interns during the fall semester;
- \*The Boy Scouts for hosting 40 children during a base tour;
- \*Bright Nights for support of the Road Race;
- \*The Polar Plunge;
- \*West Point for flying a missing man formation over a burial.

These letters represent the work of this wing that may not always go recognized. The time spent after work, or the extra effort during work, make a large and noticeably positive impact on the members of our extended family, and the community.

I recently completed a report for the Mass. National Guard Community Outreach program, a new initiative to record and support the efforts of the Mass. Guard in the community. My research uncovered the unit participated or led the way in 104 independent community outreach programs over the course of 2009

I want to pass on a heartfelt thank you from all those whom you've helped or supported... never think it's unnoticed.





## First Sgt.'s Column

By Master Sgt. Lynne Bolduc, Operations Group & HQ First Sgt.

A little background first. In the **JOINT** environment, which is become more prevalent in the daily operations of our military, it is important that we properly abbreviate our grades in military correspondences so as not to confuse the receiver of a letter, email or message. Again, the Army and the Air Force differ in abbreviations just as we do in terms of address. (Note: the Airscoop is written in APA style and the rank abbreviations will differ from the Tongue and Quill)

In the Tongue & Quill on page 309, you will find guidance for proper use of abbreviations and below is an excerpt from page 312 which shows proper rank abbreviations.

Air Force Ranks - these abbreviations are case sensitive

Airman Basic: AB  
Airman (refers to E-2): Amn

Note: Don't use this abbreviation if you are referring to any AF service member as in the 'Airman's Creed'.

Airman First Class : A1C  
Senior Airman: SrA  
Staff Sergeant: SSgt  
Technical Sergeant: TSgt

Master Sergeant: MSgt  
Senior Master Sergeant: SMSgt  
Chief Master Sergeant: CMSgt  
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force : CMSAF

***You ask what happened to the three letter abbreviations like TSG or MSG?*** Some of our personnel data systems use all upper case letters and allow only three positions to describe rank. I am not an expert on the newer system so I don't know what their limitations are. But don't allow those systems to confuse you with what is proper and written in the T & Q.

***JOINT is the reason this is important?*** SSG is the Army way to abbreviate their E-6 Staff Sergeant. MSG is the Army way to abbreviate and E-8 Master Sergeant. 1SG is the Army way to abbreviate their E-8 First Sergeant. And CSM or Command Sergeant Major looks dangerously close to CMS ... therefore CMSgt may eliminate confusion. Marine Corps abbreviations are similar to ours but still different. Since readers may assume your service by your rank abbreviation, you should put USAF following your grade in

your signature block (on email, official letters or other messages).

Second Lieutenant: 2d Lt  
First Lieutenant: 1st Lt  
Captain: Capt  
Major: Maj  
Lieutenant Colonel: Lt Col  
Colonel: Col  
Brigadier General: Brig Gen  
Major General: Maj Gen  
Lieutenant General: Lt Gen  
General: Gen

Note: not the same as the conversational General, this refers to an O-10.

Again, **JOINT importance** ... in every officer category, the Army and Air Force rank is said the same, but abbreviated differently. So the Army goes like this: 2LT, 1LT, CPT, MAJ, LTC, COL, BG, MG, LTG, GEN.

Joint operations can be difficult sometimes. But they don't have to be if we will pay attention to some of the little details and differences between the Air Force and the Army.

## Air Show Announced By Maj. Matthew Mutti, Executive Officer

August 21-22, the skies of Westfield will come alive with the sounds of freedom. Barnes Air National Guard base will host the US Air Force Thunderbirds, US Army Golden Knights, Geico Skytypers, Greg Poe, John Klatt, a Jet-powered school bus, Dan Buchanan, the Red Eagles, Rob Holland, pyrotechnic displays, and many historic and military aircraft like P-51, F-4U, H-34, P-47, B-25, T-6, F-16, F-18, A-10s...to name a few .

Although the show is more than 6 months away, much of the planning is

already underway, and the show is shaping to be one of the largest hosted at Barnes.

The process of hosting an show began in December at the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS). During this conference all the Air Show acts come together to plan for the following years shows.

Coordinating sponsorship, setting up marketing campaigns, planning to accommodate a few hundred thousand



people is a daunting task, but with the help of key organizations and local businesses, this show will offer a family event, filled with fun and excitement.

As we continue to align the flying acts, bookmark the following websites: [www.westfieldairshow.net](http://www.westfieldairshow.net) and [www.facebook.com/Westfield/pages/Westfield/Westfield-air-show](http://www.facebook.com/Westfield/pages/Westfield/Westfield-air-show), for updates on the performers and information on the show.

## Air Sovereignty Alert After IOC

### By Maj. Matthew Mutti, Wing Executive Officer

As 2011 unfolded, we have reached a few significant milestones. None more recent than becoming IOC or initial operations capable in our new weapon system, the F-15. During the first week of February I have conducted a few interviews on what IOC really means to a unit, and thought an article like this could help paint a clear picture for our readers.



(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)

The military is known for delineating between things. An example is rank—there is no question that a Captain outranks an Airman. There are also clear lines drawn regarding money and how it can be spent, and at what time it can be spent. There is also very clear guidance on reporting a unit's status and what status correlates with when looking at its ability (specifically in regards to money, people and the types of missions it can perform.)

Here is the background: following the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Committee's recommendation, assets, equipment and missions were redistributed and many units transformed. As a result, the 104th Fighter Wing

assumed the F-15 mission that was formally flown at the Cape, and the 102nd was transformed from a Fighter Wing to an Intelligence Wing.

The events that followed were carefully executed to allow for missions to continue and transform to happen without losing significant capabilities within the area. Some of the important milestones were: The A-10's began to leave Barnes in February of 2007; the first F-15s began to arrive at Barnes in September of the same year; Otis flew its last alert mission in Jan 2008; new facilities were being erected at a cost of \$40 million at Barnes; the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing deployed to Key West Fla. and Las Vegas Nev. to train for its new mission. All these events happened amidst a flurry of retraining, deployments, design and construction projects, and inventory and equipment movement...all with one goal in mind, completing the conversion safely and becoming IOC.

Once IOC was reached, the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing could then begin accepting new missions; and that's what's next. First and foremost, the wing is now able to be deployed, as a wing, in support of contingency operations overseas. Just as it did in 2003, the wing can take its people and airplanes 'over the pond' to support the nation's needs. Second, it can accept the Air Sovereignty Alert mission, which it is scheduled to do on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The ASA is the unit's 'home-game' in as much as deploying is the 'away-game'. Despite some initial rumors, the ASA mission is just that, a single mission...



