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## MISSION

The mission of the *Jet Gazette* is to effectively communicate events and information of the 141st Air Refueling Wing to unit members, their families and retirees and to recognize personal and unit achievements within the wing.

# NOTES FROM THE TOP

## A Sprint or a Marathon?

When I assumed command of the 141st Air Refueling Wing on 6 June, 2010, I knew we were in for an eventful two years. I have never seen a schedule so busy, filled with numerous inspections, countless exercises, continuous support of multiple COCOMs, a runway closure, and a short-notice war effort in support of Operations Odyssey Dawn/Unified Protector.

All that was accomplished on top of the busy operations tempo required to maintain a ready force. I normally refer to a military career as a marathon that requires an occasional sprint to meet greater than normal demands. This past two years has been a sprint with intermittent opportunities to slow to the marathon pace.

Last month, we capped off the two year sprint with the following successes:

• **June 2012 Logistics Compliance Assessment Program** – Only 18 months after our previous LCAP, we once again proved our ability with another **EXCELLENT** rating overall. **OUTSTANDING** ratings were earned by the Maintenance Operations Flight and Logistics Readiness Squadron. Quality Assurance and Maintenance Squadron received **EXCELLENT** ratings. The following exceptional performer was recognized:

**Staff Sgt. Joshua Roberson (MXS)**

• **June 2012 Nuclear Operational Readiness Inspection** – **EXCELLENT** overall with unprecedented **EXCELLENT** ratings in all three major grades (Force Generation, Employment, Reconstitution). Exceptional performers were as follows:

**IG Coin Recipients: Maj. Jeremy Larson (XP), Master Sgt. Michael Jackson (AMXS), Tech. Sgt. Nathan Juarez (MOF), Senior Airman Jordan Allen (OG)**

**Individual Recognition: 2nd Lt. Jeffery McElroy (AMXS), Master Sgt. Chad Manley (MXS), Tech. Sgt. Carson Ames (LRS), Staff Sgt. Christopher Barnett (LRS), Senior Airman Micheal Nelson (LRS)**

**Team Recognition: Command Post, Intelligence, Nightshift Hydraulics**



• **June 2012 Operational Readiness Inspection** – **MISSION READY** overall. We received credit for Positioning of Force, Employing the Force, and Sustaining the Force as a result of our participation in Operation ODYSSEY DAWN (OOD). We were evaluated on our Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO), receiving a grade of **SATISFACTORY**.

**Individual Recognition: Tech. Sgt. Jacob Young (SFS), Staff Sgt. Matthew Bourgoine (FSS), Senior Airman Daniel Grimes (SFS), Senior Airman Lisa Mesa (SFS)**

Well done by everyone who participated in the recent inspections and thank you to all who provided support to Team Fairchild during these inspections. I know that many people committed to some long days to prepare and endure the exercises and inspections.

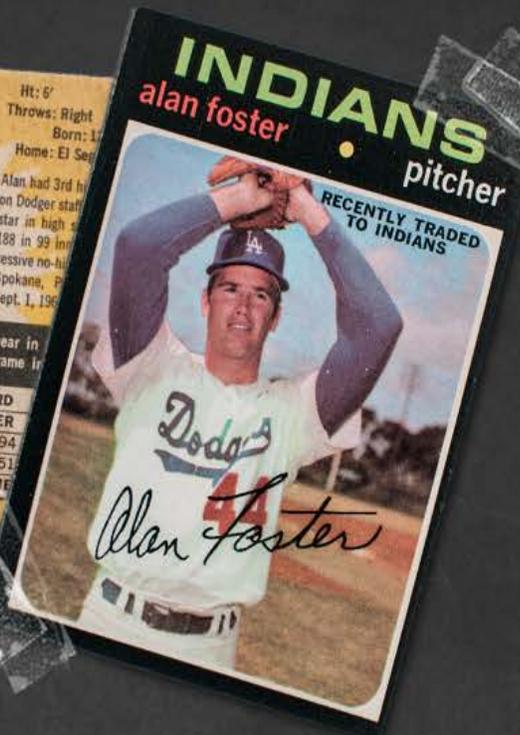
It was a proud day for me when the IG revealed the scores and honored the exceptional performers. The 141st and 92d Air Refueling Wings showed what Team Fairchild can accomplish and your excellence was once again validated.

Now for getting back into the marathon pace— please take some time to enjoy the remainder of your summer with family and friends. Recharge your batteries and please be safe while doing so. We never know when we will be faced with the next sprint, but if history repeats itself, we will be asked to sprint again.

