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Commander's Column: Execute the Mission, Lead the People, Manage Resources, and Improve the Unit

By Col. Peter T. Green III, 104th Fighter Wing commander



Barnestormers,

Reflecting back on the May Regularly Scheduled Drill, I am filled with such pride to serve with all of you. We successfully launched—in one of the smoothest operations to date—12 jets for Arctic Challenge; and welcomed our F-100 families to honor our fallen brothers with the full supporting honors of a color guard team, firing detail, TAPS and an F-15 flyover. Then we fielded a marching contingent of 150 unit members in support of Westfield's 350th Anniversary, topping

that off with a flyover too! All executed in the typical Barnestormer status quo of pride, professionalism and excellence in all you do! After each event, I received a number of compliments about you and the support given by our wing. Our families, the City of Westfield and the Director of the Air National Guard very much appreciate your efforts.

Like the May RSD, the June RSD is busy with Wing events. We will be recovering from the Arctic Challenge Exercise deployment while simultaneously executing logistics for our temporary Westover relocation. Additionally, our CAPSTONE Inspection kicks off this weekend and we will have a Community College of the Air Force graduation followed by a Change of Command.

As stated in the June Commanders Minute, and currently in my inspection message on our CCTV cable channel 9 and the 104FW App, we are more than ready for this inspection. Every day, I witness folks actively working in the four Major Graded Areas as outlined in AFI 90-201 and in AFI 1-2 for the Commanders.

The four MGAs are executing the mission, leading the people, managing the resources and improving the unit. We have been

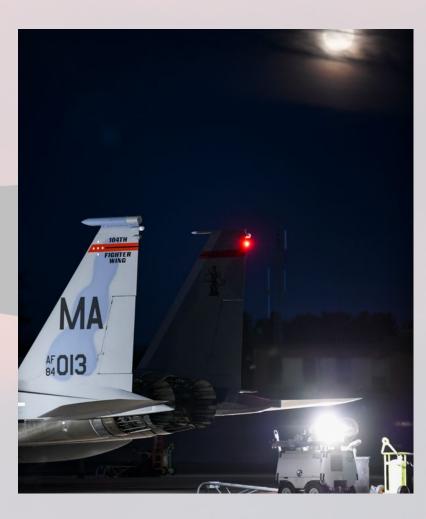
evaluated and inspected through Unit Effectiveness Inspections, Operational Readiness Inspections, Standardizations and Evaluation Inspections, Alert Force Evaluations, Mission Assurance Inspections, Safety and Environmental Inspections etc. The Inspector General, Col. Potas, and his team will review our current efforts and make recommendations to help us to continue to improve as a unit. Think of them as the Air Force consulting team vs. an inspection team. Their outside perspective will help ensure we are not missing anything we should be working to improve. That is their whole purpose for coming. This is yet another opportunity for us to learn and show others what we do here at the 104th Fighter Wing.

Be ready to show the inspectors what you do in the four MGAs to further the Wing in achieving our vision to be the most respected fighter Wing in the Combat Air Forces. Listen to what the team tells you and ask questions. They have the benefit of seeing dozens of units.

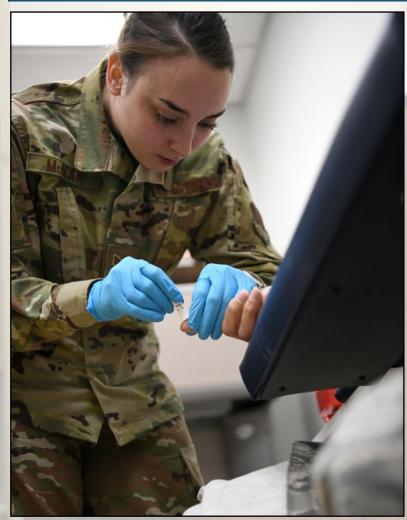
In closing, continue to keep your situational awareness high and watch out for each other. Our ops tempo is high and we need to ensure we perform every role with the safety of our people in mind. Go slow to go fast, means take it slow and by the numbers—use

tech data and the applicable AFI to get it done right the first time.

Thank you for all you do. I am proud to serve with you. Go Barnestormers!



Airmen & Airpower: Medical Airmen further education, expertise By Airman 1st Class Randy Burlingame





Staff Sgt. Kelley McLean, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Duncan, Senior Airman Daniela Rizzari and Senior Airman Ana Decarvalho, 104th Medical Group aerospace medical technicians receive training through the Air National Guard that helps prepare them for their studies in college. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Airman 1st Class Randy Burlingame and Airman Sara Kolinski)



Staff Sgt. Kelley McLean, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Duncan, Senior Airman Daniela Rizzari and Senior Airman Ana Decarvalho, 104th Medical Group aerospace medical technicians, recently graduated college with degrees related to the medical career field.

Duncan graduated from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a degree in Biology with a medical focus, Rizzari graduated from Springfield Technical

Community College with a Liberal Arts degree with a science focus, Decarvalho graduated from Quinsigamond Community College's Registered Nurse program, and McLean received her Community College of the Air Force degree in Aerospace Medicine after taking classes at Holyoke Community College.

The training the four aerospace medical technicians received through the Air National Guard helped prepare them for their studies, and their desire to further their education helps make them more confident and competent with their ANG medical duties.

"The CCAF for our career field is actually super beneficial when it comes to nursing school on the outside, because we basically get the equivalent of an Licensed Practical Nurse degree," said McLean. "I already know all of my anatomy and physiology, and all that stuff they are going to test me on. And then here we do all of that all of that time. We draw blood and see people for immunizations. It goes hand in hand pretty much."

