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Commander's Column: Writing the 104th History, and Why You Own That History

By Col. Andrew 'Bishop' Jacob, 104th Operations Group Commander



Former British politician Winston Churchill famously quipped, “History will be kind to me for I intend to write it”. Churchill’s point is that winners write history books and typically portray themselves as the heroes. The quote also implies that success comes from planning the future and executing in order to create the conditions for victory. The future of Barnes is bright, but there are challenges ahead, challenges that can be overcome through the efforts of every single Barnestormer.

One of the most significant challenges to the 104th Fighter Wing in the near future is our mission. All signs point to staying in fighter aircraft, but we do not know what aircraft that will be or when (or if) a conversion will take place. What we do know is that our current platform is nearing the end of its life and all signs point toward reduced support of the aircraft. Depot level maintenance has been deferred for the past year and is expected to stay that way for at least another year. Replacement parts are getting hard to get and sustainment dollars have been drastically cut in this year’s budget. Our maintenance team is doing a remarkable job keeping the jets mission capable, but it is a battle that puts significant stress on the entire enterprise.

The preferred solution is to recapitalize the F-15 fleet with a new airplane. The F-35 and F-15X airframes remain the two most likely options. Many of the decisions and actions required to get either of these planes to Barnes are out of our hands. Ultimately, the Secretary of the Air Force owns the decision for basing. We also do not control budgets

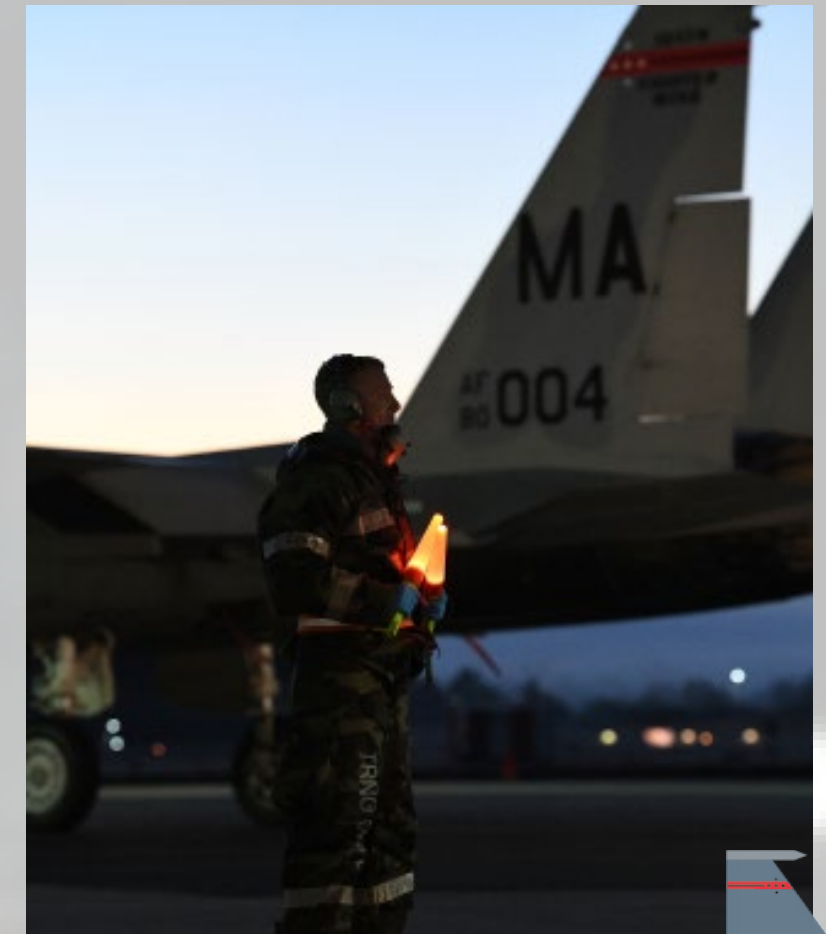
and schedules. This lack of control does not mean that we are helpless. We absolutely control our destiny and we have the ability to ensure that history is kind to us. As an organization, we must continue to excel at our mission, every day and everywhere. From Aerospace Control Alert to Base Defense, we must strive to be perfect and advertise our success, but it does not end there.

Success and control eventually trickle down to become the responsibility of every single 104th Fighter Wing Airman. Every time a Barnestormer breaks the Air Force core values, the outside perception of the unit diminishes, reducing our control. Any negative event becomes a reflection of the unit as a whole, right or wrong. The 104th Fighter Wing has earned and maintains an excellent reputation because the individuals inside the unit decide to conduct themselves with integrity, serve selflessly, and excel at every task assigned to them.