Proud to serve with you,

Col. K

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by Tech. Sgt. Wes Walton  
141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

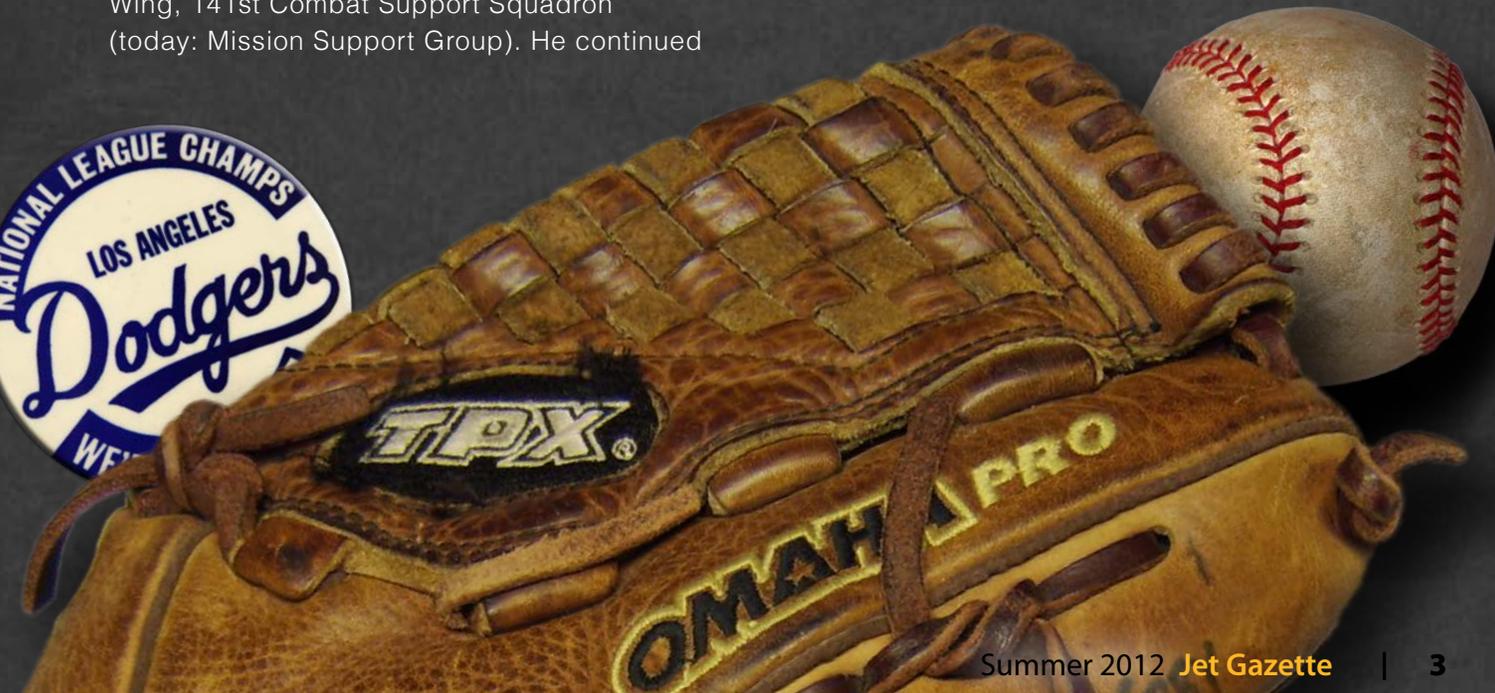
**M**any of our established traditions change with each new season. With the coming of spring, one of the happiest traditions for many is heading out to the ballpark, grabbing a hotdog from the vendor and listening for the umpire to call out those near immortal words, “play ball!”

For one former traditional Guardsman, baseball playing wasn’t just a tradition, it was a way of life. Alan Foster played for the Spokane Indians until April 1967 when he was called up to the Major Leagues to play for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In August, Airman Third Class (Airman) Alan Foster joined the 142d Air Defense Wing, the predecessor of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, 141st Combat Support Squadron (today: Mission Support Group). He continued

playing professional baseball as a right handed pitcher for various teams until 1976; he ended his career with the San Diego Padres.

In a research article titled “Baseball Magic” written by George Gmelch, he recounts a time when Alan Foster was playing for the Spokane Indians in the Pacific Coast League, Alan forgot his baseball shoes on a road trip and borrowed a pair from a teammate to pitch. That night he pitched a no-hitter and later, needless to say, bought the shoes from his teammate. They became his most prized possession.





**Capt. Alan Abrams**, 92d Air Refueling Wing Chief of Military Justice, makes adjustments to the chemical suit of **Senior Master Sgt. Steven Durrance**, 141st Air Refueling Wing First Sgt., during the **ATSO** exercise.

# ATSO

*Same Team Same Fight, Guard and Active Duty Working Side-by-Side*

Photos and Story by **Staff Sgt. Anthony Ennamorato**  
141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**A**pproximately 300 members from the 92d and 141st Air Refueling Wings seamlessly merged together during the Operation Readiness Inspections, June 2012, at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

The ORI was the first conducted since the Total Force Integration of the two wings. The official inspections began the second week of June with a Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Inspection and concluded with inspecting the combined wings Ability to Survive and Operate.

