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# NOTES FROM THE TOP

To the women and men of the 141st Air Refueling Wing -- thank you for all that you do. Each and every time we get the chance to walk through your flights and squadrons, we find ourselves in awe of what you are able to accomplish with the limited resources that you have been given. Moreover, you live the values of respecting yourself, your fellow Airmen, and your nation as well as leading by example at all levels and being doers.

We are extremely impressed by what you have done to improve the 141st Air Refueling Wing and Team Fairchild. You truly have embraced being doers. For example, SMSgt Satola of the 141 AMXS was given the daunting task of fixing the de-icing program at Fairchild Air Force Base. In less than a couple of months, he developed an outstanding training program and created one of the best de-icing teams



we have witnessed at this base. It has been successful that we have seen a ninety percent decrease in attrition due to weather when compared to previous years. Amazing! Additionally, our team of maintainers saw an opportunity to improve the health of our fleet by developing a sustainment dock. It took about a year to get the agreement signed and the process up and running. Our team of Airmen are now able to work on a jet for two to three weeks and clear up sixty to eighty percent of all delayed discrepancies. Just as important, the sustainment dock is a 141st led team. Finally, our operators that crew the RC-26 developed a method to overlay thermal imaging on contour maps to spot heat sources on the ground

which then can be used to direct fire fighting teams. This assisted in saving countless acres of land during the wild land fires that ravaged our state over the past couple of summers. We know that there are many more innovative ideas that you have brought to fruition and we appreciate each one of them. Thank you for making your organization a better and more efficient place to work.

We also know that many of you have ideas that have not been put in place. As doers, we ask that you share your ideas with your leadership. Please go to the wing Share Point site and upload your ideas so we can move forward with them. We are willing to put an investment into your ideas in order

to improve our processes and to improve our units. Perhaps, your idea will be the one that has an impact across the entire Air Force. Last month, the Air Force announced its first Spark Tank winner. The winner was MSgt Bartek Bachleda from the 22nd Air Refueling Wing and he developed a new boom instructor platform idea. If you have not read the story, I recommend you go to the following link and read how innovation can make our jobs a little easier and a little better: <https://go.usa.gov/xnJVJ>.

Thank you for embracing innovation and for improving your unit and our wing. We look forward to seeing more of your ideas and we hope to implement them in the near future. RESPECT, LEAD, DO!



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# WING HISTORY

BY STAFF SGT. WES WALTON  
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Col. Frank Frost assumed command of the 142nd Air Defense Wing (predecessor of the 141st Air Refueling Wing) at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash. This marked the apex for the wing as far as expanse; it was the largest

1952-1965, A Retreat ceremony is performed by members of the 142nd Air Defense Wing at Geiger Field, Wash. Members of the 560th AF Band performed for many of these functions as well as parades and concerts around the local area



# WING HISTORY

Wing in the United States at the time. It encompassed four states each with its own group and fighter squadron: 142nd Fighter Group, 123rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron at the Portland International Airport, Ore.; 141st FG, 116th FIS in Wash.; the 124th FG, 190th FIS at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho and the 120th FG, 186th FIS Gore Field, Great Falls, Mont. After the Korean War, the National Defense mission had changed. Each defense squadron would now take an active air defense role, to protect the nation against outside threat of Cold War aggressors. Rather than waiting for mobilization orders or directives from higher headquarters, as was done in the past, air defense squadrons would utilize a growing network of interlocking fixed, mobile ground radar units and their own fighter's radar capabilities to zero in on potentially hostile enemy aircraft; presumably Soviet bombers. Since the shortest route for Soviet bombers to reach the United States was either over the top of the north pole down through

Canada or across the Alaskan peninsula, it was clear the 142nd Air Defense Wing was going to take a lead role in defending the country against such a possibility. New units continued to be added to the roles for the wing including new radar squadrons. "The Air Force is extremely conscious of the strategic importance of the Northwest," said Maj. Gen. Walter E. Todd, commander of the Western Air Defense Command at Hamilton AFB, Calif. in a Spokesman-Review article that January. "When our current defense program, of which the assignments to Geiger are part, is completed, the interceptor strength in this area will have been doubled." He continued, "Spokane has importance in the air defense picture as one point of the Seattle-Spokane-Portland 'tri-angle.' The three-sided area is one of the most important in the United States – consider the Boeing plant at Seattle, Hanford's atomic energy works, Fairchild AFB here and the industries, cities and the people living in the triangle." ✈️





F-86A SABREJET  
1951, 1953-1954  
116TH FIGHTER SQUADRON



# 141st Legal Tips for The Guard

By: SSgt Shannon Kealoha

One of the biggest challenges facing a citizen soldier is maintaining a balance between the civilian jobs a member has with the constant deployment demands put on a member. When your part-time job becomes your full-time job, the two can become conflicted. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) is the Federal law that helps members overcome the challenges of the dual status Airman and employment.

Outlined in USERRA are the conditions and protections afforded members called up to Active Duty. USERRA is a Federal law intended to ensure that persons who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, Reserve, National Guard, or other uniformed Services:

- **Are not disadvantaged in their civilian careers because of their service;**
- **Are promptly reemployed in their civilian jobs upon their return from duty; and**
- **Are not discriminated against in employment based on past, present, or future military service. The law is intended to encourage non-career uniformed service so the United States can enjoy the protection of those Services, staffed by qualified people, while maintaining a balance with the needs of private and public employers who also depend on these same individuals.**

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to perform service in the uniformed Services. USERRA affects employment, reemployment, and retention in employment, when employees serve in the uniformed Services. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed Services and applicants to the uniformed Services.

For further explanation of USERRA please check out our link on SharePoint <https://eissp.af.mil/org/141ARW/custservice/custLegal/SitePages/Home.aspx>, or we can be reached at (509) 247-7037. If you would like further explanation of this process in person then our 141st Legal Office is here to help. Hard copies are found in our office, and our staff of paralegals and lawyers are happy to schedule an appointment to walk you through any aspect of USERRA.

**If you're not sure if you should talk to a lawyer.....then you NEED to talk to a Lawyer!**



# 141st Legal Tips for The Guard

As a member of the Washington Air National Guard you face obstacles that other people don't. You're a citizen soldier who can get activated to defend your country and the ones you love. It's part of who we are as Guardsmen. The challenges that a citizen soldier faces when they are called up to serve are numerous. Because of this, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) gives military members a wide range of legal aid to navigate and reduce those challenges.

## **SCRA can offer protections from common problems while deployed to include the following:**

- Prevents your landlord from evicting you unless the rent is higher than \$3,451.20 per month (this amount changes every year)
- Stops foreclosures without a court order
- Prevents repossession of your vehicle without a court order if you made a deposit, or at least one payment before you joined
- Delays court for civil proceedings until you return including divorce and child support hearings
- Keeps the owner of a self-storage facility from selling your belongings for overdue rent without a court order

## **Other Benefits provided by SCRA:**

- Lets you terminate your current cell phone contract if you relocate for at least 90 days to a location that doesn't have coverage under your current cell phone provider
- Lets you end a vehicle lease you signed before joining if you are mobilized, PCS OCONUS, or deploy OCONUS for at least 180 days
- Lets you end a housing lease without penalty if you deploy for 90 days or more
- Limits interest on all loans taken out before joining the military to 6 percent. This includes auto loans, mortgages, student loans, credit cards, etc.
- Also, it says that if you use any of your SCRA rights and delay payments it won't reflect on your credit report

Our 141st Legal Office is here to help you navigate through the SCRA process. A full handout explaining all the SCRA benefits is posted on our legal SharePoint <https://eissp.ang.af.mil/org/141ARW/custservice/custLegal/SitePages/Home.aspx>, or we can be reached at (509) 247-7037. Hard copies are found in our office, and our staff of paralegals and lawyers are happy to schedule an appointment to walk you through any aspect of SCRA.

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# Exercise Arctic Eagle tests radiological response in Alaska

Story By 2nd Lt. Marisa Lindsay  
Alaska ARNG Public Affairs



**M**ore than 200 Air and Army National Guard members traveled to the outlying community of Valdez, Alaska, to participate in a portion of exercise Arctic Eagle, Feb. 20-26, 2018.