The good news is that we have plenty of opportunities to excel in the next few months. Exercise Sentry Aloha

to Hawaii, a Deployment For Training to Lakenheath Air Base, a three month Operation Noble Eagle mobilization, and an Alert Force Evaluation are all on the calendar this year. We have the opportunity to show that Barnes will always get the mission done and do it in a professional manner. Each of you will contribute to writing Barnes history and I am confident that the historical narrative will be kind to the Barnestormers.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Chief's Corner: Airmen First, Always Ready

By Chief Master Sgt. Maryanne Walts, 104th Fighter Wing Command Chief



I cannot believe I have been sitting as your Wing Command Chief for six years already. As I move into my last year, I am working harder than ever. I recognized early in my first term, leadership does not come without challenges and change. However, I also learned that no matter what I do, the two major constants are taking care of the Airmen and their families. I am a firm believer that if we take care of our Airmen, and not just in words, everything else will fall into place. You

must follow through with what you say you are going to do! I have been around a long time and know that the majority of my career decisions were because of opportunities, hard work and my family, to include my current position. Just like you, if I did not have the support from my family, I could not have committed the necessary time it requires to fulfil my obligations.

The 104th leadership values your commitment and understands your daily challenges. We hear you! Over the past year, no matter where I visited in the Wing, the number one question I was asked was about our operations tempo. Several of you addressed it in our DEOCS survey and CAPSTONE. Will we ever slow down? To be honest with you, the answer frankly is, "No!" Our mission requires each of us to be prepared and ensure we are viable for current and future missions through deliberate planning. We also talk quite about individual readiness. You must be physically and spiritually well. That is why we had our readiness exercise last month. However, we still need

to continue to focus on recruiting, developing and retaining motivated Airmen.

So, as we head into a busy holiday season, take the time and do something fun with your family. On Wednesday, December 4th, the Spirit of Springfield is offering a free night for all military to visit Bright Nights at Forest Park. Also, on Sunday afternoon of the December RSD, Santa will be visiting us in the

main hangar at the Children's Holiday Party, along with Boomer from the Springfield Thunderbirds.

In closing, I want to personally thank you and your families for the sacrifices you make on a daily basis to keep this great nation safe. Have a healthy and happy Holiday Season.

See you in the New Year!
Chief Walts



Chief Master Sgt. Maryanne Walts and Col. Peter T. Green III greating Airmen at last years Bright Nights. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman 1st Class Randall Burlingame)

Holiday Traditions Around the World

By Senior Master Sgt. Fran Frederick, 104FW Human Resource Advisor

As the holidays approach, many of us look forward to participating in our holiday traditions with family and friends. While we may believe that all of those traditions are universal, practices vary widely across the world. Here are some interesting Christmas events and rituals that you may not know about.

1. Austria, Germany, Hungary-Naughty children in these countries wish that a lump of coal was their punishment! Instead, they are visited by Krampus. This beast arrives to dole out punishment, including stuffing the offending child in a sack and taking them with him. In some areas, children are told that Krampus will eat them!

2. The Netherlands-The Dutch Sinterklaas is a mix of Santa Klaus and Krampus. He lives in Spain and travels with a “friend” named Zwarte Piet, who picks up bad children and stuffs them in a sack for the trip to Spain. This character, a black man, is currently the source of great controversy in this country. Historically, “Black Pete” was Sinterklass’ slave and he is represented in parades, etc. by individuals wearing blackface. Many groups have called for an end to this practice, while others decry the loss of the tradition in Dutch culture.

3. Iceland-The Yule Cat (Jólakötturinn or

Jólaköttur) is a huge and vicious cat that lurks during Christmas time and eats people who have not received any new clothes to wear before Christmas Eve. Initially, it was used as a threat by farmers who wanted to push workers to finish processing the autumn wool before Christmas. Those who took part in the work would be rewarded with new clothes, but those who did not would get nothing and be eaten.

4. Spain-No Elf on the Shelf here! El Caganer is the most important holiday figurine. The name translates to the defecator and the figurine is a porcelain doll squatting with his pants down. The story of how this tradition got started is unknown, but legend has it that farmers would be punished with a poor crop harvest and bad fortune if they didn’t include a caganer within their nativity scene.

5. Ukraine- Christmas trees in Ukraine are often covered in spider webs. Folklore tells the story of a poor family who grew a Christmas tree from a pinecone. The children were excited about decorating their own Christmas tree, but the family was poor and they weren’t able to decorate it for the holiday. When they woke up Christmas morning, they found spiders had spun webs around the tree’s branches. Today, Ukrainians dress up their trees with spider

webs to welcome good luck into the coming year.

6. Venezuela-In the capital city of Caracas, thousands of residents roller skate to mass on Christmas morning. The large number of Caracans engaging this activity has necessitated all vehicle traffic being banned in the city until 8am on December 25th. Additionally, many children go to sleep with a string tied to their toe, with the other end dangling out of the window. As skaters roll by they pull on the string, letting the kids know that it is time to get up and skate to

church.