(Photo by Major Matthew T. Mutti)

yes there is a fair amount of infrastructure in place to make it easy to perform that mission here, it is just one component our operational mission.

With the conversion completed, we are also ready to be evaluated. While we were in conversion status the Air Force was very careful not to test our abilities because of the clear learning curve. As we continue down the road of becoming the 'most respected F-15 unit in the Combat Air Force' per Col Brook's vision, we will need to be tested. First will be the Air Force evaluation of the ASA mission, following that we will engage in 3 more Operational Readiness Exercises, preparing for the inspection in Jun '11. Hard work now, just as it did when we were converting, will lead us to successful outcomes, and one step closer to the commander's vision.



(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)

# New Barnes CCTV Channel Lineup

## By Senior Master Sgt. Robert Sabonis, Public Affairs Manager

Due to digital upgrade of the Comcast cable network in Westfield and the surrounding communities, the CCTV here at Barnes also had to be upgraded and changed. The initial digital upgrade required a digital encoder to receive the newly upgraded digital signal and display it on TV. However, due to the fact that most of the base CCTV cable system is still running on an analog cable signal, Comcast was able to keep many of our channels on the analog signal. Most of the broadcast channels have remained the same, as you can see in the new Barnes CCTV channel lineup. Any channel listed as analog can be received on any standard TV or VCR connection. Channels listed as QAM are new digital channels and require a digital encoder box to display the channel on the TV. Many new TV's and DVD players are digital ready, and those built-in tuners can be used to display the new digital channels.

Another change to the CCTV lineup are the two satellite Warrior Network channels, previously channels 66 & 67. As you can see on the list, they are now channels 9 & 10, respectively. Starting this UTA, ancillary training videos will be played on channel 9 on Saturday and Sunday, scheduled as follows:

**Morning Training**  
 0900-0940 Forklift Fund and Ops  
 0940-1013 Confined Space Awareness  
 1013-1023 Basic Ladder Safety  
 1023-1053 Lockout/Tagout  
 1053-1101 FOD Prevention  
 1101-1108 Copyright Infringement

**Afternoon Training**  
 1300-1340 Forklift Fund and Ops  
 1340-1413 Confined Space Awareness  
 1413-1423 Basic Ladder Safety  
 1423-1453 Lockout/Tagout  
 1453-1501 FOD Prevention  
 1501-1508 Copyright Infringement

In the future, Public Affairs will broadcast information on other "open" channels in the CCTV lineup, as we work with the Communications Flight to gain this ability. More to follow in upcoming Airscoops.

2	WGBY - PBS	ANALOG
3	WSHM - CBS	ANALOG
4	WGGB ABC	ANALOG
5	WWLP - NBC	ANALOG
6	WGGB FOX	ANALOG
7	OPEN	ANALOG
8	GRTV	ANALOG
9	Warrior Net 1	ANALOG
10	Warrior Net 2	ANALOG
11	WDMR	ANALOG
12	OPEN	ANALOG
13	WEDH	ANALOG
14	WSBK	ANALOG
15	Access - Local	ANALOG
16	WBQT	ANALOG
17	BET	ANALOG
18	OPEN	ANALOG
19	WHTX	ANALOG
20	HSN	ANALOG
21	OPEN	ANALOG
22	QVC	ANALOG
23	OPEN	ANALOG
24	Disney	ANALOG
25	Nickelodeon	ANALOG
26	ABC Family	ANALOG
27	OPEN	ANALOG
28	MTV	ANALOG
29	VH1	ANALOG
30	FX	ANALOG
31	TBS	ANALOG
32	HGTV	ANALOG
33	TNT	ANALOG
34	E!	ANALOG
35	USA	ANALOG
36	Lifetime	ANALOG
37	A&E	ANALOG
38	TLC	ANALOG
39	Discovery	ANALOG
40	OPEN	ANALOG
41	Fox News	ANALOG
42	CNN	ANALOG
43	HLN	ANALOG
44	CSPAN	ANALOG
45	OPEN	ANALOG
46	CNBC	ANALOG
47	Weather	ANALOG
48	OPEN	ANALOG
49	ESPN	ANALOG
50	ESPN2	ANALOG
51	NESN	ANALOG
52	CCST Sport	ANALOG
53	OPEN	ANALOG
54	Versus	ANALOG
55	Spike	ANALOG
56	OPEN	ANALOG
57	Bravo	ANALOG
58	History	ANALOG

59	AMC	ANALOG
60	Cartoon	ANALOG
61	Comedy	ANALOG
62	SyFy	ANALOG
63	Animal	ANALOG
64	TV Land	ANALOG
65	MSNBC	ANALOG
66	Travel	ANALOG
67	Food	ANALOG
68	OPEN	ANALOG
69	Golf	ANALOG
70	OPEN	ANALOG
71	OPEN	ANALOG
72	Digital + HD	QAM
73	Digital + HD	QAM
74	Digital + HD	QAM
75	Digital + HD	QAM
76	Digital + HD	QAM
77	Reserved for HD	QAM
78	Reserved for HD	QAM
79	Reserved for HD	QAM
80	OPEN	ANALOG
81	OPEN	ANALOG
82	OPEN	ANALOG
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84	OPEN	ANALOG
85	OPEN	ANALOG
86	OPEN	ANALOG
87	OPEN	ANALOG
88	OPEN	ANALOG
89	OPEN	ANALOG
90	OPEN	ANALOG
<b>Display Channel on QAM TV</b>		
3.1	WFSB	QAM
20	WTXX HD	QAM
20	WTXX TH	QAM
22	WWLP HD	QAM
24	WEDH	QAM
30	WVIT	QAM
40	WGGB HD	QAM
41	WSHM	QAM
41	WSHM News	QAM
43	WHTX	QAM
57	WGBY HD	QAM
57	WGBY World	QAM
57	WGBY Kids	QAM
57	WGBY Create	QAM
61	WTIC	QAM
78	NECN	QAM
83	CW (WBQT)	QAM
84	Telemundo	QAM
222	WWLP	QAM
238	WSBK	QAM
240	WGGB	QAM
240	FOX6	QAM
257	WGBY	QAM
267	WSHM	QAM

