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NOTES FROM THE TOP

"As 2012 comes to a close"

Change is a constant in life, and as usual, we have experienced our own changes over the last few months. The most notable change is that Col. Rich Kelly volunteered and deployed to Afghanistan where he took over as the Deputy Commander US Forces and the Afghanistan Assistant Deputy Commander Air.

Col. Kelly departed on 30 October and within 30 hours he was in place and moving the mission. We all wish him a smooth deployment and a safe return. I am proud to take the reins as the 141st Air Refueling Wing Commander while Col. Kelly serves our country overseas. I will continue the current direction on which Col. Kelly so wisely set course. As a team, we will keep the wing viable and relevant as we meet new and different challenges of the future.

As 2012 comes to a close, we find ourselves in the heart of the Holiday season. I think it's important to take a minute and thank all of you for your outstanding contribution and dedication. This last year has been a phenomenal success and it could not have been so without the involvement of every single one of you.

We have experienced many exercises, inspections, and lengthy deployments, not to mention the normal rigors of day to day operations. In spite of the high ops tempo, you excelled at the mission with distinction. Sacrifice



and effort were demanded from everyone, including family, friends, and loved ones.

As you enjoy the holiday season, please take the time to appreciate the little things and show gratitude to those around you who have provided the crucial support that make your efforts possible. Also, please keep all those still deployed during this holiday season in your thoughts.

Again, I want to personally thank you and your family for your outstanding service and continuing commitment.

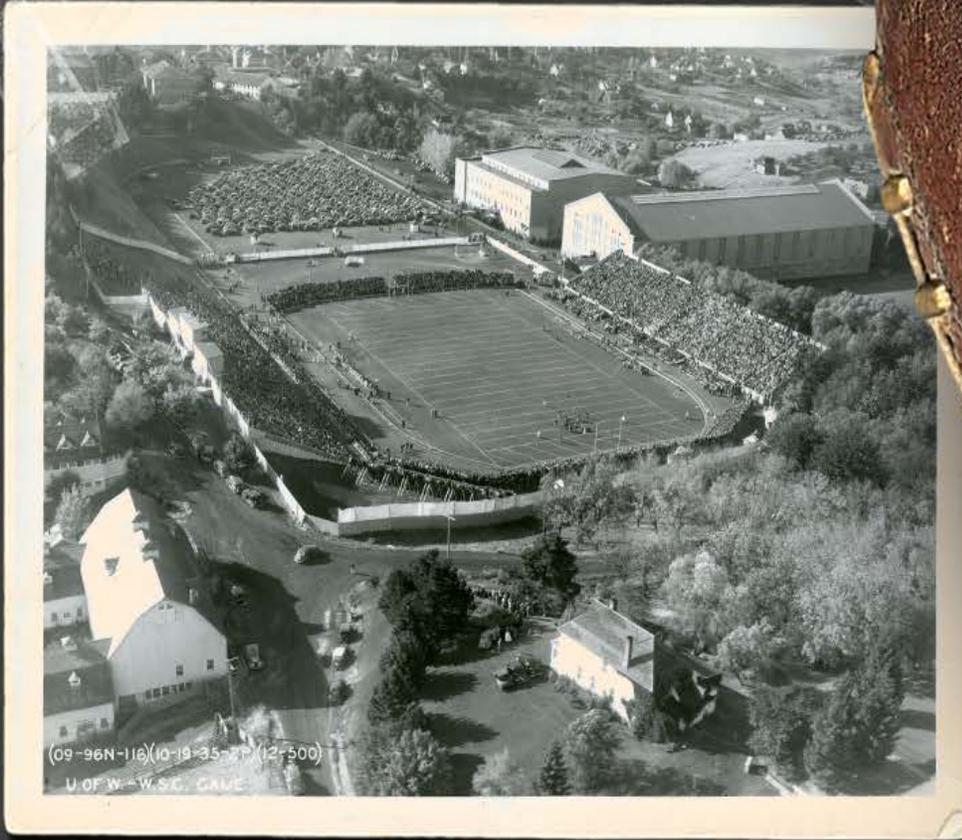
I am very proud to be a part of an organization whose people are nothing less than true professionals. All of you should hold your head up high and be very proud.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dan

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Wing History



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

Prior to 1962, the purple and gold of the Huskies (University of Washington) and the crimson and grey of the Cougs (Washington State University) didn't play for the Apple Cup, they played for the Governor's Trophy. The name of the game and the trophy itself was changed to reflect the State of Washington's most famous agricultural export, apples.

The first game between Washington Agricultural College (WSU) and the University of Washington was documented in 1900 (10-0 victory for Washington Agricultural).

Captured in mid-play on celluloid, this picture of an "Apple Cup" game was captured by a pilot and observer from the 116th Observation Squadron from their seat in a O-38 biplane from 500 feet above ground level in 1935 (21-0 victory for U of W). 