Col. Mark Van Wert, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Vice-Wing Commander, led the way during the

inspection as the commander of the integrated wings. "Getting our team to work together across the Mission Support, Operations, Medical, and Maintenance (fields) has been critical to pulling this diverse TFI team together," said VanWert.

Working side-by-side proved beneficial during the many exercises that led up to the June inspections. Staff Sgt. Nathan Gaudette from the 92d Logistics Readiness Squadron appreciated his teammates assistance.

"I have learned a lot working with the senior level Guardsmen on my team; their leadership and added knowledge from their many years of

experience is a huge positive.”

During previous ORIs the active duty elements would work during the day and the Guard personnel would work at night, each unit inspected separately.

“This separation created inconsistencies in how the mission was planned and accomplished,” said Capt. Charles Parsons, 141st ARW Installation Deployment Officer. “With TFI, leadership from both sides work together more efficiently; everyone receives

identical information.”

Capt. Kelly Neuenfeldt, 141st Security Forces Squadron commander, welcomed the opportunity to work along side the active duty. “The chance to share our unique ideas and experiences cultivated a greater understanding of the Air Force and the total force concept. Any opportunity we can get to work with our active duty counterparts should be wholeheartedly embraced,” said Neuenfeldt.

The team was comprised of a near split

of 92d and 141st personnel and their ability to work together was important to the overall success of the exercise.

“The TFI construct for Team Fairchild has been well in the works for the past two to three years,” said Van Wert.

When asked what one piece of advice he would pass along to other TFI units preparing for an ORI, Van Wert said, “Capitalize on the experiences across both Wings and emphasize ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT!”



[1] Staff Sgt. Nathan Gaudette, 92d Logistics Readiness Squadron places simulated M-9 chemical detection tape on Capt. Charles Parsons, 141st Air Refueling Wing Installation Deployment Officer  
[2] Capt. Michael Hart, 141st Air Refueling Wing Budget Office, prepares for the inspection.





# SHOW OF FORCE

STORY BY MASTER SGT. MINDY GAGNE  
141ST AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**T**he 141st Security Forces Squadron with assistance from the 366th Training Group and the Army National Guard was involved in an annual training exercise, June 2, 2012 at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

The training scenario involved a downed helicopter with a hurt crew that was under fire. During the scenario the 141st SFS Airman called in a nine line report providing intelligence and location to the ground controller and requested immediate air evacuation. The Survival, Evasion, Resistance and

Escape School's Urban Evasion Lab at the 336th TG, provided the training environment necessary for the exercise. The SERE instructors also assisted as actors during the scenario and provided instruction during debriefing that following the training.

The 141st SFS employed combat life skills, self-aid and buddy care techniques, and team building skills to successfully accomplish the training requirements.

"The biggest benefit is that we work together as a team," said Mr. Randy

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Members of the **141st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron** take cover behind a vehicle as they attempt to recover a simulated downed helicopter crew chief and pilot.

photos by **Staff Sgt. Anthony Ennamorato**, 141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

[right] **Tech. Sgt. David Erickson and Tech. Sgt. Bradley Jordan**, 141st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron, provide cover fire during the simulated extraction of the downed helicopter crew.



[bottom] Members of the **141st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron** scramble to the simulated helicopter crash site.



Toulou, 141st SFS Readiness Training Coordinator, “We are the Air Force infantry and we go outside of the wire on occasion.” Some of the other scenarios the 141st SFS trained on were clearing buildings, searching for and learning to distinguish hostile enemies, and practicing critical decision making techniques during battle.

Tactical Convoy training was also a part of the training. Vehicle assets were provided by the Wash. Army National Guard.

Additional training will follow later this summer on land navigation to include team movement and use of night vision equipment.

“Our mission is to deploy down-range and work as ground infantry,” said Toulou, “We are the eyes and ears from a forward operational stand point outside of the wire.”



**Staff Sgt. Richard Lowe**, 141st Air Refueling Wing Security Forces Squadron, prepares to engage the enemy during a simulated extraction of a downed helicopter crew chief and pilot.



# Social Networking

## Guidance for Airmen and families

Story by **Tech. SGT. KAREN TOMASIK**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

**A**irmen and families have a new resource at their fingertips with the recent release of an updated and revised [social media guide](#) by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency in San Antonio, Texas.

The guide features sections geared toward all Total Force members and their families as well as Air Force leaders. It highlights topics including using social media effectively, security awareness, social media platforms, public affairs programs and social media policy among others.

“Our social media team has made great strides in updating this guide,” said Larry Clavette, Air Force Public Affairs Agency director. “Airmen and families will see a lot of information they can apply to their social networking practices, whether they’ve been using social media for years or are just coming onboard with the technology.”

While information on social media has been around for several years, the types of platforms people use evolve and new ones start up nearly every day. No matter which social media platform you use, and whether you use social media personally or professionally, many basic principles apply.

Operations security ranks first and foremost in the minds of many military members, but the casual nature of social media can easily lead to inadvertent sharing of sensitive personal information via personal profiles and accounts.

