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NOTES FROM THE TOP

o the women and men of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, I am extremely proud of each and every one of you. You have sacrificed so much these past few months in order to support your neighbors and nation. We asked you to volunteer to support your fellow Washingtonians during a late flare up of wildfires throughout the state. Without hesitation, you stepped up and agreed to go on State Active Duty to help your neighbors. Some of you stepped up as employers and encouraged your employees and fellow Guardsmen to leave their jobs to support our neighbors. Even though the bottom line might be impacted, you were willing to give in order to ensure that your neighbors had the resources needed to protect their land and property.

hile the fires continued to burn in our state, several hurricanes came ashore in other states and territories. This time the call came from our nation. Guardsmen from across the United States were needed to support our fellow Americans. Again, without hesitation, you stepped up to answer your nation's call. Your professionalism and dedication to the oath is without a doubt more than exceptional. I am humbled by your selfless sacrifice and the compassion you have

shown for your neighbors and nation. Many of you supported the activation of our Airmen from your work centers. You are our unsung heroes. You tirelessly built the pallets, loaded the aircraft, did the flight planning, kept PERSTATS and LOGSTATS, worked the deployment lines, tracked the JOC taskings, made phone calls to ANG CAT, coordinated efforts with your 92d counterparts, cheered on your teammates, bought coffee and doughnuts, worked overtime, confirmed medical readiness, I could go on and on. You know who you are. Thank you for working behind the scenes and know that we could not do what we do without your support. My fellow Airmen, thank you. You have proven that leadership by example exists at all levels. You are the epitome of citizen Airmen and I am grateful to be a part of such an amazing team.

RESPECT, LEAD, DO! JOHAN A. DEUTSCHER, Colonel, WA ANG

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WINGHISTORY

BY STAFF SGT. WES WALTON WING HISTORIAN

ct. 20, 1935. Maj. Robin A. Day, 116th Observation Squadron Commander and regular Army Aviation Instructor, put the pilots of the squadron through their paces this Sunday morning at Felts Field, Wash.

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Aug. 27, 1937 – Officers of the 116th Observation Squadron stand in front of a Douglas O-38E. An easy way to distinguish the E models from the standard O-38, besides the enclosed cockpit, was the addition of a triple bladed propeller.

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ith the goal of completely qualifying every pilot in the unit in instrument flying. Check flights began at 9:30 a.m. with each pilot taking off "under the hood." The hood was an invention of Maj. Day's that took advantage of the enclosed cockpit of the Douglas O-38E. Like a curtain, the canvas hood was drawn forward along curtain rods until the pilot was completely blinded to the outside world. After take-off the pilot was instructed to go into a level flight fixed by the qualifying pilot riding in the observer's seat behind him using the onboard interphones. The greatest problem for all the pilots was executing 90 and 180 degree turns, each pilot had a tendency to tighten the turns. All phases of instrument flying was covered,

the spiral climb, glides, stalls and recovering from spirals and spins. One unnamed pilot performed enough spirals to become "sick" and had trouble righting the plane, but eventually regained his composure to continue flying. Orientation to airfield using the newly installed radio sets at Felts Field proved difficult for the pilots as well. The problem was once they were sufficiently "lost" in the air... how could you know if you were flying towards the airfield or away from it using only the radio signal as a guide. A couple of methods could be used at the time and some pilots took longer than others, but all eventually found a way to solve the problem and gained full certification.

141st ARW Welcomes New Commander

Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Rose Lust

Brig. Gen. John Tuohy prepares to publish the order making Col. Johan Deutscher the new commander of the 141st Air Refueling Wing Col. Johan Deutscher salutes Brig. Gen. John Tuohy as he accepts command of the 141st Air Refueling Wing

> ol. Johan Deutscher assumed command of the 141st Air Refueling Wing during a ceremony at the Red Morgan Center July 14.

Deutscher joins the 141st after serving as the commander of the 194th Mission Support Group, Camp Murray, Wash.