## Hometown Hero Program

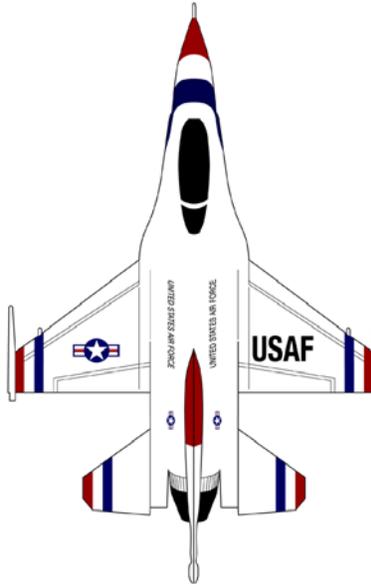
### By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

The Hometown Heroes Program is sponsored by the USAF Thunderbirds and is designed to recognize an individual from a local area who has made significant contributions and sacrifices on behalf of his and her community. One Hometown Hero may have an opportunity to fly with the Air Force Thunderbirds.

The Public Affairs office is currently accepting nominations for the Hometown Heroes Program in preparation for the August Air Show.

Eligible nominees will be considered on a myriad of criteria. For example, an average citizen who heroically saved a life, a renowned teacher, a humanitarian or philanthropist, a local firefighter, paramedic or police officer could be considered a Hometown Hero. Applicants need not be affiliated with the 104<sup>th</sup> or the military to be eligible, but must demonstrate personal courage and contribute to their community..

Public officials, newscasters and other individuals already in the public eye will **not** be eligible. Persons with prior felony convictions will also **not** be eligible.



Recommendations/nominations should be submitted to the 104th Fighter Wing's Public Affairs office, either through mail or via e-mail at 104fw.pa@ang.af.mil. Nominations exceeding 500 words or that do not include supporting documentation, i.e. news clippings, commendations, letters of support, will not be considered. Applications should be submitted by 31 May, and will be reviewed by a base panel for selection.

The final candidate may be awarded a one-hour Thunderbird orientation flight in one of the world's premier fighter jets, the Lockheed Martin F-16D. Due to the rigors of jet flight, nominees must meet Air Force flight standards and be in optimum health.

Captain Neal Byrne is the Project Officer, "It is a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on folks in the local community who are making a difference and contributing to the greater good," he said.

## Airmen in Focus—SrA Jason Grimaldi

### By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

SrA Jason Grimaldi, an intelligence specialist here at the 104th Fighter Wing, has been nominated for the Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year award following his selection as the Mass. National Guard Airman of the Year. He has been recognized for his efforts in the MSIP (multi-stage improvement program) and expert intelligence support to the 131 Fighter Squadron throughout 2009.

SrA Grimaldi is an outstanding airman that personifies the Air Force motto, "Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that we do". "He is a model of excellence worthy of emulation by his peers, whose continuous drive to improve himself is evident in the quality of his work both on and off duty", said Lt Col Alexander Haldopoulos, Airman Grimaldi's supervisor.

Grimaldi is the Program Security Manager (PSM) for MSIP. "For those unfamiliar with the F-15, the multi-stage

improvement program started in the early 80's with many avionics upgrades to help guarantee air superiority by the F-15. I work with the operators (pilots) to ensure that airframe specific security requirements are adhered to," said Grimaldi.

"I was born in Springfield, MA and have lived in Feeding Hills, MA since then. I only moved from Feeding Hills when I went to BMT and tech school."

In 2006, he joined the unit for many reasons, but the most important was the people. "From my perspective, the best part about Barnes is the people. From the lower enlisted through the senior leadership I feel that the family-oriented mindset of Barnes yields high operational capability."

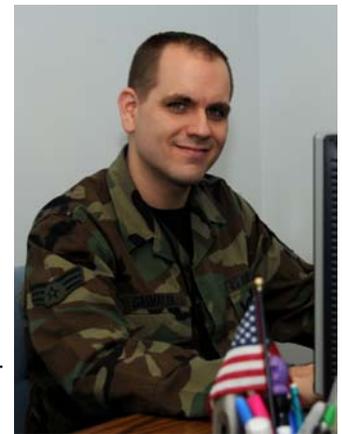
After enlisting, Grimaldi has completed nearly nine months of training to be proficient in his job, but admitted he still has a lot to learn in the

fast passed world of military intelligence.

"I enlisted as an Intelligence

Analyst ...because it was an opportunity to directly provide tactical and operational support to the pilots through mission planning and threat-of-the-day briefings, and to the Ops Group and senior leadership through current Intel briefings."

"I later took the PSM position, because it allowed me to further support the Wing ensuring MSIP security. As a new F-15 unit, it was, and continues to be a challenging and critical, but rewarding career".



(Photo by SMSgt. Rob Sabonis)



## Safety, 'How Goes-It?'

### By Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Dumais, Safety

#### December 2009

##### **Injuries**

1. Worker injured during aircraft prep; lacerated head; impact aircraft;
2. 2 lost work days
3. Worker injured moving pan; sprained knee; slipped on grease; greater than first aid
4. Worker injured walking; broke leg; slip on ice; 33 lost workdays
5. Worker injured during climb; foot bruise; slipped on pole, 7 restricted duty days

##### **Mishaps**

1. GOV backed into fence; damaged fence; inattention; \$0 damage
2. Unattended GOV impacted; scratched

- paint; hit and run; \$100 damage
3. Unattended GOV impacted; dented side; hit and run; \$300 damage
  4. GOV fire from jumpstart; burned jumper cables; unserviceable cables; \$0 damage
  5. GOV impacted fence; dented side panel; operator error; \$1400 damage

#### January 2010

##### **Injuries**

Trainee injured during PT; broke wrist; fall; lost workdays

##### **Mishaps**

1. Damaged A/C Engine; bent blades; FOD from unknown source; damage cost TBD

The Wing Safety Staff would like to welcome you back from your winter break. As you can see by the above injuries and mishaps, safety can never take a break. I'm not going to preach what you already know. If you relax your safety posture for a moment, you have to be willing to accept what fate is ready to dish out. Besides the embarrassment, I also ask you to consider the mission. To accomplish the mission, we need each and every one of you, along with all of the equipment you need to get the job done. Slow down and do it right! Whether you are walking to your car or driving a GOV, both command our attention if we are to get the job done, SAFELY!

