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FRONT COVER: The USAF has declared July 2009-July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family! FLANG Family Programs has lots of resources to support member families. Silhouette models - Staff Sgt. Jaclyn Carver and her daughter Rylee.
BACK COVER: CNGB Gen. Craig McKinley was the guest speaker at the 125FW F-16 static display dedication ceremony Oct. 4, 2009.

Commander's Column

By Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus
Assistant Adjutant General for Air
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An interesting story began in 1990 when a young, energetic, talented, active duty fighter pilot whose home was in Jacksonville joined the Florida Air National Guard. Today in 2009, the story continues to be written as the young Major's career has flourished and he is now the first four-star General in the history of the National Guard.

What a special privilege for the Airmen of our FLANG to spend time with General Craig R. McKinley, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau during his Oct. 2-4 visit. General McKinley and his wife Cheryl were incredibly gracious and accommodating as they participated in the FLANG Retiree Dinner, the 125th Fighter Wing Family Day, an F-16 fighter pilot reunion hosted by FLANG Lt. Cols. (Ret.) Jim and Michele Agee and concluded with the F-16 dedication and Jaguar fly-by (see story, page 10).

It was a weekend our Airmen will not forget as many senior leaders converged on the Fighter Wing, including the Adjutant General of Florida, Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, and the current ANG Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the United States

Air Force, Maj. Gen. Buddy Titshaw. Combine that with our current one-stars, our state Command Chief, another retired two-star (Maj. Gen. Chuck Ickes), three former Assistant Adjutants General for Air along with returning F-16 pilots and

you had quite a gathering. The entire weekend was flawlessly planned and Colonel Branyon and his team executed the plan brilliantly, culminating the events with a unit golf tournament.

The family day gave us an opportunity to showcase the Florida Air National Guard Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP). We often hear, "the FLANG is family" and we are working hard to show this each and every day. The USAF has made this the "Year of the Family" and I support and applaud this emphasis. However, in the Florida National Guard we all know how The Adjutant General emphasizes the family each and every year and I believe you would all agree we need to support this and have a steady-state emphasis and focus on our families. This issue's cover highlights some of our great programs.

Laura Pageau and her prodigiously talented team of professionals are meeting the needs of our families and setting the standards for other states to emulate. Her contagious enthu-

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siasm permeates throughout the entire organization and the impact of our family programs is directly correlated to our success in each unit and is helping with our retention of fine Airmen. Whether it is a free confidential counseling session on fi-



nances, a visit with our chaplain, or some tips on keeping a marriage vibrant and together, our professionals are working around the clock to ensure our Airmen have a place to turn.

I am also proud of our commanders who are instituting programs to improve morale, showing our Airmen how much we care. The 125th Fighter Wing theme of "One Team, One Fight" with an emphasis on mind, body, and spirit and the 101st Air Operations Group unit exercise time and "Night at the Movies" are just two examples of special commander programs reaching out to our people.

Let's face it: organizations thrive if you have an atmosphere created by leaders who care; who get out and talk with the Airmen, who provide programs to ensure they have resources available to assist them. The Florida Air National Guard is such an organization and I am proud to serve with each and every one of you.

Lisa and I wish you a wonderful holiday season and thank you and your families for your sacrifice, energy and steadfast dedication to the defense of our state and nation!

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Chief's Counsel

By Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Wisniewski
State Command Chief Master Sgt.

August 22, we honored our most Outstanding Airmen at the World Golf Hall of Fame at our annual Airmen of the Year Banquet.

The Airmen of the Year program came into being at the Air Force Association's Tenth Annual National Convention in New Orleans in 1956. It was originally planned as a one time event but both the Leadership of the AFA and the United States Air Force saw that it was a great way to highlight the outstanding Airmen we have in the United States Air Force, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve.

Through the years, more than

736 Airmen have been honored at the AFA National convention, in fact two Outstanding Airmen went on to be selected as Chief Master Sergeants of the U.S. Air Force. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) James M. McCoy (1979-81), who later became the AFA's thirty-first national President, and then Chairman of the Board. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) Donald L. Harlow (1969-71) later served as Executive Director of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Many of the past Outstanding Airmen were highly decorated during their careers. Two received the nation's second highest award for valor, the Air Force Cross. They were Sgt.