"I am honored to join this wing and truly humbled considering the history and legacy of this wing and its flying unit," said Deutscher. "I look forward to continuing the wing's current relationships, developing beneficial partnerships to tackle our future challenges, and investing in ways to enhance our collective success while achieving our missions and doing the right things for our people."

Deutscher graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1996 and began his career as a pilot flying the F-15 Eagle. He is a command pilot with more than 2,100 flight hours. Over the course of his career, he has performed numerous duties to include: squadron flight commander, instructor pilot, Communication Flight commander, Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, and Deputy Commander Cyberspace Operations Group.

"I am humbled to assume the title of your commander and prouder still to join the ranks as a 141st Air Refueling Wing Airman." Said Deutscher. "Together we will always be ready to serve neighbor and nation."

Brig. Gen. John Tuohy, the Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Washington, and commander, Washington Air National Guard, presided over the ceremony. "I am Honored to join this wing and truly humbled considering the history and legacy of this wing and its flying unit"

Col Deutscher

141st Civil Engineer Squadron guardsmen, Latvian Soldiers and the founder of the school pose for a group photo before departure.

Wherever Whenever

141st Civil Engineer Squadron travels to Latvia to renovate school for disabled children.

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Photos and Story by Tech. Sgt. Michael L. Brown

Master Sgt. Tyler Bates and two Latvian Soldiers remove a window frame and flashing.

The 141st Civil Engineer squadron continually goes into austere environments and shows why they are not only capable at their skill sets but highly qualified. This past July the men and women of the 141st Civil Engineer Squadron accompanied by a medic from the 141st Medical Group, a Chaplain and Chaplain's assistant from the 141st Air Refueling Wing deployed to Riga, Latvia. The purpose of the deployment was to renovate a school for disabled children bolstering the United States partnership with the blossoming NATO country.

The work consisted of weatherproofing and retrofitting a cold and drafty soviet era building, to provide a comfortable atmosphere for the children and teachers at the school. The building was divided up into three sections with different groups coming into Latvia to work on each section at separate times.

"The building was freexing cold when we came out and did our site visit in December before starting work," said Major Rob Loniewsky 141st Civil Engineer project manager. "There is a substantial difference in the amount of heat loss with the renovations these guys have completed."

The first major project was replacing the boiler and creating a new manifold to push out heat to the new radiators that were also installed throughout the building. The Civil Engineer's ran new pipe

Staff Sgt. Jared Caspari uses a laser level to map out a ceiling grid.

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Capt. Kevin Wolff scrapes out an opening in the wall to fasten a new window to.

throughout the school in a massive undertaking, that was handled with relatively few problems. In addition to the plumbing the entire electrical system was rerun and replaced with updated panels and wiring throughout the building.

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"Running wires through masonry construction is not that easy," said Staff. Sgt. Jon Harris, from the 141st Civil Engineer electrical shop. "But with the right tools and the willingness to get the job done power was back up and running to the sections that the electricians worked on prior to departure."

The structures shop worked on replacing all of the windows in the buildings and refinishing the areas around

Tech Sgt. Ryan James repairs broken plaster around a windowsill.

them to make a better seal and keep the heat inside during the cold and drafty winters. The ceilings were also lowered so there would be less surface area to heat. There were new ceiling grids installed throughout the buildings to facilitate the new tiles for the ceilings. "Throughout the trip spirits were high and these guys came here to work," said Maj. Loniewsky. "All of these guys have been crushing it."

The teams were so efficient at getting their assigned jobs done they were able to take on some extra projects to help enhance the school further. Chaplain (Capt.) Stephen Howard, and Chaplain's assistant Staff Sgt. Angela Gerry were able to completely landscape the front entrance to the school, and built a French drain to prevent flooding along the walk way the children use every morning.

Three park benches around the school that were in total disrepair were also rebuilt and given a fresh coat of paint making them look brand new again.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team, the quantity and quality of the work they completed is fantastic," said Maj. Loniewsky. "It's been a great trip and we got it done."