Arctic Eagle is a statewide exercise involving national, state and local agencies designed to provide opportunities for 1,100 participants to conduct sustained operations in arctic conditions.

Air and Army National Guard members from Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, South Dakota, Utah and Washington participated in numerous arctic training

events that continued to address movement and weather difficulties associated with outlying Alaskan communities.

Valdez didn't fail to provide real-world trials in the form of snow, low visibility, fog, icy roads, and high winds during the 5-day training exercise. Access to the community also challenged service members as they creatively moved Homeland Response Force equipment and Washington National Guard personnel from Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, to the remote coastal town. The forefront of this exercise saw

cancelled and delayed flights, ground transportation and rerouting of aircraft.

Air travel movement of resources to Valdez using the C-17 Globemaster III, a cargo transport aircraft belonging to the 249th Airlift Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard, was planned for the two aircraft from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson picking up personnel and equipment from Fairchild AFB. However, it was determined during the planning phase that the aircraft was unable to land at Pioneer Field, the local Valdez airport, and plans were made to bring the equipment





Photo by SSgt Rose Lust

A loadmaster from the 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, helps guide a cargo trailer onto a C-17 Globemaster III at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.



and personnel back to Anchorage. “The winter is a really challenging time of year to land in Valdez,” said Maj. Laura Grossman, a pilot with the 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard and one of two pilots who flew the C-17s roundtrip from Anchorage to Fairchild. “The runway isn’t plowed, and even if we were able to land, the runway is too slick and wouldn’t allow us to take off.” After landing in Anchorage, more than 60 personnel and equipment were bussed 70 miles to Whittier, Alaska, and loaded onto a ferry for a more than 5-hour nautical journey to the Port of Valdez. Cold weather training was conducted at the Valdez Civic Center and included lessons

on cold weather operations, injuries, toxic chemicals, decontamination and cold water survival. “Training in an extreme weather environment tests not only your equipment, but your own physical strength,” said 1st Lt. Shawnta DiFalco, commander of the Decontamination Element, 792nd Chemical Company, Washington National Guard. “The Soldiers had to work through freezing wind, snow and ground ice to set up equipment. Without fail, there are challenges when using decontamination equipment; the cold weather training we received was unmatched in its ability to challenge our capability to do our jobs in an austere environment.”

The exercise featured a notional scenario that involved a fallen satellite landing in Valdez with radiological contamination of three separate incident sites: on land, sea and near the command post exercise operating area.

During a major or catastrophic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive event, such as the one outlined in Arctic Eagle, a Homeland Response Force must recall and deploy critical command, control and life-saving capabilities within six hours. “The homeland response force is a regionally aligned chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, high-yield explosive asset established in response to natural, man-



Guardsmen from the 141st Air Refueling Wing assist in loading equipment and vehicles onto two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

Photo by SSgt Rose Lust





Photo By Senior Master Sgt. John Rohrer

During a flight from Spokane, WA to Anchorage, AK, Soldiers and Airmen of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package team pass time during the flight in support of Arctic Eagle 18





Service members with the Alaska National Guard's 103rd Civil Support Team and Washington National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Task Force work alongside the U.S. Coast Guard and local agencies to assist with an oil spill in Valdez, Alaska, Feb. 23, 2018

Photo By: 2nd Lt. Marisa Lindsay



made, or terrorist initiated CBRNE disasters,” explained 1st Sgt. Fausto Crespo, assigned to the Washington National Guard and acting as the planning non-commissioned officer for the exercise. “A HRF is crucial in a mission like this in coordinating vast capabilities and manpower—we are trained and adept in working alongside first responders in casualty assistance, search and extraction, decontamination and medical triage.”

Throughout the United States there are 10 HRFs which align with the 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency regions. Alaska is located in the 10th Homeland Response Force region, encompassing Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and headquartered in Washington.

The HRF headquarters element and support platoons participated in the command post exercise. The other elements were scenario based, operating in the field. Guard members responded to the notional scenario by establishing the Homeland Response Force followed by a HRF deployment of civil support teams to pinpoint the contamination location and to gather material samples for testing. Throughout the community, role players acting as victims of the satellite crash were recovered and cared for by an established medical triage. Two M1135 Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicles, also known as Strykers, belonging to the 95th Chemical Company, U.S. Army Alaska, were deployed by the HRF to perform route

clearance and identify hazard locations. “Our mission was to perform initial entry into Valdez in order to locate any areas of contamination using our Stryker vehicles,” explained Capt. Gerald Ratchford, commander of the 95th Chemical Company. “This mounted platform enables us to quickly and safely ensure the area that the personnel will occupy is safe, avoiding inadvertently contaminating our first responders.”

The HRF then dispatched the 103rd CST, Alaska National Guard, and 14th CST, Connecticut National Guard, to collect hazardous samples and document contaminated areas on shore.

Off-shore, a scenario placing hazardous debris on a



A C-17 from the 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, sitting on the ramp at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. Prepares to depart to Anchorage, AK loaded with a Homeland Response Force in support of exercise Arctic Eagle 18 in Alaska





shipping vessel in the Port of Valdez prompted response by the U.S. Coast Guard Station Valdez in order to recover the radioactive materials and secure the boat and civilians. “Opportunities to work with other agencies, uniforms and partners is critical to the success in a real event,” said Lt. Col. Bruce Roberts, CBRN Task Force Commander for Arctic Eagle and Utah National Guard member. “This exercise brought together the National Guard, U.S. Army, Coast Guard, local government and agencies and first responders; we all learned valuable lessons that will contribute to interoperability in the future.”

The exercise concluded on Saturday, Feb. 25, and the community of Valdez hosted a celebration for the participants at the Valdez Civic Center. “This mission was a total success; the 10th HRF was able to successfully demonstrate our ability to deploy and operate within some of the furthest parts of our interagency, interstate and multi-service environment,” said Crespo. “I always enjoy working alongside folks that are dedicated to executing at the highest caliber, focused on mission accomplishment, and always maintaining a critical eye toward improving our processes.” ✈️

Members of the decontamination team assigned to the 103rd Civil Support Team, Alaska Army National Guard, prepare to conduct radiological reconnaissance

Photo By: 2nd Lt. Marisa Lindsay



# Spotlight on the Guard

## TSgt Jennifer Morton

**Hometown:** Davenport, Wash.

**High School/College:** Davenport/ Eastern Wash. University

**Unit:** 141st Civil Engineer Squadron

### What led to you joining the Guard:

My English teacher in High School said I was bright girl and should consider going to college. I went back home and shared this with my father. He said he was a poor man I would have to try and find a way to pay for college. The next day there was a recruiter at my school and on that very day I joined.

### Best Experience in the Guard:

The best experience in the Guard so far was our deployment to Latvia August of 2017. Through building improvements, upgrades and modifications of the only special needs children's facility in the country, we were able to improve their living conditions, and hopefully their lives.

### How has the Guard Impacted your Life/Family:

By providing the opportunity to help my neighbor and nation; whether its fighting fires on the west side, providing support after Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico or modifying and upgrading facilities in Latvia.

### Hobbies/Interests:

Enjoy baking for others and cooking for small get **togethers** with family and friends. I am currently in the process of teaching myself French and Hebrew.

### Tell us something about yourself:

I was adopted from an orphanage in Haiti by my adoptive father and had to go to language school in order to learn English. The first song I ever heard when I came to America was "Don't Worry Be Happy". It was also the first time I had ever seen snow.