DTA

DESIGNATED TOBACCO AREA

Story by Maj. Larry Kohlman, Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Stewart
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The month of October brought in a breadth of change for tobacco users at Fairchild AFB; all military and civilian personnel should be aware of the not-so-subtle changes of the new policy. Bottom line, the goal of the Air Force is to decrease the use of tobacco products. Air Force Instruction 40-102 defines tobacco to include, but is not limited to: cigars, cigarettes, electronic-cigarettes, stem pipes, water pipes, and smokeless products that are chewed, dipped, or sniffed.

The substantially revised Air Force Instruction includes the following:

- Designation of tobacco-free medical campuses
- Updated Designated Tobacco Areas and areas where tobacco use is prohibited
- Tobacco use outside of DTAs, including while walking anytime outside of DTAs, is prohibited
- DTAs shall be away from common points of facility entry/egress and not in front of buildings or air intake ducts
- The distance of a DTA from building entry/egress will be no less than 50 feet
- DTAs shall be a minimum of 50 feet from pedestrian walkways, to include parking lots, to prevent secondhand smoke exposure to passersby
- No DTA shall be within 100 feet of playgrounds
- DTAs will be annotated on an installation map and marked with signs: "Designated Tobacco Area"

This instruction also has additional guidance to assist tobacco users in their efforts to prevent and decrease tobacco use. Airmen are encouraged to contact the Health and Wellness Center, at 247-5590, to receive the latest information for cessation support interventions like quit lines, web-based programs, and support groups.

Tobacco users are encouraged to contact facility managers of their work centers to learn more about the new requirements concerning the updated and approved DTA locations.



PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT

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Steam belled from the tent openings Nov. 4, 2012 as the announcement was made that the food inside was ready to be served. Ten National Guard Airmen worked throughout the morning assembling a kitchen, from a single pallet, and then testing their operational capacity by preparing a meal to be served at a prearranged hour. This time it was for training, next time it will be in support of the presidential inauguration.

The 141st Force Support Squadron has been selected to support the 57th presidential inauguration, January 2013, by employing a team of nine Airmen and a Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen to help feed the large number of supporters that are expected to attend. The squadron is one of 27 National Guard units that have been requested to participate with their SPEK's.

"We achieved our goal today, we were able to test our equipment and serve the scheduled meal on time", said Master Sgt. Amanda Martin, 141 FSS, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the kitchen detail. "Honestly, it has been busy this morning... this is specific training that we don't always get the opportunity to conduct."

At 11:00 a.m., a group of fellow airmen arrived right on time and hungry to eat. "This is really good." said Senior Master Sgt. Steven Estep, 141 FSS, "This is so much better than an MRE [Meal Ready to Eat]."

Senior Airman Emily Triggs, 141st Force Support Squadron, sets up mobile kitchen.



“30 airmen volunteered [to participate for the inauguration] but we could only choose nine of them, the team that we have here today will be the team that will work at the presidential inauguration,” said Martin.

“I am honored to be selected ...I just completed this training in tech [technical] school a few months ago, and now I get to use it,” said Senior Airman Manuel Vilela, 141 FSS, “The coolest thing is working as a team...we all pitch in and work together.”

The SPEK is a highly mobile kitchen that can be set up by four trained personnel in

less than four hours. All of its components: the Tray Ration Heater, sanitation system, generator and kitchen accessories are all packed on a single air cargo pallet. One kitchen has the capacity to prepare and serve up to 550 troops three meals per day.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to participate [in the inauguration],” said Martin, “This is what we have the equipment for, feeding large numbers of people when other services are not available.”

Master Sgt. Amanda Martin, SPEK team leader, goes over meal preparation details with team members

Master Sgt. Thomas Siegel and Airman First Class Andrew Sailors, 141st Civil Engineers, prepare to start a mobile generator to power SPEK equipment



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THERE ARE JUST 24 SHORT NOTES

in the musical piece commonly known as "Taps". It was arranged in 1862 by Union Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield who wanted to replace the old French bugle call for "lights out" during the Civil War. Within months, the tune was being played in camps for both armies of the conflict and it was being heard at gravesides for soldiers who had fallen in battle as an honorable tribute to their bravery. It became an official military honor for fallen veterans in 1891.

Staff Sgt. William Hatch of the 560th Air Force Band is carrying on that tradition; "I've performed 185 services at last count," said Sgt. Hatch who has been playing that tune at military honors ceremonies for fallen veterans since August 2011. "It's an honor for me and I get really emotional because every one of those 24 notes means



Staff Sgt. Richard Hatch, 141st Air Refueling Wing band member, renders a salute during a ceremony at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery, Medical Lake Washington, July 30, 2012

something; I think it's the perfect way for a veteran to be laid to rest."

Hatch is one of a handful of individuals working with the Washington Army National Guard Honor Guard to provide departed veterans with military honors.