## Honor Guard Takes Top Honor

### By Maj. Matthew Mutti, Wing Executive Officer

Rosanne M. Frieri, Director of Veterans Services in Pittsfield Mass. presented the Barnes Air National Guard Base Honor Guard with the "Most Outstanding Military Honor Guard" award during the Pittsfield Veterans Day parade attended by nearly 1,000 community members and patriots.

"This award is given to a Military Honor Guard that best displays precision, maintains exceptionally high standards of appearance and actively supports military efforts through strong participation," said Frieri.

"It was a great honor for me to present this award to SMSgt. Joe Delaney on behalf of the entire Honor Guard. This is a well-deserved award; this honor guard has participated in multiple Pittsfield events, to include Pittsfield's first All Military Ball in 2008."



## History of the F-100 Memorial ~ Part VI

### By Army Spc. Lisa Pauli

Major James Romanowicz died when returning from a weapons exercise at Macdill AFB in an F-84. He crashed North East of Westover AFB on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 1965. Then Captain, was a member of the reception and guest committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball on 19 October 1957. He was a price estimator of special tools and cutters for the Union Twist Drill company in Athol, MA. He was a veteran of the European and Middle East Theaters of WWII and served in the Army

He enlisted in August, 1942, entered Aviation Cadet Corps the following year, and emerged as a pilot and officer in August 1944. In July 1952 he had 1200 flying hours, of which nearly 1000 hours are in combat type aircraft such as the F-51 Mustang, F-47 Thunderbolt and P-40 Warhawk. He also flew the C-45 and C-47 transports. He joined the 131<sup>st</sup> in Dec 1948 and had participated in practically all of its flying activities.

He was a fully qualified instrument

or "blind-flying" pilot and had qualified as expert in the air with the guns of his F-51. As of July 1952 he was married with 2 sons. Proficient sportsman, having won his spurs in skating, swimming, hunting, baseball and basketball. Before working with Union Twist Drill he had been a machine operator, a book-keeper, and firefighter in the US Forestry.



# A Clutter Free New Year

## By Maj. Robin Peterson, Staff Judge Advocate

With two young children, a wedding this past year and a full time career and a part time career in the Air National Guard, organizing my filing cabinets hasn't been on my radar screen for several years. My computer room started to overflow. Piles of papers "to be filed" started to turn into "boxes of papers" that needed to be filed. I couldn't see much of the beautiful wood floor I had installed years ago. While I found myself extremely organized at both my jobs, by the time I got home from work and took care of the children and got them in bed, there wasn't time to devote to organizing. So not until the boxes took over my computer room did I realize I needed to set aside some time for this task.

Over the holidays, I devoted two days to organizing my important documents and getting my home office in shape. I am embarrassed to report that I had boxes of cancelled checks from 1995 on in boxes. And paystubs from the same time frame. Paper was literally taking over my computer room and my life. There were boxes of papers in the closet. A bureau full of papers and boxes of more papers on the floor. Once the guest bed in the computer room started to get piles of paper on it I knew I needed to take action. For two days and three nights I sat in that room going through papers. I shredded 10 bags of paper and recycled 2 big boxes of papers that I wasn't concerned about shredding. From this experience, I learned that 5 minutes of organizing a day, recycling mail immediately and filing it if it is important, and shredding it or recycling it if it is not has reduced the clutter in my house. I no longer feel suffocated by paper.

As you make your way into the New Year, may you find yourself clutter free and not suffocated by papers as I was. Read below for

some important information on how long to keep important documents. And remember identity theft is on the rise, and important papers with identifying information, social security numbers, etc. should be shredded before being discarded.

Below info from: [http://home-organization.suite101.com/article.cfm/how\\_long\\_to\\_keep\\_important\\_papers](http://home-organization.suite101.com/article.cfm/how_long_to_keep_important_papers)

If the filing cabinets are bulging, it's time to take a look at the papers inside. Knowing what to keep and what to get rid of is the key to home office organization.

A stack of papers can be intimidating. The key is to try to touch each paper one time. Pick it up, decide what to do with it and then do it. Use this guide to determine which papers should go in the recycling bin, which to the shredder, which to file and which ones need to be locked in a box.

### Documents That Should Never be Thrown Away

Birth certificates, marriage licenses, death records and social security cards should be safely stored. Consider a fire-proof box or a bank safety deposit box for these documents. Other documents that should be securely stored until they are outdated:

- wills / - deeds / - vehicle titles / - passports / - stocks, bonds, other investment paperwork - divorce and custody paperwork / - military records / - diplomas / - medical history / - employment records

Another keeper is any non-deductible IRA contribution statements. These records provide proof that taxes have already been paid on this money. Other retirement related statements should be kept quarterly. Shred the quarterly statements after receiving, and reconciling, the end of the year summary.

### Important Papers That Can be Discarded

Consider investing in a shredder to use when discarding sensitive papers. Any

paper with information such as name, address, account numbers should be shredded.

Keep pay stubs until tax statements (W2) are received. After reconciling and checking for errors, shred the stubs.

Retain utility bills (gas, electric, phone, etc.) for three months. Shred for discard. If these statements are needed for tax purposes, file them in the proper tax folder.

Keep records of vehicle repair and service visits for the time the vehicle is owned

Save credit card receipts for one month and then reconcile against the monthly statement. Shred and discard the receipts if they match the statement. Credit card statements should be kept for one year. If the statement contains any tax information, file it in the appropriate tax folder.

Save mortgage and loan documents until the loan is completely repaid.

Staple receipts to the inside of the instruction manual for an easy way to identify price and purchase date of large ticket items. Keep warranty information in the instruction guide as well. A three ring notebook with clear plastic sleeves is a helpful way to store manuals. Go through the notebook at least once a year and throw out any manuals of items no longer owned.

Keep bank records and statements for one year. Shred monthly statements when annual statements have been received and reconciled. Keep annual records permanently.

Canceled checks should be kept for three years, then shred.

Maintain a tax folder for the year filled with receipts for deductible purchases, income statements and tax payments. Keep tax folders for seven years.