### What are your future goals/plans:

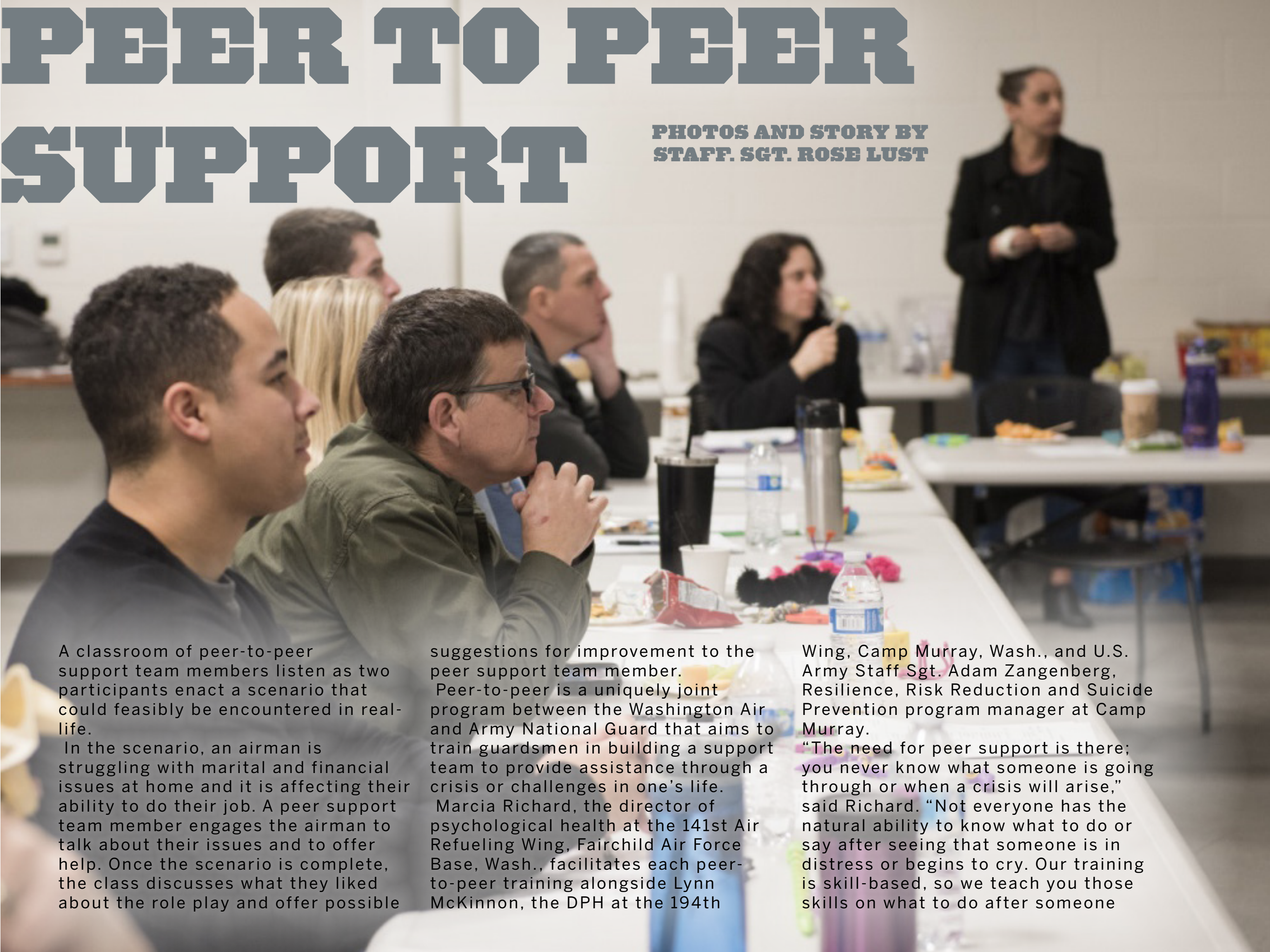
One of my future goals is to travel to Argentina, Croatia, Cuba, France, Greece, Israel, Poland and Spain.





# PEER TO PEER SUPPORT

PHOTOS AND STORY BY  
STAFF. SGT. ROSE LUST



A classroom of peer-to-peer support team members listen as two participants enact a scenario that could feasibly be encountered in real-life.

In the scenario, an airman is struggling with marital and financial issues at home and it is affecting their ability to do their job. A peer support team member engages the airman to talk about their issues and to offer help. Once the scenario is complete, the class discusses what they liked about the role play and offer possible

suggestions for improvement to the peer support team member.

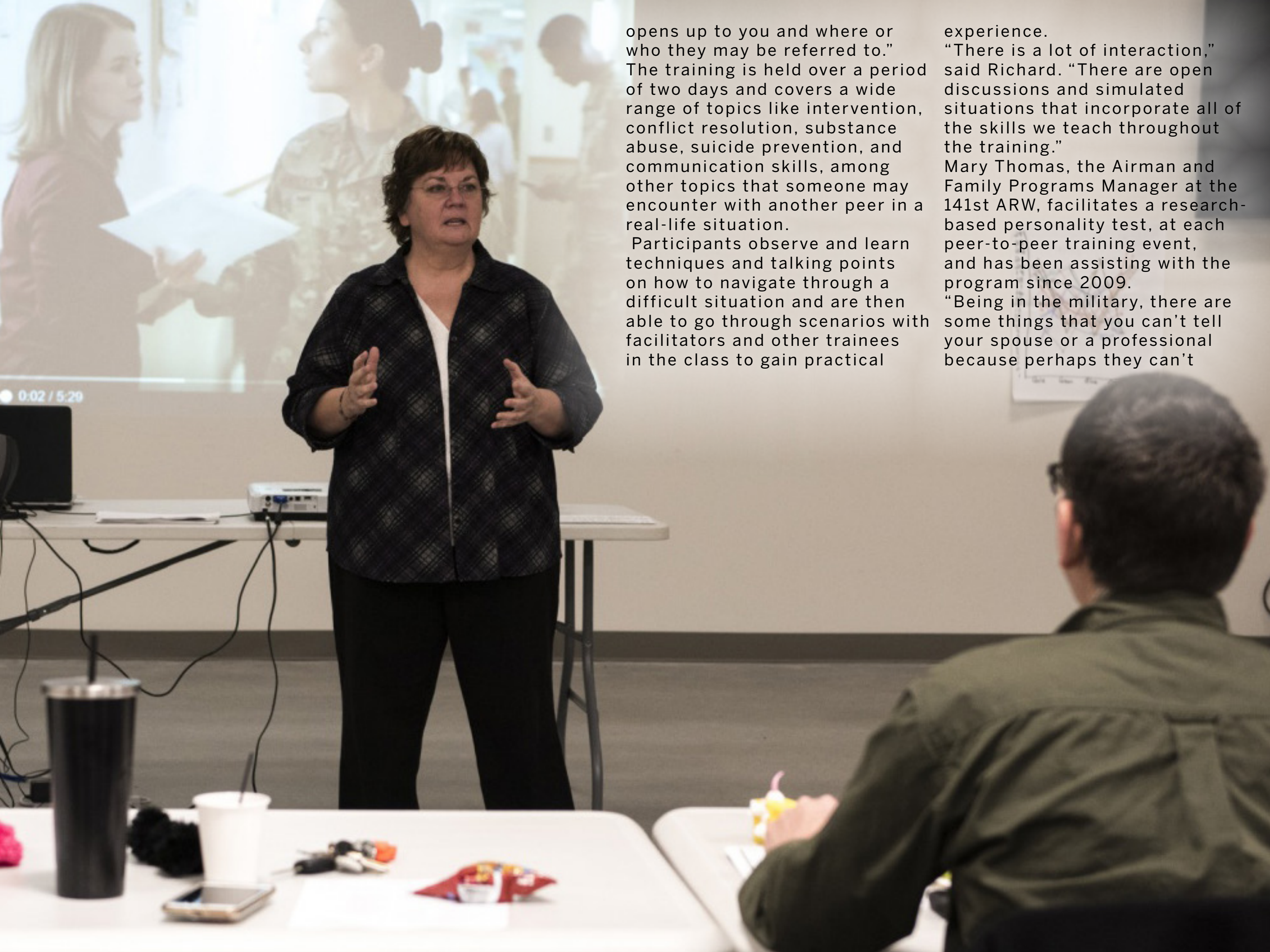
Peer-to-peer is a uniquely joint program between the Washington Air and Army National Guard that aims to train guardsmen in building a support team to provide assistance through a crisis or challenges in one's life.

Marcia Richard, the director of psychological health at the 141st Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., facilitates each peer-to-peer training alongside Lynn McKinnon, the DPH at the 194th

Wing, Camp Murray, Wash., and U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Adam Zangenberg, Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention program manager at Camp Murray.