Duane D. Hackney (1968) and Tech. Sgt. Timothy A. Wilkinson (1994). Master Sgt. Scott Fales (1993) and Tech. Sgt. Bradley T. Reilly (2006) both received the Silver Star.

Looking back at the history of this program and at some of the people who have been selected as Airmen of the Year is interesting and worthy of reflection. However, to me the importance of this program is that we slow down once a year from our extremely busy tempo and thank the Airmen who work hard everyday. They go above and beyond and they are the backbone of why we always make our missions or score outstanding during inspections. They represent all our

enlisted who everyday do those things that make the U.S. Air Force and the ANG work!

Through the efforts of our amazing enlisted Airmen from the Senior Airmen to the division Chief Master Sergeants, our Air Force is the most capable fighting force ever seen in history. It is only fitting that knowing this, we continue to take the time to highlight and honor our Outstanding Airmen each year.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

The 2009 Airmen of the Year for the Florida Air National Guard (from left) Master Sgt. Christopher Hogarth, Tech. Sgt. Mark Farmer, Staff Sgt. Michael Fillinger, Master Sgt. Melissa Merideth, Master Sgt. Michael Ramsey, and Tech. Sgt. Paul Still, pose for a photo at the Airmen of the Year Banquet. The banquet was held Aug. 22, 2009 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St Augustine, Fla.



From the Cockpit

By Lt. Col. David "Fester" Lynch
159FS Director of Operations

Photo by Master Sgt. Larry Show



Master Sgt. Sean Smith (backseat), 125th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Crew Chief, gives the thumbs up during his incentive flight Sept. 14. Lt. Col. Barry "Wile-E" Wilkes provided the once in a lifetime ride.

Flying F-15s in Florida is a good deal. Flying them out of the Florida Keys is an even better deal. So went the thinking that led to a two-week deployment from Jacksonville to NAS Key West on Boca Chica Key in September. When the 125th Fighter Wing discovered an opportunity to fight with/against U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornets and F-5 Aggressor aircraft, it was a matter of assembling the right funding to make the trip happen. It sometimes helps to plan a trip near the end of the fiscal year, where "left-over" funds are often available. Such was the case with this trip; Air Combat Command provided the travel and per diem funds, and a few mandays were acquired via the National Guard Bureau. Capt. Ryan "Chew" Bocchi was selected as the project officer, his first experience putting together such a trip, and the planning began.

Deployments to and within Florida during hurricane season can be tricky. Consideration has to be given to quickly packing up your planes and parts and flying inland. While the Wing didn't have to execute a hurrevac, there were a couple of tropical storms on which Capt. Bocchi kept a wary eye. Though hurricanes didn't materialize, September is the rainy season for the Keys, and thunderstorms were a daily occurrence.

Of course, the primary reason for deploying was to get in some air-to-air training. Each day, we launched 12-14 sorties to dogfight the US Navy aircraft, as well as F-16s from the Homestead Reserve squadron. While NAS Key West doesn't "own" any aircraft, the facilities at Boca Chica are designed for deploying units to set up quickly and create a home away from home. To get everything to/from Key West, 1st Lt. Ben Sorrells, 125th Fighter

Wing Installation Deployment Officer, used a mix of trucks, government vehicles and two C-130s from two different Air Guard squadrons for the movement and bed-down. Moving tons of equipment and nearly 100 people is never easy, especially when the possibility of a hurrevac lingers, but logistics was all over it.

Another goal was even more challenging. The wing recently took ownership of a two-seat D-model F-15, and the ability to fly some much-deserved incentive rides out of Boca Chica meant bringing "extra" light gear and Aircrew Flight Equipment trainers to make that happen. Unfortunately, the jet did not cooperate fully. Electrical gremlins kept the jet from flying for most of the deployment. While we didn't get to fly as many incentive flights as planned, the ones that flew have unique memories few can match. As Capt. Bocchi is known to say, "It just feels natural. No; it feels better than natural." Well put.

202nd REDHORSE completes rigorous inspection

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Nicholls
202nd REDHORSE Squadron

CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER, Fla., (Aug. 13, 2009) – “REDHORSE; the Gators got nothing on you! Zero areas that did not comply! You did an awesome job, and the Adjutant General will let the Governor know about this!”