Everyone should make sure they share personal information only with people they trust and understand that no matter how secure they set up their own accounts friends can unintentionally share details about their lives with people who may have malicious intentions.

Though the desire to protect personal information is one reason people may not join social media



platforms, unfamiliarity with the platforms is another commonly cited reason for staying out of the social media arena.

“By now, many people are already using social media so this guide doesn’t focus on how to set up new personal accounts,” said Capt. Amber Millerchip, the deputy director of public communications at AFPAA. “Instead, we focused on how to communicate more effectively on some of the most commonly used social media platforms. We hope everyone finds something in the guide they can use in their personal or professional communications on these platforms.”

For most Airmen and family members, the first half of the guide, along with the social media policy references, frequently asked questions and glossary at the end, cover the basics they need to successfully navigate social networks. Unit leaders and public affairs Airmen will benefit from all those sections plus the sections addressing social media and a public affairs program and social media and AFPAA.

“Social media is another tool in a public affairs toolkit,” said Tanya Schusler, the chief of social media at AFPAA. “The new guide will help any Air Force public affairs office start or improve their social media program. The two most important things to remember are to have a communication plan and to engage with followers. Social media is supposed to be fun but that doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be a deliberate process.”

As units share their Airmen’s stories locally, they might also consider sending stories, photographs

and videos with wider Air Force appeal to AFPAA so they can be featured on the main official United States Air Force social media properties.

The section in the guide discussing social media and AFPAA outlines how to submit those products and also touches on a growing area in Air Force emerging technology use—the development of mobile applications.

“We understand how mobile applications can help Airmen and families in the Air Force, and we encourage folks to leverage technology in accomplishing their jobs more efficiently,” said Clavette.

“What we ask everyone to do is be smart about developing applications for official use. There are many things to consider from impact on mission completion and potential risks to a variety of costs in development and maintenance of an app. AFPAA is the focal point for mobile applications development, so we need folks to contact us for guidance before jumping into this area.”

Airmen can download a copy of the guide from the social media tab at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), the official website of the U.S. Air Force or by selecting the link. Questions and comments about the guide can be directed to the AFPAA Social Media Division via the contact information on the guide’s back cover.





# AAFQ

## QUALIFICATION COARSE CHANGES

STORY BY **TECH. SGT. TRAVIS METHENY**  
141ST AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**C**ombat Arms Training and Maintenance instructors from the 141st Air Refueling Wing are preparing to implement the new Air Force Qualification Course in August. Staff Sgt. Jacob Young, an instructor with the 141st CATM, recently returned from a train-the-trainer course held in Reno, Nevada that familiarized him with the new course of fire.

Young explained, that beginning in August, Airmen who are scheduled for training will encounter a challenging 11-hour course that will include classroom instruction, performance evaluations, and live fire.

Basic skills will include loading and clearing, assembly and disassembly, basic rifle marksmanship, and preventative maintenance. Advanced weapon skills will also be included which will evaluate immediate and remedial action drills using dummy rounds during live fire, tactical movements with a loaded weapon, and multiple target engagement.

"The field of warfare has changed, we do not have the luxury of taking long shots," said Young, "the new course will be more realistic and will result in Airmen more ready to respond to a threat."

Airmen who are scheduled to attend the new AFQC will now shoot 10 and 6 inch targets at 7, 15, and 25 meters. The shooter will be required to engage the target identified by the instructor and clear dummy rounds. In addition to changes in the AFQC, the M-16 will soon be replaced with the M-4 and the M-68 close combat optic.

The new qualification course is more difficult and CATM personnel expect some challenges during the transition. When the instructor calls out a specific target to engage and the student shoots the wrong one it is an automatic failure. Instructors also anticipate initial struggles for the students in maintaining the rifle at the low-ready position for minutes at a time, due to muscle fatigue.

"Even though it will be more challenging, we are dedicated to our students and will make every effort to assist them in passing the course," said Young.

# New Chief Nomination

## The President nominates new Guard Bureau Chief

Story by **SGT. FIRST CLASS JIM GREENHILL**  
National Guard Bureau

**P**resident Obama has nominated Army Lt. Gen. Frank Grass, the deputy commander of U.S. Northern Command, as the 27th chief of the National Guard Bureau, according to the Congressional Record.

If confirmed, Grass would succeed the current chief, Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the first four-star general to hold the assignment who also became the first CNGB to serve as a statutory member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“I am thrilled and humbled by the opportunity, if I am confirmed, to lead the best National Guard in our nation’s history—a force of more than 460,000 men and women proven on the battlefield and during domestic crises,” Grass said. “It is further humbling to be asked by the secretary of defense and the president to follow in General McKinley’s footsteps. I look forward to ensuring the investment the American people have made in the National Guard as a ready and reliable operational force continues to pay dividends.”

Grass also was nominated for appointment to the rank of general. The nomination has been sent to the U.S. Senate for confirmation.

Grass has served as NORTHCOM’s deputy commander and as vice commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Command, since 2010. He previously was NORTHCOM’s operations director from 2008 to 2010.