"The need for peer support is there; you never know what someone is going through or when a crisis will arise," said Richard. "Not everyone has the natural ability to know what to do or say after seeing that someone is in distress or begins to cry. Our training is skill-based, so we teach you those skills on what to do after someone





opens up to you and where or who they may be referred to.” The training is held over a period of two days and covers a wide range of topics like intervention, conflict resolution, substance abuse, suicide prevention, and communication skills, among other topics that someone may encounter with another peer in a real-life situation.

Participants observe and learn techniques and talking points on how to navigate through a difficult situation and are then able to go through scenarios with facilitators and other trainees in the class to gain practical

experience. “There is a lot of interaction,” said Richard. “There are open discussions and simulated situations that incorporate all of the skills we teach throughout the training.”

Mary Thomas, the Airman and Family Programs Manager at the 141st ARW, facilitates a research-based personality test, at each peer-to-peer training event, and has been assisting with the program since 2009.

“Being in the military, there are some things that you can’t tell your spouse or a professional because perhaps they can’t

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relate or you simply aren't allowed to," said Thomas. "So where do you go when you need to talk to someone? You turn to your wingman; peer-to-peer is an extension of the entire wingman concept."

The benefits for the wing are twofold, said Richard. We have a pool of trained individuals who will step up when in need, but those individuals can not only take the skills they've learned back to their units, but to their family and friends as well.

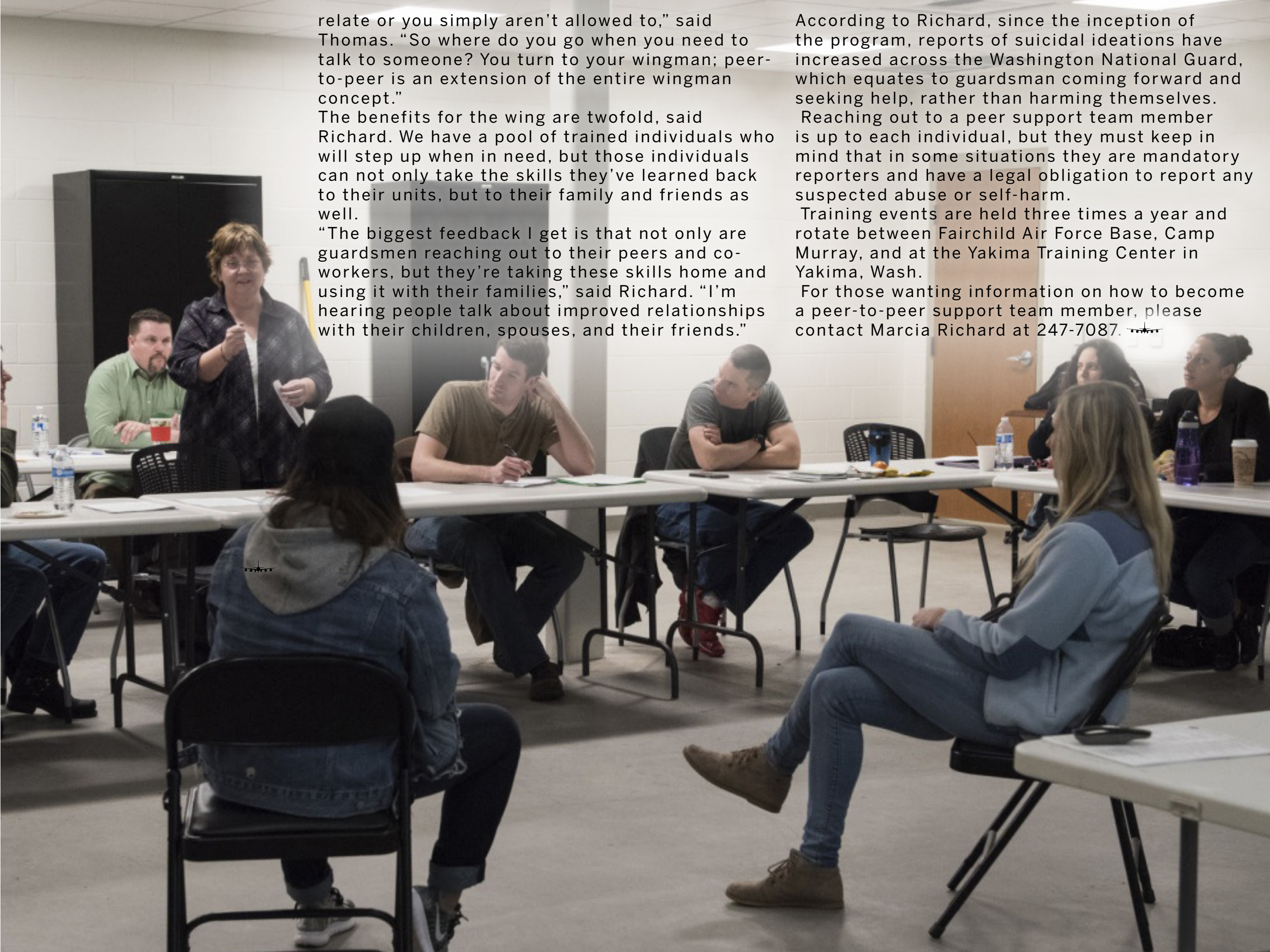
"The biggest feedback I get is that not only are guardsmen reaching out to their peers and co-workers, but they're taking these skills home and using it with their families," said Richard. "I'm hearing people talk about improved relationships with their children, spouses, and their friends."

According to Richard, since the inception of the program, reports of suicidal ideations have increased across the Washington National Guard, which equates to guardsman coming forward and seeking help, rather than harming themselves.

Reaching out to a peer support team member is up to each individual, but they must keep in mind that in some situations they are mandatory reporters and have a legal obligation to report any suspected abuse or self-harm.

Training events are held three times a year and rotate between Fairchild Air Force Base, Camp Murray, and at the Yakima Training Center in Yakima, Wash.

For those wanting information on how to become a peer-to-peer support team member, please contact Marcia Richard at 247-7087. ✈️







# Chief's Perspective: *Qualities of A Leader*

**A**irmen often ask me what qualities make a good leader. There have been thousands of books and articles dating back to antiquity regarding these types of questions. I can't add to this impressive list but I can share some insights from my career. I see four characteristics traits that quickly identify someone as a leader. These are in no particular order but all four have proven to be critical to being a good leader. Quality Leaders must be an example to others, a problem solver, a servant, and a mentor.

### **Being an Example**

Leaders who lead by example share the experience of service with their followers by setting the standards for conduct. For those of you who have read *We Were Soldiers Once, and Young*. The first was Col. Moore who was the first person to step off the helicopter during the assault and the last to step off the battle field. Col. Moore was telling his troops that he was expecting everyone to step forward no matter how dangerous or difficult the situation. Secondly, Command Sgt Major Plumly personally searched the scattered battle field for the bodies of all of his missing soldiers before leaving for safety. Plumly walked out of the secure perimeter lines and began searching the bushes for soldiers who had been separated in the fighting. The message Plumly was projecting was the care of his troops came before even his personal safety.





### **Problem Solver**

I always look to see if the leader is a problem solver. There are three key traits of a problem solver: they are positive, persistent and proportional. Running any military organization is a constant balance of success and friction. Problems are often posed in negative terms with an emphasis on the potential for future difficulties. A quality leader should admit the challenges but emphasize the opportunities. You will never inspire anyone if you look and sound defeated. Remember to develop others so they can work through problems. Interject with your wisdom, experience, and authority at critical moments to help them over major problems. If you do everything yourself you will do two things. You will not train anyone, thus weakening your organization. You will miss opportunities to positively influence and lead others because you are bogged down in the weeds.

### **A Servant**

This quality of leadership is related to one's motivation. If your motivation is to enjoy the prestige and the benefits of promotion people will see that. If your number one motivation is getting the mission accomplished and supporting your organization people will know that as well. What makes a leader a servant leader is first and foremost the type of motivation in the leader. When the motivation of the leader is to unleash the potential of the followers and primarily benefit the needs of the organization, that person is a servant leader. A person who





### **A Mentor**

When I speak to our Senior Leadership, I usually ask what they are doing to develop themselves as leaders. The days of the military leaders who inspire victory primarily through personal magnetism probably ended with Gen George Custer during the Civil War. One of the easiest ways to develop your leadership skills is to learn about other leaders. After reading the book about Col. Hal Moore and Sgt Major Plumly, I changed some of the ways I approach my job. I have had senior leaders tell me they do not have time for leadership development and they have learned all they need to know by osmosis from people they served under. I often reply with concerns of how this mindset severely limits our Airmen's ability to learn and grow as a leader.