"Currently, we average about 40 honor ceremonies a month. We employ 10 full-time soldiers and six traditional soldiers who work part-time," said Sgt. Benjamin Ashworth, Eastern Washington Area Coordinator for the WAARNG Honor Guard, "Plus, we coordinate extensively with the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Honor Guard Team."

The Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 established the requirement of at least a two man honor guard detail with at least one individual from the veteran's parent service of the armed forces and the playing of taps either by recording or musician for eligible deceased veterans.

"Live performances are a very-very important part of the honors ceremony, families greatly

Soldiers from the Washington Army National Guard position themselves for the start of the ceremony



photos by Master Sgt. Michael Stewart, 141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

HONORING VETERANS

Soldiers from the Washington Army eject their rifle cartridges after firing rounds during a ceremony at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery

appreciate a military member in uniform still serving; being there, and playing. Plus, it's better than the electronic version because you don't have to worry about it failing or running out of batteries, etc.," said Sgt. Ashworth.

Ashworth runs one of three WAARNG Honor Guard Details, one for the west side of the state, one for the central part and his unit which works here in eastern Washington. Most of the WAARNG Honor Guard's ceremonies are performed at the new national veteran's cemetery in Medical Lake.

The Washington State Veterans Cemetery was established by the Washington State Department of

Veteran Affairs on Memorial Day 2010. Of the 131 national veteran's cemeteries across the U.S., the Medical Lake facility is one of only two veterans cemeteries in the state especially set aside for those of all five military branches including Guard and Reserves. As of 12 Sept. 2012, there are more than 1300 veterans, spouses and dependent children laid to rest there.

For more information about funeral benefits for veterans, interment availability, and financial support for the Washington State Veterans Cemetery visit their website at:

http://www.dva.wa.gov/eastern_wa_vet_cemetery.html. 



ENLISTED ALL-CALL

WITH STATE COMMAND CHIEF TIMOTHY TYVAN

STORY BY MASTER SGT. MICHAEL STEWART
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Washington State Command Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tyvan met with Airman of the 141st Air Refueling Wing during an Enlisted All Call at the Fairchild Air Force Base theater Oct. 5, 2012. Tyvan began the meeting by talking about the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program and how vital it is to the Air National Guard.

“There are a lot of employers out there that should be recognized,” said Tyvan, “and there are many ways to get them recognized. Every year you do the flights [Boss Lifts], right? Find a way to get them on it. Some of us have been doing it [flying in a KC-135] for a long time so we treat it like it’s no big deal, but to someone who has never been around the military, and is supportive from an employer’s standpoint, it’s a big deal. It is something they will talk about for years



“... from an employers standpoint, it's a big deal. It is something they will talk about for years and will never forget.”

—Command Chief Tyvan

and will never forget.”

The Chief also covered the new Enlisted Performance Report program that will soon be implemented by the Air National Guard. EPRs will start next summer for Chief Master Sgt. and Senior Master Sgt. Then, in the summer of 2014, they will be required for Master Sgt. and Tech. Sgt. Performance reports for the remaining grades will follow suit in 2015.

Given the reports will be due every year, and with only about thirty days of actual supervision on which to base a rating, supervisors will be challenged to be very strategic and deliberate on the tasking’s that they give their Airman, he said.

Tyvan also took time to talk about the Enlisted Field Advisory Council. “If you have an issue, an issue you are seeing that not only

impacts your organization, but all or most organizations in the Air National Guard, then this [EFAC] is your way to vent your concern.” This council will in-turn talk about it, task someone to head it and then try to figure out how to best fix it. The EFAC is a means and a mode to get that information to leadership unfiltered. They will report concerns directly to the Director of the Air



Washington State Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tyvan talks with Airman First Class Andrew Taylor, 92D Logistics Readiness Squadron, during his visit to Fairchild Air Force Base. Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Stewart, 141st Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs.

National Guard. Chief went on to explain the council was instrumental in bringing about new guidance on Chief and Senior promotions. He said in order to make Chief Master Sgt. or Senior Master Sgt. it would be mandatory starting in 2015 to have a Community College of the Air Force degree. He encouraged everyone to take that math or speech class and work toward finishing their degree.

The CCAF degree is still a requirement for promotion even if you have a Bachelors or Masters degree from another institution.

On the topic of education Tyvan transitioned to Professional Military Education, PME will be all online for everyone. When you get done with the online portion you will be given the opportunity to go in-residence for two weeks.

The in-residence time will be strictly voluntary and will not be required to complete each level of PME, he said. "I appreciate everyone coming out," said Tyvan, "There is a lot happening and I just wanted to make sure you are getting the information and encourage you to get your concerns out to your Chiefs who in turn will get them to me, and I'll do whatever I can, that's my job, that's why I am where I am."

Holiday Party 2012

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