That was the assessment of Florida Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus on the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) completed this week on the 202nd REDHORSE Squadron. Brig. Gen. Balskus said REDHORSE had “zero areas that did not comply! Only one other time in REDHORSE history has a REDHORSE unit scored zero areas that did not comply, and that was 10 years ago! The signage, landscaping, foyer with the big screen television, attitude, and most important of all, the heart, it all counted. I'm proud of each and every one of you!”

For 108 “man-days,” 18 U.S. Air Force inspectors and eight observers evaluated the REDHORSE in Logistics, Supply, Vehicle Maintenance, Services, and many other areas.



Staff Sgt. Mark Van Kleek (on rake) and Staff Sgt. Kevin Barfield assist in a concrete pour at the 202nd compound at Camp Blanding during the August 2009 Unit Compliance Inspection while UCI Team Chief, Colonel Mark Moore, and UCI Team Members Master Sgt. Shane Rogers and Lt. Col. Erik Lagerquist evaluate the operation. Colonel Moore stated the 202nd did “very, very well” in the Unit Compliance Inspection.

The 202nd Commander, Col. Jack Paschal, said REDHORSE performance was “outstanding.” “We had zero 'does not comply'...and no findings,” said Paschal. (Does not comply or “findings” would have been areas not in compliance with U.S Air Force Instructions and/or found to have significant deficiencies).

Paschal said the UCI team “...dug very, very hard. The average REDHORSE unit has about six DNC (does not comply) areas. We had zero. The UCI team evaluated everything. They dug, dug, and dug some more. They checked compliance with Air Force rules and regulations, as well as domestic laws and public laws. Unit Compliance Inspections serve a purpose, because they force us to be in compliance with rules and regulations, which we always try to do, of course, but there are always little nuggets they see, because they're the experts in that field. We did extremely well for one reason: Team! It's always the team.”

Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Gilbert said the comments he received from the inspectors all had a consistent theme: “Remarkable! Best we've seen in ten years! Obvious preparation; great attitude!”

Gilbert said an additional positive factor was that “...when UCI team members went out on the REDHORSE compound, every Airman was engaged, motivated, working--pouring concrete, building a wall--it was all good stuff, and this was a very rigorous UCI!”

Four REDHORSE Teams and seven Airmen were selected as Superior Performers. Team winners included Civil Engineer Operations Team, Demolition Team, Logistics Team, and Vehicle Maintenance Team. Individual superior performers were Master Sgt. Christopher S. Liston, Master Sgt. Jeffrey L. Stanley, Tech. Sgt. Joshua R. Crews, Tech. Sgt. Bryan A. Fletcher, Tech. Sgt. Andrew D. Richardson, Staff Sgt. Monica B. Real, and Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Blydenburgh.

101st AOG members deliver Meals on Wheels

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Jared Scott
101st AOG Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (July 20, 2009) -- For more than ten years, members of the 101st Air and Space Operations Group here have participated in Bay County's Meals on Wheels program.

"The majority of the 101st is made up of Florida Guardsmen who call Bay County home," said Master Sgt. Billie Statom, 101st AOG First Sergeant. "We truly are a part of this area and feel a sense of duty to give back to this community that has given so much to us over the years."

Every Monday morning members of America's AOG drive to the Bay County Council on Aging center and pick up ready-made meals to deliver throughout the county to seniors 60 years or older, who are physically homebound and unable to cook or shop for themselves.

"The Meals on Wheels program is one of many programs provided by the Council on Aging that allows seniors to age with dignity and stay in their own home," said Patti Boice, Bay County Council on Aging assistant nutrition coordinator. "The AOG has truly been a blessing to our program."

The Bay County Council on Aging provides services for the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged citizens in the Bay County area, allowing them to remain healthy and stay in their own home. The council is a private, non-profit corporation that was established in 1971 and is governed by a board of directors. Serving more than 7,000 persons a year, the agency has more than 300 active volunteers assisting with services for



Master Sgt. Wendy Gehri and Tech. Sgt. Joe Ezell, 101st AOG, talk with Mr. Laurice Hand after delivering food to his house as a part of the Bay County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program.

the elderly.

"Volunteering with this program for me is a very humbling and rewarding experience," said Master Sgt. Wendy Gehri, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Operational Assessment Team. "The Council of Aging does an amazing job with their Meals on Wheels program and they are a valuable asset to Bay County."