### **Summary**

How will you lead your Airmen? Hard work is important but is only the start of developing yourself, your organization, and a new generation of leaders. The worst thing a leader can do is walk away from an organization with no one to take the unit forward. This lack of planning and leadership vision may result in several years of difficult self-development and a steep learning curve. We should all strive to leave an organization that has Airmen leaders capable of stepping up to the next level and this can be accomplished by setting the example for others, be a problem solver, demonstrate servant leadership and becoming a mentor.





Mr. Keith Sayer, Viega LLC, shows pipe fittings to the class

# Civil Engineers Use lessons learned to gain valuable training

By Maj. Rob Loniewsky



The 141st Civil Engineer Squadron recently hosted a training demonstrating several of the new techniques used in both water and fuel systems maintenance and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning installation and repair. The training was attended by utility and HVAC craftsmen from the 141st Civil Engineer Squadron, 242 Combat Communications Squadron, Military and Civilians of the 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and craftsman from the Washington Military Department. Mr. Keith Sayer, of Viega LLC, provided this free training which is in line with the initiative to encourage learning of innovative and practical skills in context of the established Career Field Education and Training Plan requirements. Training like this and many others allow Airmen to learn what's on the forefront of their field, engage in interesting techniques during Regularly Scheduled Drills, and also sign off critical tasks on their job knowledge requirements. The training focused on utilizing hydraulics to press pipe fittings and joints for multiple applications and materials, which have O-ring inserts at the ends of the fittings that will be tightened securely to the pipe when it is pressed on by the ProPress tool. One of the primary advantages of these systems is the reduction of fire danger when compared to conventional soldering, eliminating



Mr. Keith Sayer, Viega LLC, discusses pipe fittings with 141st Civil Engineers







the requirement of obtaining a hot work permit to do any soldering outside of the shop. Being able to get right to work, without the side trip to the fire station, is an incredible time saver, allowing minimal down times in the event of a repair. Additionally, the 141st Civil Engineer team encountered a similar system during the 2017 Deployment for Training to Riga, Latvia. Learning quickly on the job was paramount to installing nearly 1,000 meters of hydronic stainless steel pipe and over 700 fittings in the renovation of a school supporting children treated for Cerebral Palsy. After returning from this trip, gaining proficiency in multiple systems in order to grow capabilities has led to many training opportunities as we nurture change that improves the organization. ✈️

141st Civil Engineers observe tools and fittings for ProPress fittings







Master Sgt. Jeremy VanNuys, 141st Civil Engineer, works on pipes during the Latvia Deployment for Training in 2017. Each one of the joints in these pipes needed to be pressed with the compression tool





# OPS Commander Retires

More than 25 years of  
Service to our State and Nation

Photos by **Staff Sgt. Rose Lust**



Col. Matthew Yakely, commander of the 141st Operations Group, is sprayed with water and champagne after completing his final flight on a KC-135 Stratotanker February 23, 2018



" I cannot say thank you enough,  
to my friends, family, and the  
men and women of the 141st."

-Col. Yakely



Jackie, the wife of Col. Matthew Yakely, commander of the 141st Operations Group, looks on as he laughs while celebrating his fini-flight




Col. Matthew Yakely, the commander of the 141st Operations Group, taxis through spray from fire engines after completing his final flight on a KC-135



Col. Matthew Yakely, commander of the 141st Operations Group had his retirement ceremony at Fairchild Air Force Base Washington on Mar. 4, 2018. After more than 25 years of service to his country Yakely is on to bigger things.

"I can not say thank you enough," said Yakely. "For everyone's leadership, mentorship and support throughout my command."

While speaking there was a lot of emotion behind the words of Yakely, while retirement will be nice, everyone in the room felt the bittersweetness of the moment. Although it is always a loss when a group commander retires from his position, there will be new opportunities for those that follow in Yakely's footsteps. 



Col. Matthew Yakely, commander of the 141st Operations Group, embraces members of his family after completing his final flight on a KC-135





Col. Matthew Yakely, former commander of the 141st Operations Group, salutes Col. (Ret.) Michael Spencer during his retirement ceremony



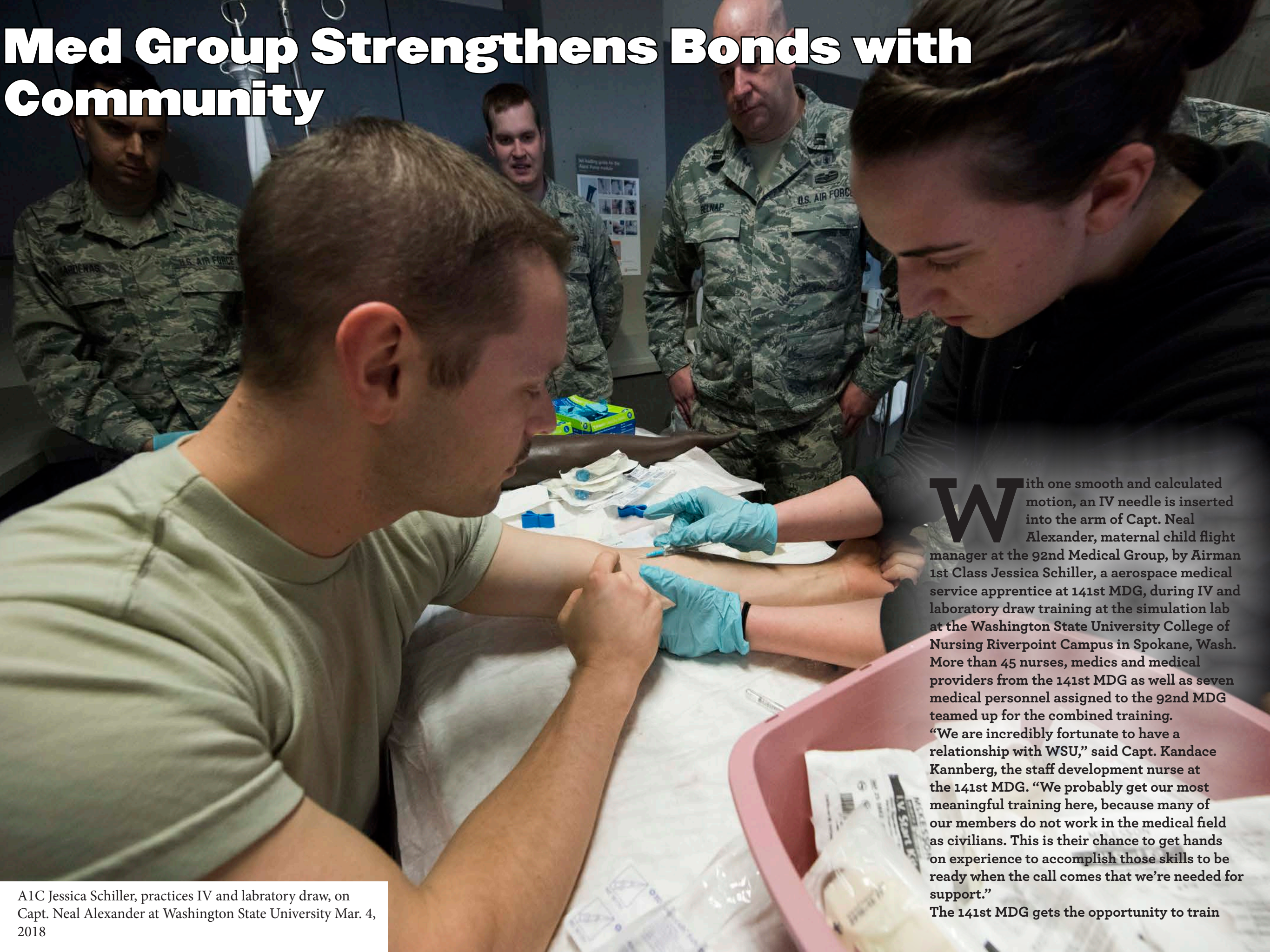


Col. Matthew Yakely and Col. (Ret.) Michael Spencer present Yakely's wife Jackie a certificate of appreciation at Yakely's retirement ceremony