Prior to his service at NORTHCOM, Grass was the director of mobilization and Reserve component affairs at U.S. European Command, a position he filled following his stint as deputy director of the Army National Guard.

In his current role at NORTHCOM, Grass has helped lead the command to anticipate, prepare and respond to threats and aggression aimed at the United States, its territories and interests within the assigned area of responsibility and—as directed by the president or defense secretary—provide defense support of civil authorities.



**Lt. Gen. Frank Grass**

Vermont’s adjutant general, Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie, was confirmed as Grass’ successor at NORTHCOM.

Lt. Gen. Grass enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard in 1969. He was commissioned in 1981 after 12 years’ service as an enlisted Citizen-Soldier. On the civilian side, Grass was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers. He has served in a wide variety of command and staff positions as a traditional Guard member, in the Active Guard and Reserve program and on active duty.

During his time at NORTHCOM, Grass repeatedly stressed the importance of the relationship between the combatant command and the National Guard. NORTHCOM’s key homeland defense and defense support of civil authorities missions match key National Guard missions.



**Gen. Harry Wyatt**, Director of the Air National Guard and **Col. Richard Kelly**, 141st Air Refueling Wing commander, talk with **Staff Sgt. Trevor Volack**, 141st Maintenance Squadron, during the General's visit to Fairchild. (U.S. Air Force Photo by **Staff Sgt. Anthony Ennamorato**, 141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs)

# TOP OF THE LIST

STORY BY **MAJ. SANDY SMOCK**  
141ST AIR REFUELING WING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**T**he Director of the Air National Guard Gen. Harry “Bud” Wyatt, visited the 141st Air Refueling Wing on Saturday, May 5 and held an “all call” to address fiscal responsibility, enlisted grade review, force development and the future of Total Force Integration.

The director’s visit began with a mission brief presented by Col. Paul Guemmer, 92d ARW Commander, and Col. Rich Kelly, 141st ARW Commander. A tour through various co-located active duty/Guard work centers showcased how both wings have been working together as a classic association.

In October 2007, the Washington Air National Guard’s 141st ARW and the active duty Air Force’s 92d ARW became the first Guard and active duty tanker wings to stand up as a classic association.

Together, the units accomplish a KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling mission.

Wyatt’s visit was an opportunity to observe the progress made by both wings since his last visit to Fairchild in early 2010.

“Every time I pick up the Air Mobility Command statistics and get a report from the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Team Fairchild is at the top of the list,” said Wyatt.

The General detailed some of the issues facing the Air Force and components of the Department of Defense during the “all call”.

“Whatever the challenges are, the key to meeting those challenges is one of our core principles of the National Guard; developing adaptable, highly professional, flexible and fully dedicated Airmen,”



# EPIC JOURNEY

141st Air Refueling Wing trains first female honorary pilots

Story and Photos By **Master Sgt. Michael Stewart**  
141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**T**wo female pilot candidates were accepted to train during the unit's Pilot for a Day program May 30.

The two candidates, Anna, 9, and Madeline, 5, know each other very well, in fact, they spend a lot of time together — they are sisters — and they are both fighting cancer. Life has thrown one challenge after another at the Cumbie family.

Anna was first diagnosed with standard-

risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia March 2, 2007. Madeline was diagnosed April 29, 2010 with the same type of cancer.

“Maddy is going in for surgery in six days so the ‘Pilot for a Day’ training really gave her something to look forward to,” said Jennie Cumbie, mother of the pilot candidates. “It was a much needed distraction.”

The girls’ day began with the issuing of flight suits complete with embroidered

nametags and unit patches. The aspiring pilots had to complete a full day of hands on training in order to receive their “wings.”

Their first stop was Aircrew Flight Equipment where they trained with life preservers, slid down an emergency escape slide and used a compass.

Their instructors were very impressed. “The students were highly motivated and enthusiastic,” said Senior Master Sgt.

Donald Belfils, Aircrew Flight Equipment Superintendent. “They picked things up quickly and completed each new task with flying colors.”

Next they visited the Control Tower where Anna and Maddy watched two 190th Fighter Squadron A-10 Warthogs from Boise, Idaho, perform aerial maneuvers before landing and parking near base operations.

The Cumbie family made their way to the

Maddy takes on a windy Fairchild flightline!





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flightline to meet these special guest pilots.

With arms stretched wide leaning into a steady wind, Maddy did her best impression of a flying squirrel as the family walked along the flightline toward the aircraft.

Representing the 141st, the girls' presented each A-10 pilot with a unit coin. Their thank-you was an opportunity most children don't get — to put on a helmet and sit in the cockpit of a U.S. Air Force fighter jet. The girls' eyes widened as the pilots did their best to explain the sea of gauges and knobs located in the cramped single-seat cockpit.