The operations group is responsible for detecting, deterring, defending, and if necessary defeating any aviation threat to the citizens of the United States and to U.S. critical infrastructure.

First FLANG storefront recruiting office opens in Jacksonville, Fla.

A grand opening ceremony for the Florida Air National Guard's new recruiting office took place Wednesday, July 8 at the new storefront facility located at 11915 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville, Fla.

Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Florida Air National Guard Commander, completed the honors of cutting the ceremonial ribbon while members of the FLANG recruiting team proudly looked on.

The new office is the first Florida Air National Guard recruiting facility located off of a military installation, making it more accessible to the public and part of the local community.

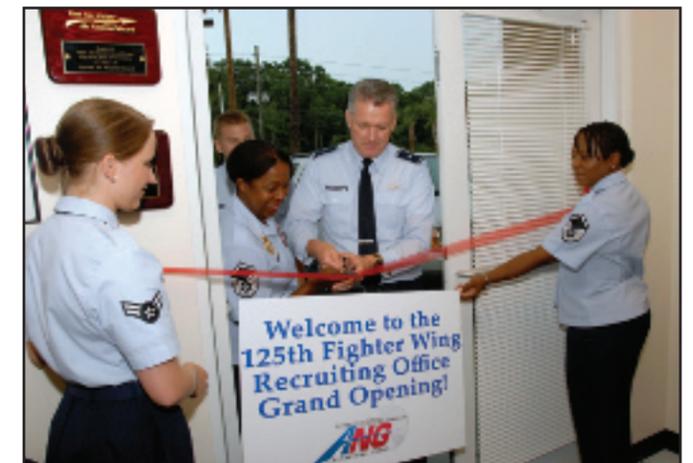


Photo by Staff Sgt. Jaclyn A. Carver

290JCSS communicators prepare for missions in 'harm's way'

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa
Florida National Guard Public Affairs

TAMPA, Fla. (Aug. 18, 2009) – More than 30 Airmen from the Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS) will be going into "harm's way" this fall as they deploy to Southwest Asia to provide communications for ongoing operations in the region.

The Airmen were honored during a pre-deployment ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, Aug. 16, where Florida Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus called the 290JCSS the "most outstanding communications squadron in the nation."

During the ceremony the general lauded the deploying communications experts for answering the call to service.

"If you look in the eyes of these Airmen you can see their hearts," Balskus said. "And those hearts that you're looking at here are hearts that are serving...when you wear the uniform, when you

strap on this armor, when you become a member of the United States military – the most powerful military the world has ever seen – that means something very special."

The general noted the Airmen would be serving throughout Southwest Asia, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You're going into harm's way...there is nothing easy about the task at hand," he said. "You will be going all over the (area of responsibility)."

Balskus presented the unit with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for excellence for performances during previous deployments from November 2006 to October 2008. During that time 34 percent of the unit deployed for a total of 8,590 days to Iraq and Afghanistan, often coming under fire during combat.

Specialists from the 290th offer voice and data communications, video or radio transmissions, and even Internet access using specialized, mobile equipment packages.

The unit, based at MacDill Air Force Base, deploys as small, mobile teams to provide communications services to customers including U.S. Army Special Forces or U.S. Marines.

During this upcoming mission the Airmen expect to be deployed for no more than six months.

290th Director of Operations Maj. Rick Basting noted one of the most important aspects of preparing for the deployment is making sure the Airmen's families are psychologically ready for the absence of their loved ones.

"You've got to help

them understand that it is a temporary situation and keep the lines of communication open at all times – the telephone calls, webcams are always great," he said. "Last time I was deployed I was fortunate to have a webcam set up where I could almost weekly, or a couple times a week, communicate with my family and actually see them."

Basting explained that although the Airmen may be physically and emotionally prepared for the mission, their families may not be fully ready for the separation.

One deploying Airman who is still trying to prepare his family for the deployment is Master Sgt. Thomas Martin; although this will be Martin's fifth deployment overseas, this will be the first one which he has had to explain to his six-year-old son.

"When I was gone before he was really young so he doesn't remember all that," Martin said. "I think this will be the first time it's actually going to affect him once I'm gone."

Martin said he made a video for his son about the deployment, and has shown him how to flip through a calendar and count the days of the deployment.