Getting things in order, on the following page you will find a crib sheet FROM CNNmoney.co; this is a helpful guide for collection and disposition of important forms

## What to Keep, What to Toss

DOCUMENTS	HOW LONG TO SAVE	WHY
Tax returns and proof of filing	Forever	In case you're audited, and to have a history of your finances
Documents that support your tax return (1099s, W-2s, statements and receipts that prove deductions)	Six years. Hang on to paper that backs up this year's filing, for instance, until April 17, 2013.	In case you're audited. The IRS typically has only three years to examine your return for mistakes, but the window gets wider if it suspects deliberate misconduct. Better safe than sorry.
Receipts	Until the warranty expires for big-ticket purchases; six years for deductible expenses	To establish date and proof of purchase for warranties, to track deductible expenses for the current year's tax return and to support those write-offs in case of a future audit
Stock, bond and mutual fund statements	Six years after you sell if you have a gain; if you have a loss, six years after you last claim it on your return	To prove to the IRS how you accounted for the gains or losses
Medical bills	One year, typically; six years if you deduct medical expenses	In case you are able to itemize or have a dispute with your insurer; if you do itemize, hold longer in case of an audit.
Pay stubs	Until your W-2 arrives	To confirm the information against your W-2 summary
401(k) and IRA statements	Until year-end summary arrives	To check that your contributions have been credited correctly; keep the year-end statements for your long-term files.
Bank statements	Until the end of the year	To confirm your 1099; hold longer if needed for tax purposes.
Utility bills	Until the end of the year	To track usage; hold for six years if you deduct a home office.
Credit-card statements	One month for most	To reconcile charges; hold longer if needed for tax purposes.

## Disney Information and Promotions

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Jan. 5 /PRNewswire/ -- As Disney Parks ask "What Will You Celebrate?" and invite guests to turn their personal milestones into magical family vacations in 2010, America's military personnel will have more reasons to celebrate: Special offers on theme park tickets and accommodations.

With Disney's Armed Forces Salute, from Jan. 3 to July 31, 2010, active and retired U.S. military personnel (including active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard and active

members of the National Guard or Reservists) or their spouses can purchase Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Base Tickets for \$99, plus tax, for themselves and up to five additional family members or friends for use at Walt Disney World Resort. The Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More options can be added for an additional \$26, plus tax, per option, per ticket. No more than six Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets (with or without options) may be purchased by any eligible member of the U.S. military (and/or spouse) pursuant to this offer.

All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by Sept. 30, 2010. However, the tickets and op-

tions are not valid for use on the following blackout dates: March 27, 2010, to April 9, 2010, for all Walt Disney World theme parks and other gated attractions; and July 3 to July 4, 2010, for the Magic Kingdom park.

Active and retired U.S. military personnel also can save up to 40 percent on rooms at select Disney resorts! This offer is good for stays most nights Jan. 3-Sept. 30, 2010, except not available 3/28-4/10/10 and 7/1-7/5/10, and can be booked through July 31, 2010. (For information regarding Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets, or to make room reservations, military personnel may call 407/939-7830 or [www.disneyworld.com/military](http://www.disneyworld.com/military).)

## 2009 Jingle Bell Run

By Senior Airman Matthew Benedetti, Public Affairs

The 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Run was held here at Barnes ANGB during the December UTA. Approximately 50 participants, many members from Student Flight, braved the frigid temperatures to complete the 5K jaunt.

The event was organized by SMSgt Tom Orifice of Fuels Management. The concept was developed when he learned that his friend, CMSgt (RET) Vinnie Spanillo, suffered complications after receiving a lung transplant resulting in subsequent medical problems.

Raising awareness and encouraging people to donate organs is the goal of the event.

Airman Bonnie Harper, a member of Student Flight and a sophomore at UMass/Amherst, was eager to run. "I am so excited to get moving because it is freezing right now. This is a good team building activ-

ity, though," said the Montana native.

The student leader, Airman Josh Monroe of Westfield, is responsible for helping to prepare the 39 student flight Airmen for Basic Military Training, he recommended the run as a way to keep everyone fit. "I am enjoying student flight, actually. It is a good experience to have this responsibility and help them learn what they need to", he observed.

Airman Orlando Santos, a Chicopee resident, surged to the finish line to win the race. He is one of the Student Flight Airmen who has gradu-



(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis)

ated basic training and is awaiting a technical training school date. He was asked "how his flight would fare in Lackland," he stated, "Our flight will do well. They are in better shape than many of the people when they arrive in basic."

## Falcons set for Hometown Heroes Night

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Falcons, proud members of the American Hockey League, are proud to announce that they have partnered with the Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership for Hometown Heroes Night, on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the MassMutual Center.

"We are so excited about this year's event," said Falcons Vice President of Sales Chris Thompson. "With the support of Aaron's and our area bases of Westover, Barnes, and Bradley and area Fire & Police departments we are thrilled to host this night."

The Hometown Heroes Night will feature recognition of our area troops from local bases and members of the local police and fire departments.

The event will also include Tickets for The Troops. The program encourages season ticket holders, corporate partners, and fans to purchase tickets for area troops and their families.



"Aaron's is thrilled to be back as a partner with the Falcons on this special event," said David Edwards, President & CEO of SEI/Aaron's. "As a company, we pride ourselves on our commitment to our hometown heroes and we can't wait to see the NEST for February 5th."

Those who wish to purchase tickets for the troops or if you are a member of the military and would like to register for tickets, please contact Carole Appleton at 413-348-6372 or [cappleton@falconsahl.com](mailto:cappleton@falconsahl.com).





# Satellite NCO Academy



## What is the Satellite NCO Academy?

The Satellite EPME Program is an alternative means to attending the NCO Academy. It is not a replacement of the “in-residence” school. It was specifically designed for those NCOs who cannot attend the six-week “in-residence” NCO Academy for whatever reason, but still want the education and experience of an “in-residence” training.

The difference between the Satellite school and the in-resident school is in the instructional delivery. The majority of the curriculum is taught by a pair of EMPE Satellite instructors via live satellite TV. A certified Site Facilitator follows up on the satellite instruction to ensure the students reach the appropriate level of learning.

## How does the Satellite program work?

- Home Station – class is held 4 hours a night, 2 nights per week, for 12 weeks.
- TDY to McGhee-Tyson – last 2 weeks of the course are completed in-residence, along with students already attending at McGhee-Tyson.

## What will I get for attending?

- NCOA Course awards 10 CCAF Course credits; as opposed to 3 CCAF credits for the CDC course.
- Students receive **PAY** and **POINTS**; PT day for each night of class, retirement points for each night of class, full pay and points for the 2 weeks at McGhee-Tyson.
- 2-way audio, 1 way visual communication with McGhee-Tyson NCOA instructors, as well as other course participants at other satellite locations.
- 1 on 1 interaction with your classroom facilitator and fellow students.
- Classroom team-building and counseling exercises conducted in real world environment.
- This format allows you to attend without direct impact to your full-time occupation or college attendance.
- In-residence course provides exceptional Resume builder material.
- Leadership Development in a classroom environment.
- Training in group dynamics through peer support and observations.
- In-residence enhances your opportunities to advance your Military Career.