FIRE SUPPORT

BY STAFF. SGT. ROSE LUST

PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN SEAN CAMPBELL

The 141st Operations Group RC-26 sits at Medford Airport before taking off to map the Chetco Bar fire in southwest Oregon

6,000 feet above the ground, an RC-26 aircraft from the 141st Air Refueling Wing maps out the perimeter of a nearly 200,000 acre wildfire with an infrared camera over southern Oregon. Stagnant smoke blankets the entire region, making it impossible to see anything below, but the crew watching the IR monitor in the RC-26 can easily gather information and relay it to the joint terminal attack

controllers from the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron in Boise, Idaho, who are embedded with the fire fighters on the ground.

"The mission set we are currently supporting is the Distributed Real Time Infrared, or DRTI mission," said Lt. Col. Jeremy Higgins, 141st Operations Group RC-26 program manager. "We use the infrared cameras to drop points around a fire and then send those to the Global Information System coordinators to plot and turn them into a workable product." A JTAC on the ground carries a ROVER, which stands for Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver, a terminal that displays sensor data and video from an airborne platform. The system allows ground crews to receive footage in near-real time. Lt. Col. Andy Rathbum, a RC-26 mission system operator assigned to the 141st Operations Group, maps the Chetco Bar fire in southern Oregon using the RC-26s camera

> ecause of this ability, the first responders on the ground are able to determine their next move based on information they are receiving within minutes, not hours. "In this situation, we exist to facilitate communication between airborne assets (the PC-26 crow) and the ground teams

(the RC-26 crew) and the ground teams that need their support," said Captain Robert Steiner, 124th ASOS air liaison officer. "The JTAC will educate and advise, then develop a plan of action with the customer [incident commander]. It is very important that the [incident commander] knows you can be relied on to deliver accurate and timely information, all without being a burden in the field." The 141st ARW has been working with the National Interagency Fire Center since the summer of 2016 to map known wild fires, detect potential fires with IR camera equipment, and the DRTI mission. "The camera can detect a small fire up to 50 miles away pretty easily; we can see if a fire is outside the containment lines or not," said Higgins. "We can send coordinates, fire size, and behavior back to the NIFC and they can determine if they want to take action immediately or wait and see what the fire does."

ormally, there is a National Infrared **Operations Unit**, or NIROPS, plane that flies up and down the west coast to detect fire activity, but it can't cover every fire that is burning within four or five states. Because of that, the 141st was tasked from mid-August through the end of September in support of the DRTI mission. During that time, the RC-26 crew flew two missions (sorties) a day, seven days a week, logged more than 70 flying hours and 91 fires were detected and reported in 14 mapped areas.

"It's a great guard mission," said Higgins. "Defending the lives and properties of our residents and those in the region."

> Senior Airman Jacob Hughes, a joint terminal attack controller assigned to the 146th Air Support Operations Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, receives information from the RC-26 aircrew

Chiefs Perspective DITA

ow many times have you relayed a message in your work area only to find out it was misinterpreted or mistranslated by the receiver? Have you ever asked yourself, "Am I using the right words to explain myself?" I have. I still remember the game we played as kids in school or church called the 'telephone game' where a statement was whispered to one person at one end of the classroom to be repeated throughout the class until the very last person would finally relay the message. We would laugh at what the last person would say because it was usually way off from the original message. There have been times in my career where a certain message is stated at the top of the chain of command only to be misinterpreted at the end of the chain – how did that happen and how do we fix it?

I believe the following are characteristics of effective messaging: specific, simple, known, clear and constructive. In order to effectively communicate your message throughout the chain, pick your words carefully. Ensure the receiver is fully comprehending what you're attempting to relay; using repetition and repeating back the message seems to work well. When I walk around talking to our Airmen, I always try to ask the questions, "Have you heard about the Commander's ______ guidance?" "Have you heard of the ______ program?" Most the time the messaging is getting down to the lowest level, but not consistently. It's a challenge to find new ways to effectively message what we're trying to accomplish – successful mission execution. If you have ideas of how we could communicate our messaging better, please get a hold of your chain of command to push that info forward – remember, pick your words carefully to effectively send your message.