"As a parent, it's always fun to see your kids excited and experiencing new things," said Brian Cumbie, father of the young trainees. "It was

[1] Anna shows her father how excited she is while touring the flightline. [2] Staff Sgt. Christopher Langus (left) and Staff Sgt. Mark Aaron (right) trained Anna and Maddie on proper wear of their

safety equipment. [3] Maj. Jennifer Chase, A-10 pilot, gives Anna and her father an overview of the aircraft's high-tech components. [4] Anna learns how to connect her mask to the oxygen system of the A-10.

easy to see they were having fun."

After the visit with the pilots, it was time to move on to the next training phase, the Fire Department. The family was greeted by several firemen who handed the girls a plastic gift bag filled with pencils, rulers and a



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junior fire fighter hat. Smokey the Bear, Sparky the fire dog and Monty the oversized inflatable fireman welcomed the girls too.

Anna said this was the favorite part of the day for her. Without hesitation, she climbed into the cab of the firetruck, put on her headset and with authority said, “Breaker, Breaker” into the trucks radio handset.

They took a short ride in the fire truck and tested the trucks water spraying capabilities. The girls’ took a break from training and stopped by the the “Funspot” on base to “refuel” themselves with chicken fingers and corndogs. They both were now ready for some flying time at the base flight simulator lab.

[1] Maddy sits in the cockpit of an A-10 fighter. [2] Staff Sgt Mark Aaron shows Anna and Maddy how to use a compass. [3] Col. Richard Kelly, 141st ARW commander, presents Anna and Maddie with their new patches.

Each candidate practiced flying a KC-135 refueler and operating a refueling boom.

Anna earned the call sign “Smash” for the way she expertly placed the boom through the canopy of several simulated F-15 fighters while practicing her refueling skills. Maddy earned the name “Smiles” because the sides of her mouth almost never lowered to a horizontal position. After getting their call signs, members of the 141st and 92d Air



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Refueling Wings joined together at the graduation room to wait for the fully trained candidates.

The room filled with applause as the girls entered the room with their family. After some congratulatory words from Col. Richard Kelly, 141st ARW commander, he placed the coveted pilot’s wings on the girls’ flightsuits. The honorary pilots received more patches and a certificate of training. When asked if she had fun, Maddy summed the entire experience up with three words “this was epic.” ✈️

# HUMAN

## TRAFFICKING

story by **Master Sgt. Elena Manley**  
141st Air Refueling Wing Legal Office

Recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mabel Elsom who is the Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator for the Lutheran Community Service of the Northwest. In her position, Ms. Elsom handles issues relating to the disadvantaged youth and adults who are being abused or manipulated in this region.

Human Trafficking can involve using people as sex slaves or as slaves performing hard labor. In the Northwest the primary human trafficking violations occur in the form of hard labor in the agricultural regions of the state. These abusers handle their victims as if they were commodities.

Oftentimes the victims are those who are attracted to the allure of earning five times what they earn in their home countries. They want better for not only themselves but their loved ones back home. The human traffickers offer these individuals an escape from their abject poverty. Imagine a father wanting to provide his family a future and the only means by which to attain this future is to come to this country illegally in hopes of making enough to provide a way for his family to join him.

Once here the majority of his money is withheld while being told his debt has quadrupled. Imagine the shame the father must feel knowing that they cannot bring the promise of hope to their loved ones and have only brought on insurmountable debt. There are also victims who come here legally who may be attending school and looking for work and end up working below minimum wage for hours on end as personal servants to their employers. They often feel trapped and do not know that their basic human rights are being violated.

Unaware of their rights, they are afraid if they turn in their employers they will then have nowhere to go in a country that is unfamiliar to them.

Most victims of sex trafficking arise out of the homeless youth in our streets. Often these young individuals are raised in a toxic environment where they may feel they are unwanted and worthless. Their families abuse them or reject them and they subsequently turn to the streets for escape from their environments.



They are then met with those who are willing to give them food and shelter; willing to give them the attention they desire. They are essentially sucked into this world that welcomes them with open arms unlike the world that simply views them as runaways and tells them to go back home.

The first two weeks for these victims are wrought with a sense of family and security. After the initial recruitment period is over, the real intent of the perpetrators is revealed. They must pay their way for simple food and shelter or leave. This means they must pay up using their bodies (called survivor sex) and help to recruit other vulnerable youth. They

These victims can succeed in life if we all see ourselves as advocates. In our human relations training we are taught to recognize the signs of human trafficking. We understand that victims can come from all walks of life and all ages, from infants to adults. Human trafficking can be labor related or sex related or both. In its simplest form it is slavery.

The year 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the abolishment of slavery in this country. Those that advocate for these victims recognize that slavery only went underground after this date; its pervasiveness only took on a more deviant form. Always remember that we in uniform are held to a higher standard and



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ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE IN UNIFORM ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND AS MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON AIR NATIONAL GUARD WE ARE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES.



don't know where else they can turn to. They have no family, no home, and no known resources.