*Don't Miss Out!*

**The Satellite Academy starts 23 March 2010.**

**Course Enrollment required by 5 February 2010**

**Home station: 23 March – 10 June, McGhee-Tyson 14 Jun - 29 June 2010**

## Family Programs News

### 104th Family Readiness Group Children's Bowling Day

The 104th Family Readiness Group will be hosting a Children's Bowling Day on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Westover Bowling Center. Bowling will be from approximately 1100-1330 and lunch will be provided. The cost for this event will be \$5.00 per person. Reservations must be made by February 12, 2010. Please call Pat Connors or Sandy Wakefield at 413-568-89151 x1717 or x1183. Lunch will be hamburgers, hot dogs or grilled cheese. All meals will be served with French fries and a drink. Transportation from Barnes to Westover will be provided if needed.



### Bowling Tournament

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For Registration go to: [www.utangbowling.com](http://www.utangbowling.com)

For questions send email to: [ang47thbowling@yahoo.com](mailto:ang47thbowling@yahoo.com)

Tournament Director SMSgt Trent Moyer:

Cell: 801-201-8467 DSN: 245-2316



## For Your Information

### Military OneSource Tax Filing Services

Starting January 18, 2010, Military OneSource brings you H&R Block At Home® online tax filing (formerly TaxCut), plus tax consultations by phone — free to service members and their spouses. Tax consultations by phone will be available 7 days a week, 7am -11pm ET.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

On January 18, 2010, the Military OneSource site will provide a link to the customized H&R Block At Home® product. Please wait until this link is posted on Military OneSource and use that link to access the customized product and create your account.

Do not go to the public H&R Block Web site to create a user account. If you create your account on the H&R Block Web site instead of through the Military OneSource site, the H&R Block system will treat your account as a public account. This means that you will receive the public version of the product instead of the customized Military OneSource product. The public version of H&R Block At Home® is not the same as the customized Military OneSource product, and it is not free. If you create an account through the H&R Block Web site, the H&R Block system will treat your account as a public account even if you access the account in the future through the Military OneSource site. To avoid this problem, please wait until the link is posted to the Military OneSource site.

### 2010 AF Services Teen Aviation Camp

The camp will be held 5-10 June 2010 at the United State Air Force Academy (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, CO. This camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010 who are interested in aviation, leadership or the USAFA. Youth who participated in the 2009 Teen Aviation Camp are not eligible to apply this year.

Interested youth must complete the application and apply through their installation Youth Programs, Guard or Reserve Action Officer. For Air National Guard applicants, Ms. Sandra Mason at DSN 278-8138, will conduct the interview and provide the summary of results with the application package and forward to HQ AFSVA/SVPY by 2 April 10.

Airline or POV travel costs to Colorado Springs are the responsibility of the participant or their installation.

All lodging, meals, and program cost will be centrally funded at no cost to the participant or their installation.

All completed applications are due by 19 March 2010 to:

Sandra M. Mason  
Child Care and Youth Specialist  
NGB/A1SA

3500 Fetchet Avenue  
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-5157

DSN: 278-8138

COM: 301-836-8138

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or phone.

Thanks for supporting another great AF Services opportunity for our youth and staff.

# HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS 4TH ANNUAL GALA

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## "BUILDING HOMES...REBUILDING LIVES"

Please join us for an evening of  
**Silent & Live Auctions, Dinner & Dancing**

**DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010**

**6:00 PM VIP Reception**

**6:30 PM Cocktails & Silent Auction**

**7:45 PM Dinner, Program & Live Auction**



**Keynote Speaker: Oliver L. North**

*A combat decorated Marine, #1 NYT best-selling author, founder of Freedom Alliance, syndicated columnist, and the host of War Stories on the Fox News Channel.*

Live Entertainment by "The Fat City Band"

**LOCATION: MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE**

**110 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116**

Room Reservations: (617)236-5800 - group rate of \$199 until February 15, 2010

**Gala Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

FOR DETAILS AND TO BUY TICKETS GO TO...

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or call 866-7-TROOPS

**ATTIRE: Cocktail or Formal/Dinner Dress Uniform**



Do you have an immediate family member who served "in theater" during the Vietnam War? Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle or Aunt?

On Friday night, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing would like to honor their service at a special tribute. At this time, due to limited seating capacity, we are limiting the request to only family members of the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. As this is still in work, details and times for Friday evening have yet to be finalized, but will include period music, displays and artifacts from the Vietnam War.

If you have questions regarding the tribute please direct them to: MSgt Lynne Bolduc, ext 1288 or email: [lynne.bolduc@ang.af.mil](mailto:lynne.bolduc@ang.af.mil) CMSgt Jack Major, ext 1071 or email: [john.major@ang.af.mil](mailto:john.major@ang.af.mil)

Unit Member (Sponsor): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Member ph. number (base ext & off base): \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Guest Name\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaigns served in: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* one guest per veteran please



# Upcoming Events

## Events:

\*\* Free 5-day retreat for OIF/OEF veterans at Camp Kieve at Damariscotta Lake, ME. (dates are Jan 31-Feb 5 and Feb 7 – Feb 12) e-mail [veterans@kieve.org](mailto:veterans@kieve.org) for more information

\*\*Feb 5: Springfield Falcon Military Appreciation Night 7:30pm, many tickets have been donated for military members, contact Carole Appleton at 413-348-6372 or [cappleton@falconsahl.com](mailto:cappleton@falconsahl.com) for more information on ticket availability

\*\*Feb 6: Order of the Musket dinner for Maj Gen Platt, Tekoa Country Club at 6:00 p.m. E-mail Chief Brown ([wayne.brown.1@ang.af.mil](mailto:wayne.brown.1@ang.af.mil)) for tickets and information.

\*\*Feb 9: Federal Executive Assoc Bowling Night, 6:00pm at Westover Lanes, \$5.00 for 2 games, \$6.50 for 3...includes shoes. Contact Jessica Burgos for more information: 413-532-0276 [jessica.burgos@ssa.gov](mailto:jessica.burgos@ssa.gov)

\*\* Feb 17, Family Readiness Group will host the CHILDREN's BOWLING DAY at Westover Lanes from 1100-1330, cost is \$5.00, which includes lunch. Reservations must be made by Feb 12, call Pat Connors at 413-568-9151 x1717 or Sandy Wakefield at x1183 to make reservations.