141st ARW Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF) By Chaplain James Whiteley



AF is a holistic approach to develop over-arching Airman fitness and resilience. CAF includes fitness in mental, physical, social, and spiritual domains. CAF is a cultural shift in how we view and maintain fitness in a more comprehensive manner. This newsletter should assist everyone to discover a unique perspective of a pillar and assist all airman achieve the mission. The mission of the 141st ARW is "combat capable Airmen, selfless citizens who answer a higher calling, endeavor to exceed all standards, and stand ready to serve neighbor and nation."

Mental: The ability to effectively cope with unique mental stressors and challenges.

Often in this newsletter, there will be a quiz containing a question about the 141st ARW, the ANG or the USAF and you are welcome to use Google for assistance. The first airman to text me with the correct answer will receive a gift card! Ch. Whiteley - 509-991-1114. You win if your guess is within five thousand members – *Nationally, how many airmen are in the Air National Guard?*





Physical: The ability to adopt and sustain healthy behaviors needed to enhance health and well-being.

Do you want to run your 1.5 mile faster?

Every distance world record that has ever been broken – has a negative split – stated succinctly the second half of the race is run very slightly faster than the first half. How does this help each of you? Run 12 laps on the indoor track and time each lap. Then practice running the time you need to pass at a pace that achieves the goal. Your pace will remain the same, but the effort to achieve the pace will increase. It really works. Try it.



Social: The ability to engage in healthy social networks that promote overall well-being and optimal performance.

When is the last time you spent quality time with your spouse or a close friend? It is imperative for all of us to have special time with those closest to us. However, it seems that most of us often ignore these same people that are most important. The CHALLENGE - Today (or tomorrow, but definitely this week) schedule a time and plan a date with your spouse or friend? It can be as easy as a walk in the park or a fancy as you want. Make it happen!

Spiritual: The ability to adhere to beliefs, principles, or values needed to persevere and prevail in accomplishing missions.

The best 10 minutes of my day is spent in prayer. Life is busy for all of us. We are busy at work, at home and throughout the day. The busyness of everyday living does not stop. We must take a moment once in a while to reflect and plan. I enjoy praying – talking to God. Others may just need 10 minutes to plan the day – instead of the day planning you. At a minimum, start your day with prayer or planning the day on your terms and when the stress comes at you.... Stop and pray or at least stop and plan.



Welcome to the Jungle

Security Forces prepares for combat scenarios in PACAF

Story and Photos by **Staff Sgt. Rose Lust**

Security Forces Airmen from the 141st, 194th, and 154th Security Forces Squadrons from Washington State and Hawaii run into the water after completing a mile and a half-long ruck march from "Base X" training site to Honeymoon Beach on Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

A fire team of eight security forces specialists quietly make their way through the knee high grass and brush at "Base X" training site on Hickam Air Force Base... silently signaling to one another for their next movement. Suddenly, the silence is cut by the piercing sound of gunfire in the distance that immediately sets off a chain of events.

For an outsider watching, it is both chaotic and exciting. Not knowing where the opposing force (OPFOR) is or how many the team is facing. For the team, they have trained for this moment; to take down OPFOR as quickly as possible.

The fire team splits, four guardsmen on each side of a wedge formation, and begins advancing around the three hidden OPFOR. In less than 60 seconds they have them surrounded and take control of the area. With the OPFOR apprehended, they conduct a

Senior Airman Caleb Gutting carries an injured team mate during a mock attack on the final day of jungle warfare training

Airmen from the 141st and 194th Security Forces Squadrons watch as a jungle warfare training instructor demonstrates basic tracking techniques and tools

sweep to secure the area to eliminate any further threats and move deeper into the woods to prepare for another mock attack.

This scenario is a small portion of the jungle warfare training that the 154th Security Forces Squadron from Hickam Air Force base hosted for more than 70 members of the 141st and 194th Security Forces Squadrons from Fairchild Air Force base and Camp Murray, Wash. the first week of March at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The week-long training began with troop leading procedures, movements, and patrols of the training site to give each member of the team a chance to lead through different scenarios. "Leading a squad in a new environment with unfamiliar terrain is beneficial for not only the trainee, but the trainer as well, because everyone really has to get into that combat mindset," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Plourd, a Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor at the 141st SFS. "The way in which Airman 1st Class Christopher Isaac scans the area for threats during a troop movement exercise.

leaders communicate can be vastly different, so I enjoyed being able to see different squad integrations and how team leaders were able to approach unique situations."