Ms. Elsom's goal is to work with law enforcement to recognize what is really going on with these victims when they are on the scene. The mission at hand is to raise awareness and community outreach to victims or survivors of trafficking and to create a task force made up of those who can help provide the necessary resources so these victims don't feel alone and abandoned. Sometimes there are mental health issues that need to be addressed. They require special attention that the newly created task force can provide so that the individual's unique needs are met.

Ms. Elsom has witnessed these victims blossom after only a couple of weeks of genuine kindness and support. These kids want to do well and contribute if given the same opportunities to try and fail and try again like most people.

as members of the Washington Air National Guard we are invested in our communities.

We may be commended for our skills for warfare overseas but we are also citizen soldiers capable of waging a war on the atrocities that take place at home.

The Legal Office is open UTA

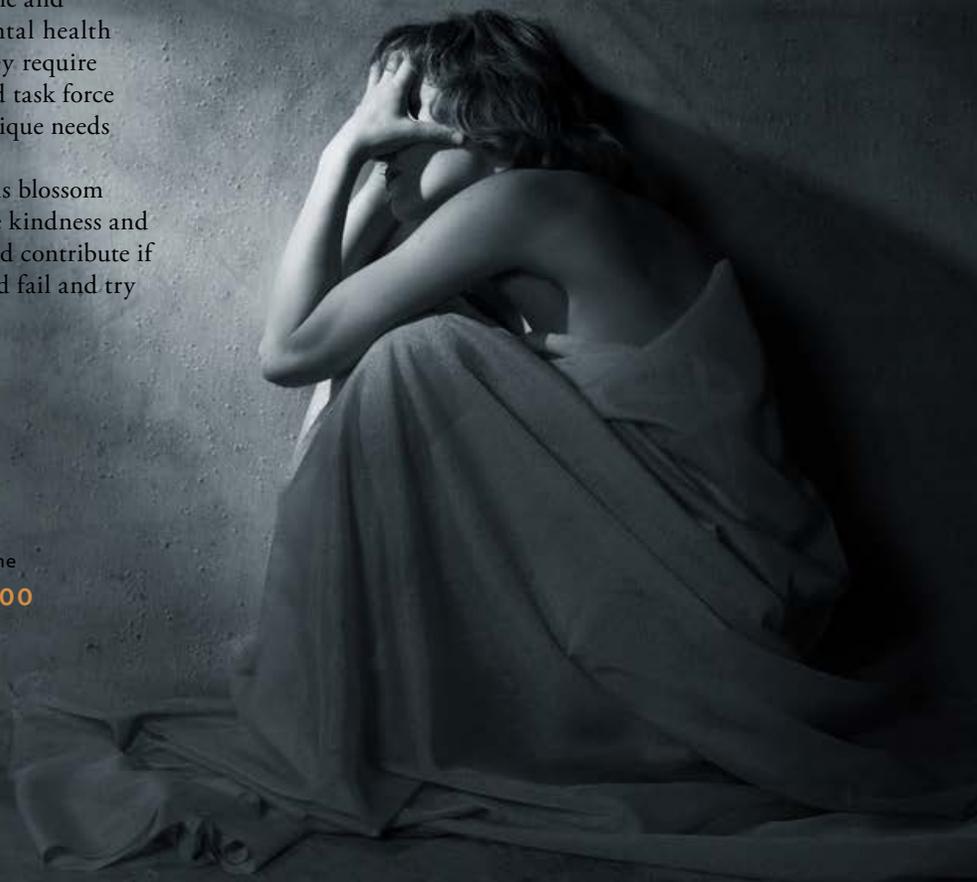
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# MOTORCYCLE MINDSET

Story By **Lt. Col. Craig Gural**  
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(Photo by Kenji Thuloweit, 95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)

**T**he number of people riding motorcycles in the Northwest is on the rise. This may be due to the increase in gas prices and a declining economy. Motorcycles are cheaper to operate and insure than automobiles. They are also easier to maneuver and park which, make them appealing for people that commute on a daily basis. Motorcycles also offer a level of enjoyment that many will never experience in a car, even with the top down.

All these benefits create an increased level of risk. The first and most critical of these is the fact that they are hard to see. Even the largest of bikes still have a profile that makes them almost invisible in certain instances.

Most automobile drivers have never been on a motorcycle and are not conditioned to look for them. Even the best of riders can be put into situations

where a car may fail to yield to them simply because they never see them. The outcome of a car versus motorcycle confrontation is predictable and almost always the same, the motorcyclist loses.

If you ride, now is the time to look at your riding training and safety equipment. There are a couple of regulations on this, but the big picture is common sense. Wear whatever you have to, to be seen. Bright contrasting colors with reflective stripes will always be at the top of the list.

The second aspect is to wear something that will protect the body in an accident. Over the ankle boots are required. Proper footwear is not just for protection during an accident but they also help to hold up the bike when the rider is standing. Bikes can be heavy, and the rider's leg must be able to hold the bike up when it is not moving. Good ankle support helps out with this.