So, as you light your candles, fill your stockings, decorate your tree, attend religious services or engage in other rituals and traditions, please remember that these are parts of YOUR culture. And, while the things that we do are not the same, the desire to share time with loved ones and celebrate is universal. I hope that you have the opportunity to rest, relax, and recharge as we head into 2020. Happy Holidays to All!



Original Barnestormer turns 100 years young

By Airman Camille Lienau

The 104th Fighter Wing celebrated Col. Malikowski's 100th birthday on November 25, 2019, in the main hangar. The celebration was a surprise as his birthday is on November 29. In attendance were Malikowski's family, retired Lt. Col. Ron Jackson, legislative aide Michelle Moriarty representing Senator Don Humason, and Chiara McNalley representing Representative John C. Velis.

"I'm honored to have the privilege today to host Col. Edwin J. Malikowski," said Col. Peter T. Green, 104th Fighter Wing Commander. "And celebrate his upcoming 100th birthday."

Colonel Malikowski is active and works at the family business Mal Brothers Auto Body in Chicopee, Massachusetts, with his son Edwin J. Malikowski Jr.

"My dad is the type of person where anything his family wanted, he would do," said Edwin Malikowski Jr. "He loves his family as much as he loves this country. If this country were to ask him in all these years of service to do something, it would be instantaneous for him."

In January 1941, Malikowski was called to active duty and served in World War II as a platoon sergeant. In February of 1945, he was given a rare honor of a battlefield commission to second lieutenant and then two months later was awarded a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant.

His combat record includes service in Northern France, Ardennes- Alsace, Germany, and Central Europe. Additionally, Malikowski served in the notorious Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive on the Western Front during WWII. Colonel Malikowski received two bronze stars for his efforts, the first for meritorious service and the second for valor.

After WWII, Malikowski served as a maintenance officer in the Army Reserve until April 23, 1952, when he was appointed as the motor vehicle maintenance officer in the 104th Fighter Group. During the Berlin Crisis call up, he served as the commander of the 104th Transportation Squadron in Phalsbourg France.

In August 1962, he became the aircraft

maintenance officer in the 104th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and later the commander. In June 1970, Malikowski was appointed the fulltime chief of maintenance on the Air Technical Detachment.

"I was ordered by the Pentagon to travel to Vietnam," said Col. Malikowski. "And send out 78 F-100s from the United States on a routine basis."

He was awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Merit on October 16, 1977. After 39 years of faithful service, he retired at the rank of colonel.

"Pay attention to detail, remembering the details will set you forward in all aspects of life," said Col. Malikowski. "Work-life, personal life; you can accomplish anything if you focus on the small steps."



Colonel Pete Green, 104FW commander, awarded Col. Edwin Malikowski with a commanders coin as an appreciation for his accomplishments and dedication. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman Camille Lienau)

Air Force says CBD products not ok to use, may cause positive drug test

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Mosier, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs / Published November 19, 2019

WASHINGTON (AFNS) --

Cannabidiol oil, also known as CBD oil, is growing in popularity as an ingredient in health and pet products, but is it okay for service members and federal employees to use? The simple answer is no.

These products may contain tetrahydrocannabinol and can cause Airmen to test positive during a urinalysis for the presence of marijuana, which is illegal to consume under federal law and Air Force Instruction 90-507, "Military Drug Demand Reduction Program."

"It's important for both uniformed and civilian Airmen to understand the risk these products pose to their careers," said Maj. Jason Gammons, Air Force Office of The Judge Advocate General spokesperson. "Products containing unregulated levels of THC can cause positive drug tests, resulting in the same disciplinary actions as if members had consumed marijuana."

CBD oil is derived from the Cannabis sativa L. plant, commonly known as marijuana, and is found in many products – gummy bears, teas, vapes, lotions, bath salts and even pet treats. CBD alone is non-psychoactive, which means it doesn't produce the high associated with other marijuana components like THC.

While there have been a number of claims of its wide range of health benefits, CBD products are still unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration and may also contain varying levels of THC that may not be advertised on the label.

"The important point for Airmen to consider is the level of uncertainty for these products," Gammons said. "We want to ensure we arm them with the facts so they can make informed decisions and not inadvertently jeopardize their military careers."

According to a 2017 study conducted

by Marcel Bonn-Miller, Ph.D., a study of 84 CBD products sold online, found that only 31% of product labels accurately reflected the CBD content and 21% contained THC, even when product labels advertised zero THC.

Although the levels may not be significantly high, it can still be enough to result in a positive urinalysis result on a drug test. Positive urinalysis results can place service members under disciplinary

action. Certain federal employees are also subject to random drug testing based on the requirements of their positions and could be subject to discipline.

Products containing THC, even pet products, may qualify as possession of a controlled substance. Possession of a controlled substance is regulated under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, federal law and state laws.



In this Jan. 1, 2018 photo, marijuana plants are for sale at Harborside marijuana dispensary in Oakland, Calif. (AP Photo/Matthew Sumner)

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