From troop leading procedures, the group moved on to tracking fundamentals where they learned to detect human activity in a jungle setting or wooded area by observing disturbed ground, broken branches and grass, as well as implementing those tactics to track members of their team. Many portions of the training were a completely new experience for many of the guardsmen.

"We wanted to expose the group to something new; something completely different from anything we have ever done," said Master Sgt. Lonnie Bell, a squad leader in the 141st SFS. "You can never train too much and you can never train to every scenario you're going to run into, so throwing our teams into different situations can really help with combat thinking." The final day of training consisted of a culmination of each fundamental skill the team learned by incorporating them into a closing exercise and waterborne operations. They were given a scenario to move from "Base X" through an

Senior Airman Jake Overhoff patrols the "Base X" training site during a troop movement.

occupied area facing an unknown number of OPFOR, conducting assaults and securing the area, and was completed with a milelong ruck march and practical training on waterproofing gear.

Along with new experiences also comes new challenges. The group quickly learned what worked and what didn't and discovered how valuable practice with troop leading and communication was when on the final day of training each fire team leader was "killed" during their last exercise. The fire team leaders could not assist their team in any capacity.

"The cadre wouldn't let me help my troops and that was really difficult," said Bell. "I wanted to help and give advice, but was told I wasn't allowed to talk. You have to adapt and overcome quickly. It was tough, but my squad did great."

The team building aspect of a training opportunity such as this is tremendously valuable, said Bell. Getting the chance to have everyone experience this together really adds a cohesiveness to the group and helps build stronger relationships. "It's not every day that we get to do something like this; to go through training that we can't do at home was so beneficial for our group," said Plourd. "We were able to deploy everyone with real world gear and go through training that is so specific to a jungle environment and we hit it out of the park." Airman 1st Class Michelle Crosby, loads an M9 pistol with non-lethal training ammunition prior to entering a training site

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Chief Master Sgt. Walter Hinton grills burgers and hot dogs during this year's Waterfront Festival at Clear Lake. Tech. Sgt. Patrick Morgan prepares a fishing pole for his son, Eli, during the Waterfront Festival at Clear lake.

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Senior Master Sgt. John Gannon prepares to donate blood during October UTA.

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Campers and parents attending this year's WAANGY camp gather for a briefing prior to leaving for camp.

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Tech. Sgt. Joy Quam gives Staff Sgt. Kenneth Gainey a shot in preparation for a humanitarian deployment to the U.S. Virgin Islands Staff Sgt. Allen Pham, a services specialist with the 141st Force Support Squadron, seasons trays of steak in the Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer at Farragut State Park, Idaho

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(L to R): SrA Nathanial Walker, SrA Jaren Wooten, Major Christine Wright, SSgt Casey Cason, SSgt Ashton Johns and SSgt Scott Edge, in Puerto Rico providing humanitarian relief after Hurricane Maria

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SrA Nathanial Walker taking cover from the rain in Puerto Rico while providing relief efforts after Hurricane Maria

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Joe Scott is being sworn into the Washington Air National Guard by his Father Lt. Col. Brian Scott, Grand Father Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brian Scott (Foreground), and Grandfather Lt. Col (Ret.) Charles Stone (Background), officially making him the fourth generation Scott to serve in the military.



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Promotions

| SSgt Ryan L. Kempffer | 256 IS |
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| SSgt Donna M. Schrock | 141 OSS |
| SSgt Roberto Tellez-Barrios | 141 MXS |
| SSgt Shane T. Loggins | 141 MOF |
| TSgt Andrew J. Fudge | 256 IS |
| TSgt Chad A. Walter | 256 IS |
| MSgt Thomas C. Nance | 116 ARS |

New Additions to the 141st

| A1C Miguel Gonzales | 141 MDG |
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| Sra Michael A. Panarello | 141 LRS |

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