# Med Group Strengthens Bonds with Community



**W**ith one smooth and calculated motion, an IV needle is inserted into the arm of Capt. Neal Alexander, maternal child flight manager at the 92nd Medical Group, by Airman 1st Class Jessica Schiller, a aerospace medical service apprentice at 141st MDG, during IV and laboratory draw training at the simulation lab at the Washington State University College of Nursing Riverpoint Campus in Spokane, Wash. More than 45 nurses, medics and medical providers from the 141st MDG as well as seven medical personnel assigned to the 92nd MDG teamed up for the combined training. “We are incredibly fortunate to have a relationship with WSU,” said Capt. Kandace Kannberg, the staff development nurse at the 141st MDG. “We probably get our most meaningful training here, because many of our members do not work in the medical field as civilians. This is their chance to get hands on experience to accomplish those skills to be ready when the call comes that we’re needed for support.”

The 141st MDG gets the opportunity to train

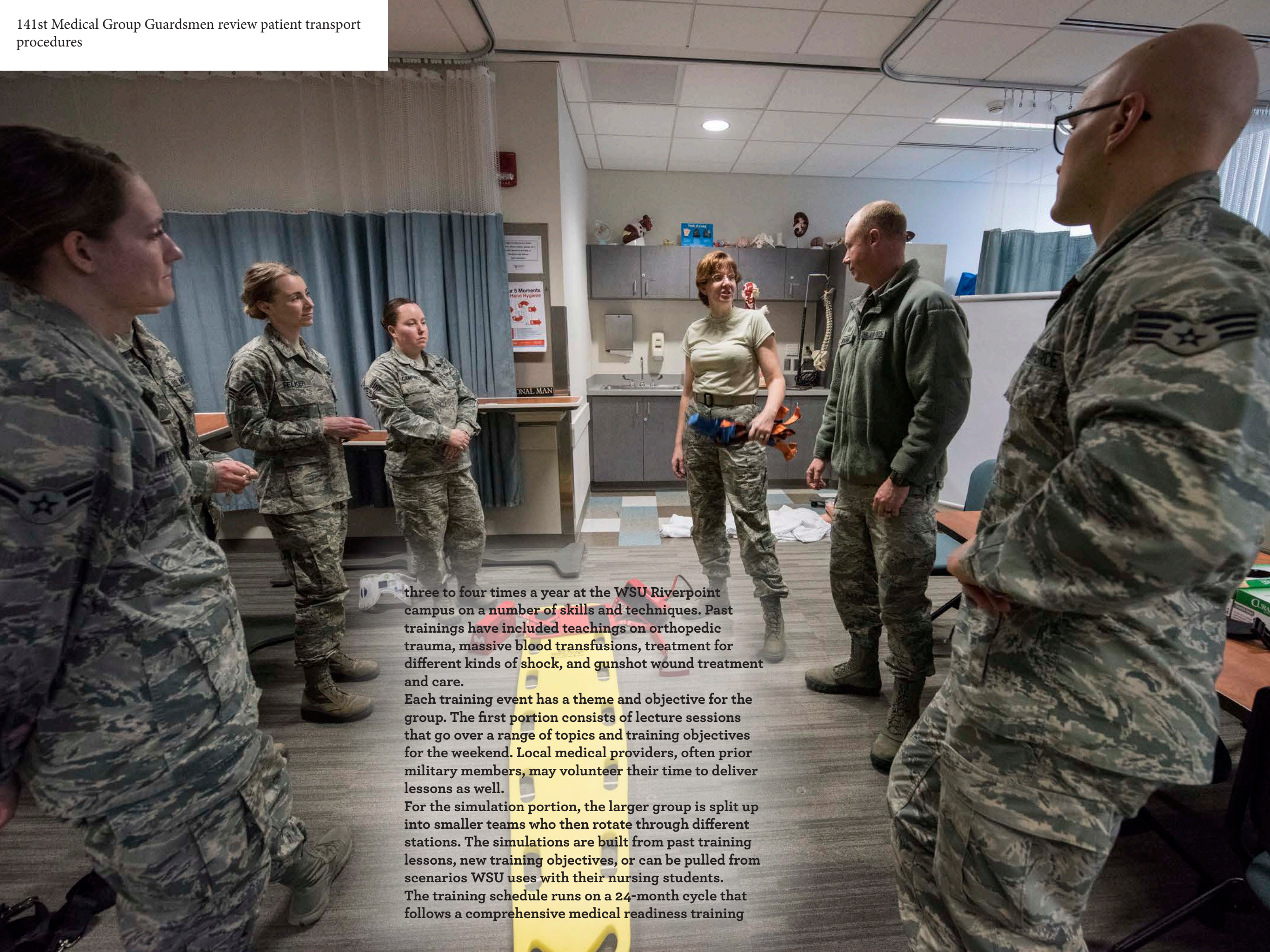
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three to four times a year at the WSU Riverpoint campus on a number of skills and techniques. Past trainings have included teachings on orthopedic trauma, massive blood transfusions, treatment for different kinds of shock, and gunshot wound treatment and care.

Each training event has a theme and objective for the group. The first portion consists of lecture sessions that go over a range of topics and training objectives for the weekend. Local medical providers, often prior military members, may volunteer their time to deliver lessons as well.

For the simulation portion, the larger group is split up into smaller teams who then rotate through different stations. The simulations are built from past training lessons, new training objectives, or can be pulled from scenarios WSU uses with their nursing students. The training schedule runs on a 24-month cycle that follows a comprehensive medical readiness training