\*\*Feb 27: Military Appreciation day at Blandford Ski Area, Active/Guard/Reserve ski free, visit [www.skiblandford.org](http://www.skiblandford.org) for more information. (look on their events calander.)

\*\* From Jan. 3 to July 31, 2010, Active/Guard/Reserve and retired U.S. military personnel or their spouses can purchase Disney's 4-Day Military Promotional Base Tickets for \$99, plus tax, for themselves and up to five additional family members, information available at [www.disneyworld.com/military](http://www.disneyworld.com/military) <[http://bookwdw.reservations.disney.go.com/ibcwwd/en\\_US/specialOfferDetails?name=Promo&promotionCode=fy09military&market=fy09military&CMP=VAN-WDWFY09MilitaryOfferVanity](http://bookwdw.reservations.disney.go.com/ibcwwd/en_US/specialOfferDetails?name=Promo&promotionCode=fy09military&market=fy09military&CMP=VAN-WDWFY09MilitaryOfferVanity)>

\*\* March 13-14 Golf Expo tickets for sale to military members for \$10, includes a free round at Tekoa and Hickory Ridge

\*\* Western New England Golf Expo  
March 13-14, 2010  
Westfield Boys and Girls Club  
28 West Silver Street  
Westfield, Ma 01085  
Saturday 0900-1700  
Sunday 0900-1600  
Coupons available at the Family Program Office also include One Free Round of Golf at Hickory Ridge CC Amherst Valid Monday-Friday thru 5/15/10 and a Free round of golf at Tekoa CC Westfield valid any day thru 4/30/10 and after 10-01/10.  
Price for the Coupon is \$10.00. Bonus! One year magazine subscription to Golf Digest included with your paid entry fee.

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\*\* March 9: FEAWM Federal Job fair 1500 Main street Springfield MA (2nd floor Tower Square) from 10-4. Please wear Appropriate Business attire and bring plenty of resumes.

## Services:

\*\*Free H&R TAX Cut software, available from [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

\*\* Western Mass Golf Season Passes available from Family Support for \$49.95 contact Sandy Wakefield at [sandra.wakefield@ang.af.mil](mailto:sandra.wakefield@ang.af.mil) for more information

## Classes:

\*\* Satellite NCO Academy, PME required to be promoted to E-7, enroll by 5 February, class starts 23 March. Class is held 4 hours a night, 2 nights per week, for 12 weeks. Contact MSgt Goodreau for more information at [tricia.goodreau@ang.af.mil](mailto:tricia.goodreau@ang.af.mil)

## At Ease Project



Springfield Technical  
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### A College Success Program for Veterans, Reserve Members and Guardsmen

Thinking about attending college classes?

Enroll in a FREE Math Boot Camp & College Success class and prepare for a successful fall entry into the program of your choice. Books and materials are provided at no charge.

A stipend will be provided to offset the cost of participation upon completion.

**DON'T WAIT!** - Enroll Now For Spring 2010 Session.

Come to Informational Sessions about Certificate and Degree programs in Engineering Technologies available at STCC.

Springfield Technical Community College offers a welcoming environment, supportive faculty, intensive pre-enrollment preparation, networking opportunities, and ongoing academic support through counseling, tutoring, mentoring and advising.

## Order of the Musket Dinner

*for Major General Richard A. Platt*

*Presented by the Enlisted Members  
of the 104FW*

*Sponsored by*

*the 104FW Chiefs' Council*

*Saturday evening, 6 February 2010*

*at Tekoa Country Club*

*Cocktails 1800 - Dinner and ceremonies 1900*

*Ticket Prices Enlisted \$35.00 / Officers \$50.00*

### **Formal Attire**

*Military: Mess Dress or Semi-Formal*

*Civilian: Formal/black tie*

*For more information contact your Chief Council Rep*



## What's My Line Winner!



Photo by Ms. Sandy Wakefield

**Last month's winners are:**

"This isn't as easy as the infomercial made it out to be? Yikes!"

Submitted by Capt. Andrew Smith

"Wait a Minute. Our Services Team is so outstanding they got the Disney Award last year... but they have to have outside help to make SPAGHETTI?!?"

Submitted by SSgt Karyn Brown

## What's My Line?



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis

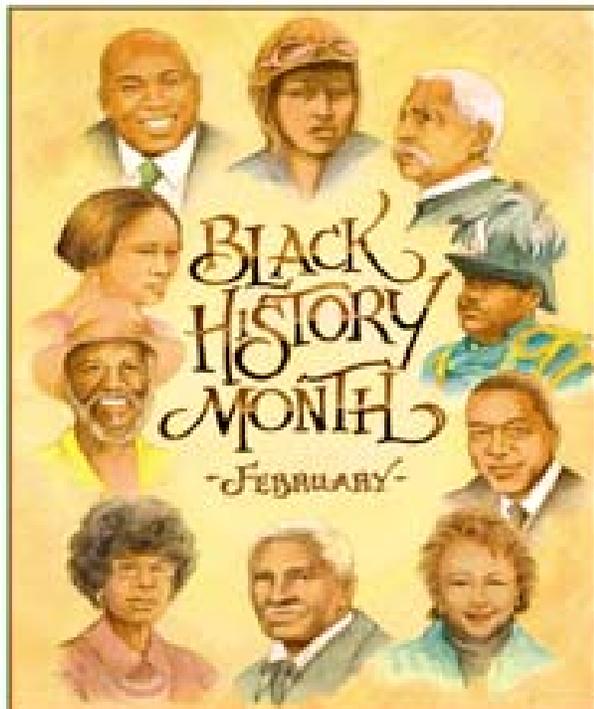
Submit your funny, creative and appropriate caption for the photo on the right. We will run the winner and a runner-up in next months AirScoop.  
Submit your entry to: [104fw.pa@ang.af.mil](mailto:104fw.pa@ang.af.mil)

## Welcome to our Newest Members

Russell, Theodore	MXS
Tretheway, Jennifer	FW
Gauthier, Michael	AMXS
Burns, Robert	MXS
Hague, Edward	FW
Yates, John	AMXS
Mahoney, Kristen	FW
Conaboy, Jared	OG