The helmet below was worn by a 141st Air National Guard member this year when he was taking a corner and slid on loose gravel. He went face first into the ground and was still able to walk away from the accident. The dent in the visor was caused by a rock.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Anthony Ennamorato, 141 Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs)

Gloves are another aspect. In a fall, the natural reaction is to put your hands out to catch yourself. Without gloves the delicate skin on the hands can be instantly removed. High quality gloves will help reduce injury and improve the riders grip on the bars. Cotton and denim do not offer much protection when sliding on concrete. Leather is very common in riding gear, and worth the investment.

The last and most important of all the equipment is the helmet. What is your head worth? Can it be replaced? Your helmet choice should reflect your answers on those two questions. The higher the quality and protective level of the helmet the better off you will be. Pause and ask yourself, what is your Personnel Protective Equipment worth after a mishap? People injured in a mishap never had on too much protective equipment, something was always missing. Spend the

extra upfront to help avoid the consequences later.

Training is a key part of the safe motorcycle riding mindset. Classes like the Basic Riders Course and Advanced Riders Course add tools that all riders can use. Techniques on how to stop or turn in a panic situation are just some of the things a rider will learn.

Like any skill, refresher courses are always needed. The regulation suggests that any rider should take a refresher course every five years.

The 141st Air Refueling Wing Safety Office or your Motorcycle Safety Representative can help you get scheduled for an upcoming class offered on base. The goal of the Safety Office is to have a season free of motorcycle mishaps. So, review the regulations, inspect your bike and your gear, and get refresher training, then get out and ride. 

# READY TO RESPOND



Story By **Maj. Larry Kohlman**  
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**T**he 141st Logistic Readiness Squadron led a joint training exercise involving personnel from the Air Force active duty, Air and Army National Guard, May 15-17, 2012 at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

The exercise validated the 141st Medical Group and the joint team's capability to rapidly assemble and deploy the medical groups Expeditionary Medical Support package.

More than 30 soldiers from the Wash. Army National Guard prepared and palletized the equipment for transport and the 92d LRS provided forklift and equipment transfer support enabling the team to load and secure the pallets in the aircraft.

The 62d Airlift Wing from Joint Base Lewis-McChord supported the training operation by providing a C-17 Globemaster III for the cargo loading and unloading portion of the exercise.

The EMEDS equipment is a rapid response, nationwide deployable package that supports catastrophic events when called upon and includes about 25 aircraft cargo pallets. It can be used in operations such as humanitarian relief, wartime contingencies and disaster response.

The EMEDS facilities can provide 24-hour emergency medical care, medical command and control and aero-medical evacuation coordination. This exercise also provided Supplemental Unit

Movement Officer Training to selected Wash. ARNG soldiers. The training included pallet build-up, Hazmat familiarization, Logistics Module and load planning principles.

Along with validating the joint team's capability to rapidly deploy the EMEDS package, the goal of the May exercise was to prepare for the Patriot 2012 Exercise, July 15-20, 2012.



**Airman First Class Timothy Hampton**, 62d Airlift Wing loadmaster from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, trains Air and Army National Guard members on preparing a C-17 for pallet loading.

# HOMEFRONT

While the mission of the deployed Airman of the 141st Civil Engineering Squadron is to construct facilities that help improve the quality of life for those on the other side of the globe, families left behind must also work to construct a new normal as they cope with the absence of their loved one supporting the war.

This is a picture of our 7 1/2 month old daughter, Avery. My biggest sadness that comes from this deployment is the fact that Tyler is missing out on most of the first year of our daughter's life. He's missed a lot of big milestones, but with the help of the internet and Skype I can share a lot with him too. It makes it bittersweet, and I know he feels bad about not being here, but we make the best of what we've got.

- Rose Lust, wife of Senior Airman Tyler Lust, 141st CES



"The kids and I miss my husband so much. We are so proud of him. We understand that he is making a big sacrifice for us and our country. We can't wait until they all come home safe."

- Tara Wallace, wife of Master Sgt. John Wallace, 141st CES



"Being the deployed family at home can be exceptionally difficult, especially when big events and milestones occur when our loved ones are gone. Our hearts are broken, both near and far, but we put on our brave and cheerful faces like there is nothing missing, when inside we are all longing to be together for the "big day".

Graduation was our big event. My husband, Master Sgt. Kelly F. Williquette, deployed to Afghanistan, missed our last child's graduation. Our only daughter was the faculty elected speaker, sang a song with a small group of classmates, was awarded scholarships and had to kiss her daddy through a computer after she was awarded her diploma. She was the only one graduating with a deployed parent and the school made arrangements to have the ceremony connected through Skype for us, which made the day that much more poignant, bittersweet indeed.

We are so proud of everything that our military members do. We support them, praise them and continue on without them; doing our duties and being good troops as well. We are in this together and without the understanding that it is difficult on us ALL, the success of the mission cannot occur."

- Tracy Williquette, wife of Master Sgt. Kelly Williquette, 141st CES