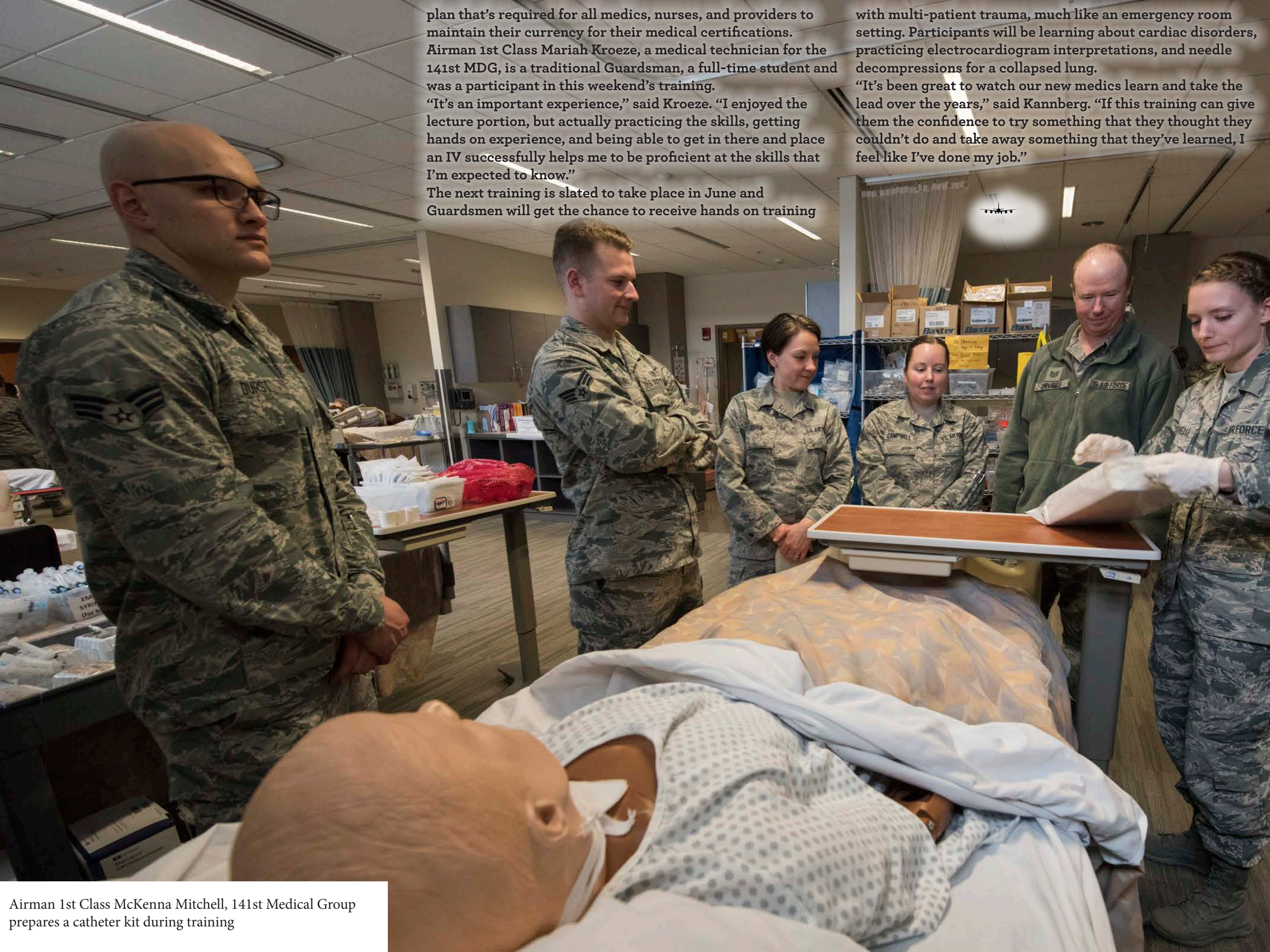


Kevin Stevens, director of the center for clinical performance and simulation, discusses the simulation scenario with 141st Medical Group Guardsmen



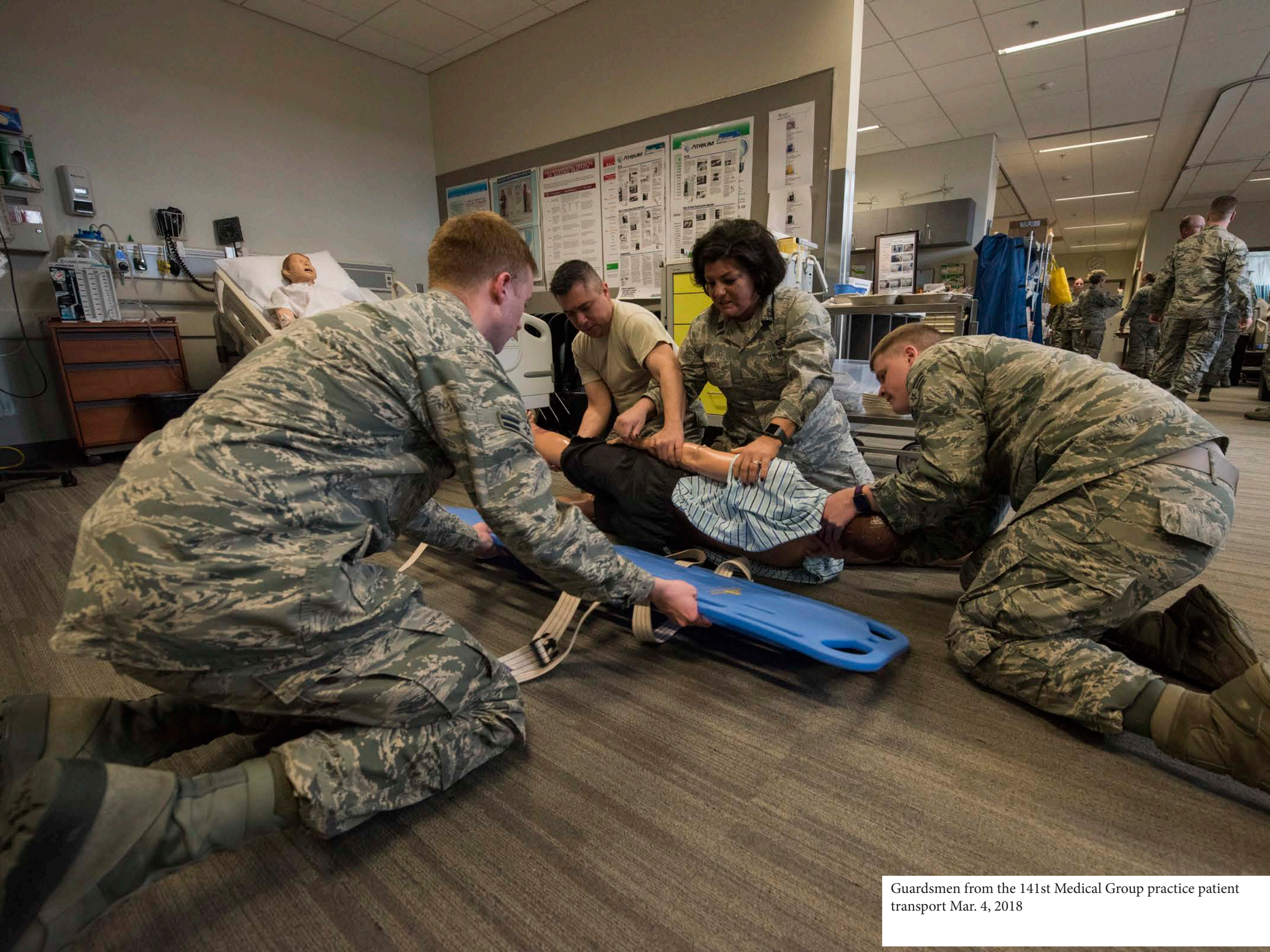
plan that's required for all medics, nurses, and providers to maintain their currency for their medical certifications. Airman 1st Class Mariah Kroeze, a medical technician for the 141st MDG, is a traditional Guardsman, a full-time student and was a participant in this weekend's training. "It's an important experience," said Kroeze. "I enjoyed the lecture portion, but actually practicing the skills, getting hands on experience, and being able to get in there and place an IV successfully helps me to be proficient at the skills that I'm expected to know." The next training is slated to take place in June and Guardsmen will get the chance to receive hands on training

with multi-patient trauma, much like an emergency room setting. Participants will be learning about cardiac disorders, practicing electrocardiogram interpretations, and needle decompressions for a collapsed lung. "It's been great to watch our new medics learn and take the lead over the years," said Kannberg. "If this training can give them the confidence to try something that they thought they couldn't do and take away something that they've learned, I feel like I've done my job."



Airman 1st Class McKenna Mitchell, 141st Medical Group prepares a catheter kit during training





Guardsmen from the 141st Medical Group practice patient transport Mar. 4, 2018



# Spring Safety



## **Ladder Safety:**

**Read and Follow ALL labels/Markings on the ladder**  
**Always place on stable, level surface**  
**Avoid electrical hazards**

## **Household Maintenance:**

**Inspect Patios, decks, driveways, sidewalks etc.**  
**Check for cracks or un-level surfaces**

**Move firewood away from your home to prevent fire hazards and insect damage.**

**Have your A/C inspected and serviced, leaking water+electricity=BAD**

**Have yard equipment inspected and serviced prior to use. Don't forget proper PPE when using chemicals.**

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***You are important to the Wing....Be SAFE***