## Congratulations to our Retirees

Conboy, Thomas	CES	27 Feb 10
Ligawiec, Peter	CES	8 Mar 10
Favreau, John	CES	9 Mar 10
Henderson, Paul	CES	9 Mar 10
Morabito, Anthony	AMXS	17 Mar 10
Trombley, Robert	CES	22 Mar 10
Harmat, James	CES	5 Apr 10
Walaszek, Gerald	MOF	13 Apr 10
Moriarty, Matthew	LRS	6 May 10
Viamari, Gino	MXS	10 May 10
Buckowski, Richard	LRS	14 May 10



## Congratulations on your Promotions

### To Airman 1st Class (E-3)

AB Cable, 104 AMS



### To Senior Airman (E-4)

- A1C Ambrose, 104 AMS
- A1C Becker, 104 AMS
- A1C Digiammo, 104 AMS
- A1C Kenney, 212 EIS
- A1C Kochanek, 104 AMS
- A1C O'Brien, 104 AMS
- A1C Rogers, 104 MXS
- A1C Roncarati, 104 SFS



### To Staff Sgt. (E-5)

- SrA Bermudez, 104 FW
- SrA Green, 104 CES
- SrA Livingston, 104 AMS
- SrA Putnam, 104 MXS
- SrA Traynor, 104 FW
- SrA Venne, 104 MXS



### To Technical Sgt. (E-6)

- SSgt Burns, 104 MDG
- SSgt Koch, 212 EIS
- SSgt Lavarway, 104 MDG



### To Master Sgt. (E-8)

TSgt Margarites, 104 FSS

### To Chief Master Sgt. (E-9)

- SMSgt Newton, JFHQ
- SMSgt MacDonald, JFHQ



### To Major (O-4)

Capt Diaz, 104 FSS



### To Lt Col (O-5)

Maj Peterson, 104 FW/JA



## This Month in History

The back cover of the Airscoop will now be dedicated to the history of the unit and the Air Force. We will feature historic covers or articles from the archives and highlight a few historic headlines.

(side note) From 1947 to 1954 the Base Newspaper was named the Thunderbolt. The first official Copy of the Airscoop was published in January 1954.

### February Headiness:

#### P-51

1943

The North American P-51A Mustang first flew

#### First Titan I Squadron

1960

Strategic Air Command activated its first Titan I squadron, the 848th Strategic Missile Squadron, at Lowry AFB, Colorado.

#### First A-10 Air to Air Kill

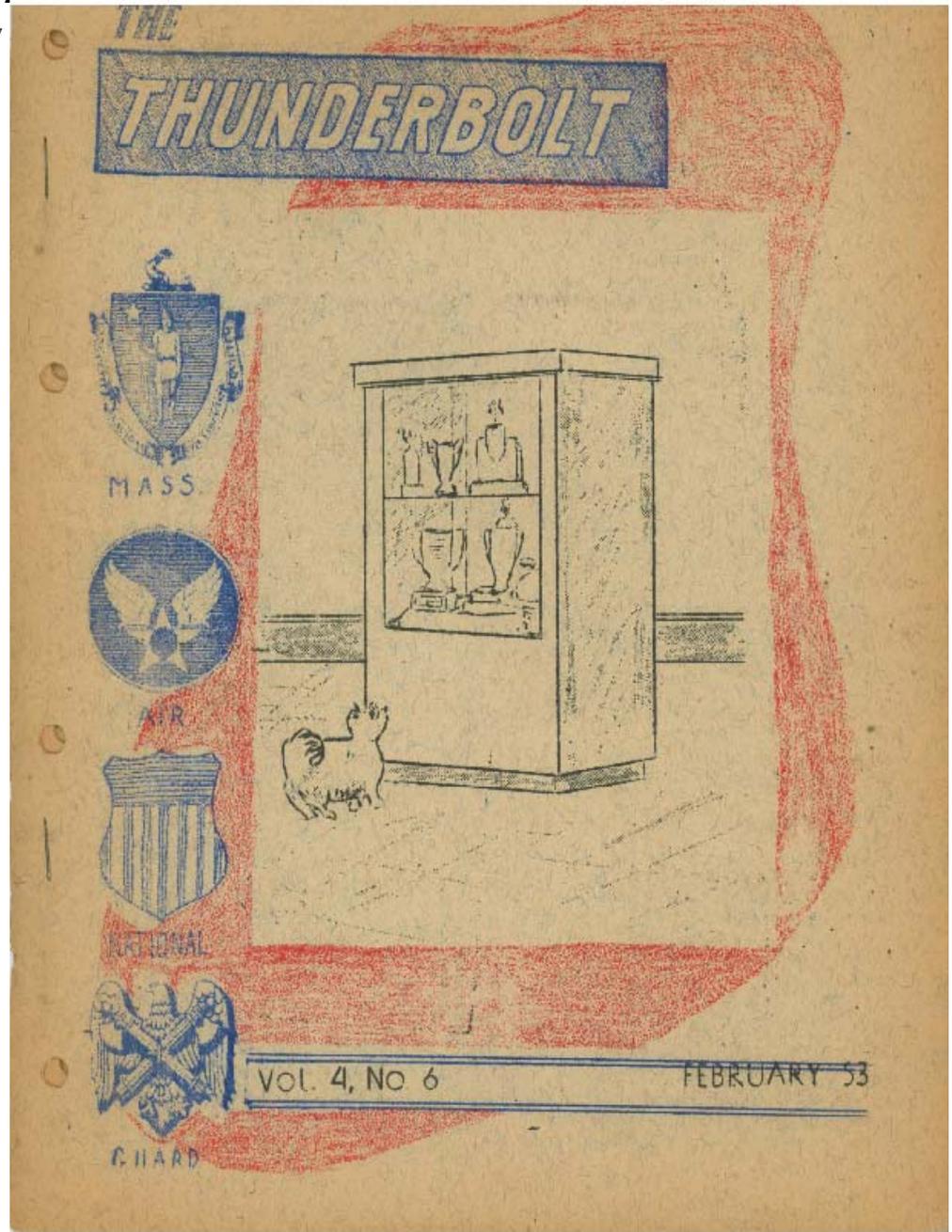
1991

Reserve Capt. Robert R. Swain of the 706th Tactical Fighter Squadron scores the first-ever A-10 Warthog air-to-air kill by shooting down an Iraqi helicopter.

#### F-15 IOC

2010

104 FW became IOC in the F-15 Aircraft.



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