Decarvalho echoed McLean's statement. saying the Air Force's hands on approach to learning was helpful for her.

"Throughout my whole experience with technical school, I learned most of the skills I needed for the clinical portion of what I

studied," said Decarvalho. "So I had an easier time than everybody else, because I benefited from having those skills already."

Decarvalho said Air Force medical training takes about 11 months. Learning how to do blood draws, look for normal vital sign ranges, and doing physical assessments are a few of the beneficial parts of the training.

Senior Master Sgt. Karla Belliveau, 104th MDG superintendent of nursing services, notices her Airmen's motivation, saying they push themselves every month to learn and train as much as they can.

"The people that are working here are highly, highly qualified," said Belliveau. "They are highly trained individuals, and most of them have some type of further medical background too."

The purpose of Air Force and Air National Guard training is to make sure Airmen are prepared to respond to real world scenarios and ready for deployments.

"I would send them anywhere," said Belliveau. "If today they came down with the tasking for our whole aerospace medical technician unit to go to Germany, or to a forward deployed location, I would have no reservations whatsoever. Everyone is on top of what they need to be doing."

Continuous Evaluation and Deferment

By Tech. Sgt. Keith Mudgett, 698-2745



Continuous Evaluation is the new process where everyone will be continuously checked between your periodic investigations.

This process will automate systems that will generate an alert if certain reportable criteria are met.

This alert will then be reviewed by the Consolidated Adjudications Facility to see if this is a valid alert. If it is, then the CAF will send down a request for

action to the Information Protection Office for reporting and your response.

Due to this, it is very important that everyone reports derogatory information so that we can address the issue before it becomes too late. Reporting requirements and adjudication guidelines can be found in SEAD-3 and 4.

Some of the items that need to be reported depending on clearance level are:

- Foreign travel
- Foreign contacts
- Foreign activities
- Financial abnormalities
- Bankruptcy or over 120 days delinquent in debt
- Alcohol abuse
- Illegal use or misuse of drugs or drug activity
- Alcohol and drug related treatment
- Criminal conduct
- Arrests
- Misuse of government property or information systems
- Media contacts
- Cohabitants
- Marriage

CE Deferment is a new process where individuals meeting certain criteria can be entered so that they are no longer required to submit periodic SF-86 reinvestigations. The Information Protection Office will screen all reinvestigations to determine if they meet the standards for deferment, and if not, they will go through a normal investigation process.

You must report all changes to the Information Protection Office to ensure continued enrollment.

Once entered in CE Deferment, the individual's security clearance dates will not update automatically in many systems. Because of this, they will receive a letter acknowledging their enrollment in CE Deferment with their date of enrollment and eligibility level. It is advised that you put a copy of this in your deployment folder.

As you can see, there are quite a few reportable issues, including the new process of CE, so if you have any questions or need to talk, we are here to help. Please give us a call or stop by.

The Information Protection Office is located in building 1 on the bottom floor across from the Chief's wall or we can be reached at extension 698-2745.

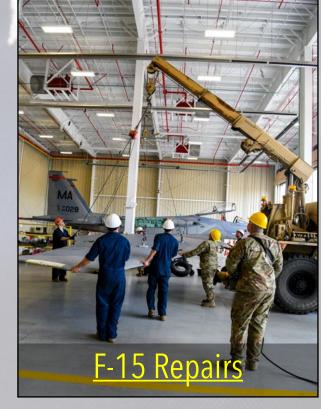


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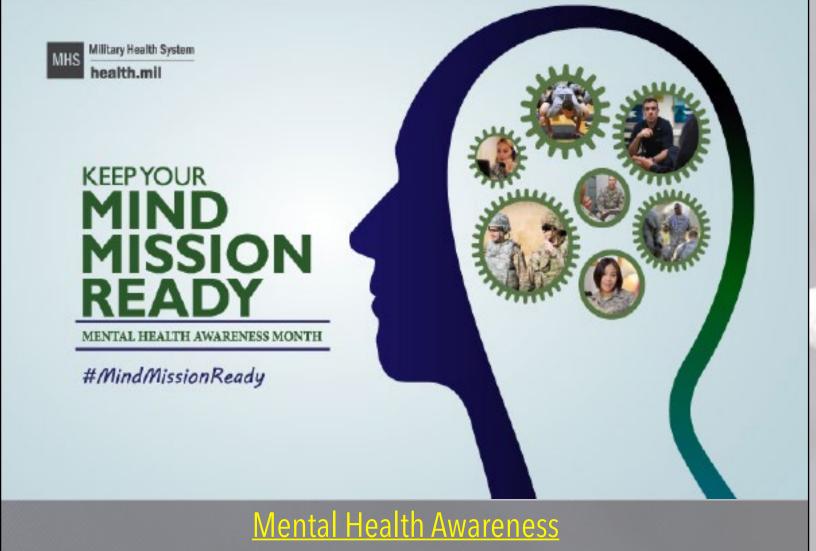


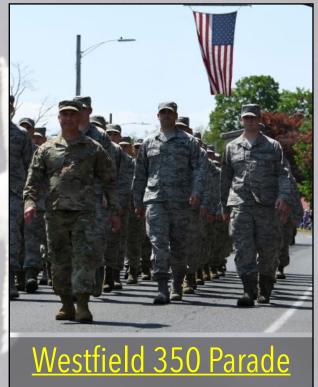












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The 104th Fighter Wing is participating is Arctic Challenge Exercise 2019 in Europe. Over 100 aircraft will be participating in ACE 19 and the training will give pilots the chance to train on dissimilar Offensive Counterair, ensuring fully qualified combat ready pilots. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Airman 1st Class Randy Burlingame and Airman Sara Kolinski)

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