# AROUND THE WING

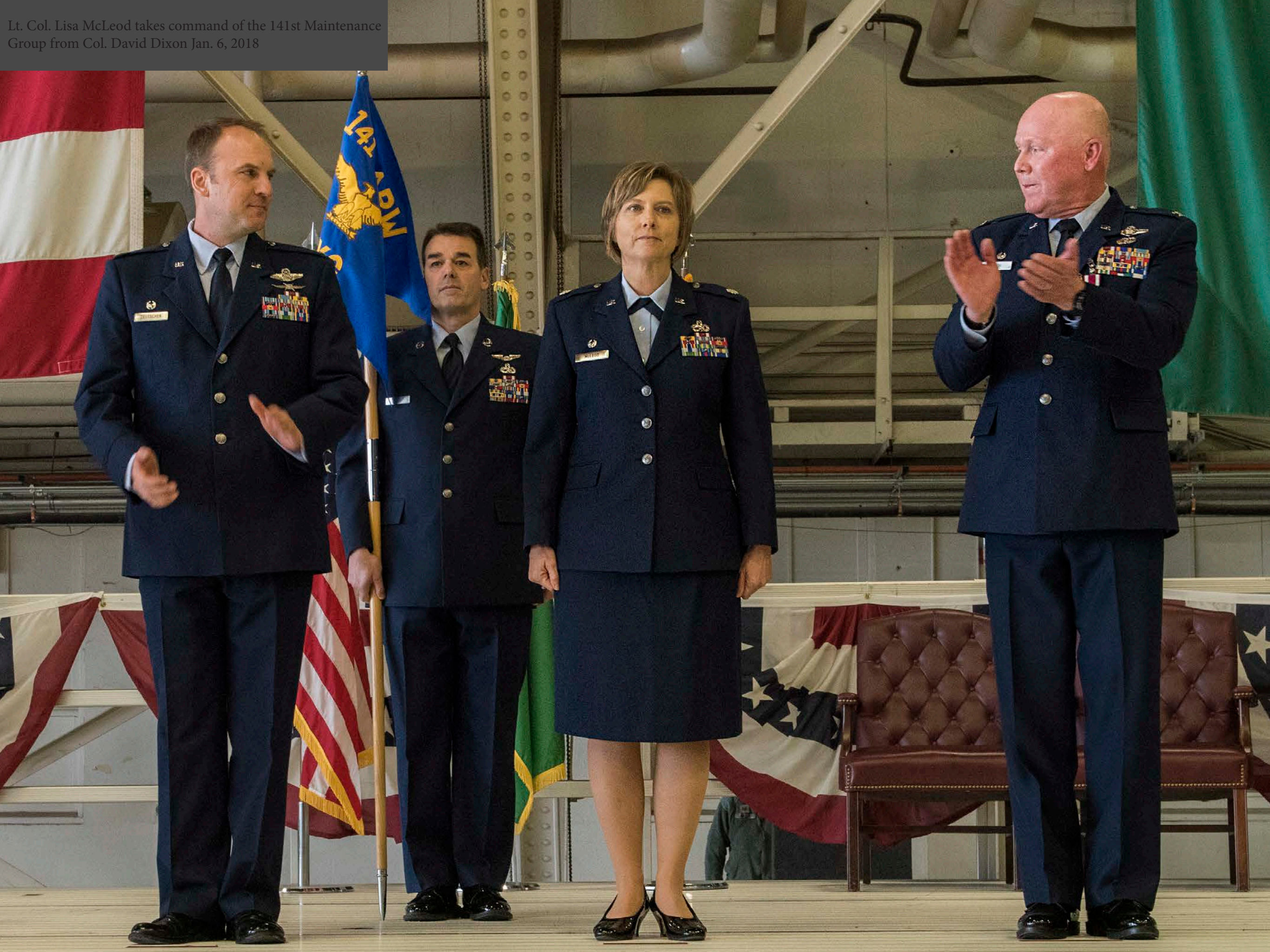
—Col. Swan



Lt. Col. Lisa McLeod takes command of the 141st Maintenance Group from Col. David Dixon Jan. 6, 2018



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Maj. Charles Parsons addresses retirees at the VFW 146 booster club meeting. The booster club meets every first Tuesday of the month at the VFW in Spokane Valley.





Col. David Dixon's wife, Kathy Dixon pins on his retirement lapel pin on Jan. 7, 2018





Lt. Col. Gregory Nolting takes command of the 141st Operations Group from Col. Matthew Yakely, Mar. 3, 2018





# FY-2018 DRILL SCHEDULE



October 2017	14th-15th
November 2017	4th thru 5th
December 2017	2nd Thru 3rd
January 2018	6th Thru 7th
January 2018	27th Thru 28th
March 2018	3rd Thru 4th
April 2018	7th Thru 8th
May 2018	5th Thru 6th
June 2018	2nd Thru 3rd
June 2018	4th Thru 5th
August 2018	11th Thru 12th
September 2018	8th Thru 9th



# Promotions

Amn Rowdy Gorden--141 FSS  
SrA Brittany Clark--141MOF  
SrA Mariah Mcleod--141MDG  
SrARaymond Flynn--141MXS  
SrA Caroline Belch--141MDG  
SrA Miguel Gonzales--141MDG  
SrA Ryan Kaldhusdal--141AMXS  
SrA Elissa Wagner--141FSS  
SrA John Fisher--141AMXS  
SrA Riley Colliton--141LRS  
SrA Alexander Reimer--141FSS  
SrA Daniel Conde--141MSG  
SrA David Moldrem--141AMXS  
SrA Nathanael Davis--141AMXS  
SSgt Ethan Dahl--141MXS  
SSgt Cameron Connolley--141FSS  
SSgt Nathan Korta--141MDG  
SSgt Kyle Doneen--141MXS  
SSgt Michael Smith--141MXS  
SSgt John Morris--242CBCS  
SSgt Megan Myers--141AMXS  
SSgt Mckade Ford--141CES  
SSgt Joshua Link--116ARS  
SSgt Trevor Bland--141MXS  
SSgt Jeremy Lemes--141SFS  
SSgt Kailie Davis--141FSS  
SSgt Emily Hanson--141FSS  
TSgt Catherine Mayberry--141MDG  
TSgt Susanne Mensik--141MDG  
TSgt Travis Neves--141FSS  
TSgt Angela Gerry-141ARW  
TSgt Lika Lindsay--141MDG  
TSgt Michael Lucero--141MDG  
TSgt David Crisman--116ARS  
TSgt Jacqueline Campbell--141MDG  
TSgt Valeria Garza--141MDG  
TSgt Jason Clark--141FSS  
TSgt Sarah Hannah--141FSS  
TSgt Dana Rowland--141FSS  
TSgt Casey Cason--242CBCS  
TSgt Ashton Johns--242CBCS  
TSgt Shanice Travis--141CPTF  
MSgt Mikaela Soulier-Gile--141OG  
MSgt Mark Gidney--141LRS  
MSgt Smith Nance--141MDG  
MSgt Stephen Moore--141ARW  
MSgt Joel Preuninger--256IS  
MSgt Daniel Millay--242CBCS  
SMSgt Christopher Marrasso--141ARW  
SMSgt Jess Peterson--141ARW  
SMSgt Mark Gassmyer--141OSS  
SMSgt William Mauder--141MDG  
CMSgt Dennis Jutras--141MSG

# New Additions to the 141st

AB Samuel Hanley--242CBCS  
AB Charlie Desens--141AMXS  
AB John Swager--141SFS  
AMN Trevor Clark--242CBCS  
A1C Miguel Gonzales--141MDG  
A1C Payton Mcdonald--141MXS  
A1C Joshua Williamson--141CES  
A1C Dustin Angele--141AMXS  
A1C Brandon Madsen--141MXS  
A1C Ricky Arnold Jr.--141ARW  
A1C Bryan Agee--256IS  
SrA David Ngo--141MXS  
SrA Jacob Trowbridge--141MXS  
SrA Chance Simpson--141MOF  
SrA Jeremy Gilham--141CES  
SrA Clifford Simpson--242CBCS  
SrA Cameron Christensen--141MOF  
SSgt Jared Shaw--141MXS  
SSgt Amanda Mcnamara--256IS  
SSgt Kenneth Kingsley--141MDG  
SSgt Bethany Latner--256IS  
SSgt Bobby Brown--141OSF  
SSgt Benjamin Steverding--141STU  
SSgt Jace Riley--242CBCS  
SSgt Joshua Pesek--242CBCS  
TSgt Jared Landin--141CES  
TSgt Timothy Cook--141CES  
TSgt Nathan Koroll--141MDG  
TSgt Katherine Lowry--116ARS  
TSgt Chrithopher Hallett--141OSF  
MSgt Jennifer Meier--141 MXS  
SMSgt Jonathan Lapham--141MDG  
2LT Kristen Havens--242CBCS  
2LT David Smith--242CBCS  
CPT. Carl Reyes--141MXS  
Maj. Dan Bodine--116ARS  
Maj. Clinton Albaugh--116ARS