"(I say) 'This is one day, this is one month, and this is how many more months Daddy's going to be gone,'" Martin explained. "I try to give him that concept of how long this time is."

Like others in the unit, Martin has already purchased a webcam and plans to talk to and see his son as often as possible over the Internet while he's deployed.



290th JCSS Commander Lt. Col. Loretta Lombard speaks to her Airmen and the deploying members of the 290th JCSS, Aug. 16, 2009.

"My son is my main concern – how he's going to react to it," Martin said. "...As far as everything else: let's go do it! I'm pretty excited."



Florida Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus (left) and 290th JCSS Commander Lt. Col. Loretta Lombard (right) present a State of Florida flag to Maj. Rick Basting (center) and the deploying members of the 290th JCSS during a ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, Aug. 16, 2009.

Fulfilling the need for speed...

125th Fighter Wing pilots give Daytona Coke Zero 400 race fans a thrill July 4th weekend

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa

From left: FLANG Recruiter, Master Sgt. Scott Brown, speaks to a race fan about the Florida Air National Guard. F-15 pilots from the 125th Fighter Wing pose for a picture in the infield of the Daytona International Speedway, July 4, 2009. A perfectly executed flyby the 125th pilots provided for the tens of thousands of gathered Coke Zero 400 race fans.



The legacy of the Agee family; leadership, service and integrity

By Kathleen A. Bellas
HQ FLANG

“Let your actions always be guided by an unshakeable sense of duty, self-discipline and personal responsibility.” Not only are these values immortalized on the Air Force Academy’s Challenge Bridge, this is the legacy of the Agee family—lives dedicated to leadership, service and integrity.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Michele Agee graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in 1980 with the first class that allowed women in their ranks. She met and later married Lt.

Col. (Ret.) Jim “Shaggy” Agee, a 1981 graduate, there.

The Agee’s two children, Chelsea and Mitch, are both attending the USAFA, Class of 2011 and 2013 respectively. According to Michele, “The people that Jim and I are closest to right now are the reason our kids went to the Air Force Academy. They are quality individuals with great ethics and morals.” That may be true, but one only needs to spend five minutes with Jim and Michele to realize how committed they are to serving our country—their enthusiasm

and love for the Air Force and the Florida Air National Guard is contagious. That is the culture that both Chelsea and Mitch grew up in.

The root of such a culture and attitude comes from the Air Force Academy, according to Jim Agee. “We are all Air Force Academy products. We all thought alike, we all trained the same. It is very easy for us as a core of guys to work together and think the same, anticipate what the other one is going to do, so it was painless for us, together as a small group to start to change the momentum.” A momentum that now Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett saw as critical to the future of the Florida Air

Photo courtesy of the Agee family



The Agee family (left to right), Jim, Mitch, Chelsea and Michele, pose in front of the United States Air Force Academy Chapel in a recent family photo.

National Guard—a momentum that required changing from a Weekend Warrior culture and attitude.

“General Burnett came in and changed the unit to a more active duty mentality with all the discipline and commitments and TDYs (temporary duty) that goes with it,” said Jim Agee. “A lot of the guys who did not have active duty backgrounds but who grew up with the Guard resented the changes Burnett brought to the Fighter Wing. General Burnett knew units that did not change got shut down. If we had not changed, those flying F-15s right now would not be here because the unit would have lost the flag. They would have shut us down like they did to a lot of other units because they couldn’t or wouldn’t change their cultures.”

When Jim and Michele retired from the service and started working more within the civilian population, they discovered moral ethics and standards across the board were not what they were used to in the USAF and the Florida Air National Guard. “I knew I was the ‘abnormal’ one. I knew I was the minority. It was very disappointing not associating all the time with people who think the same way you do,” said

Michele.

Michele received her Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. She was the first female officer to join a Combat Civil Engineering Squadron after the law was changed to allow women in combat units. Michele was selected as the first female Commander of a Florida Air National Guard unit when she took command of the 114th Combat Communication Squadron in August 1994 at Patrick AFB. Michele operates her own engineering business in Orange Park.

Jim earned his jump wings and sailplane rating prior to graduating from the USAF Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Research and Economics. Jim assumed command of the 159th Fighter Squadron in January 2001 and led the squadron in its mission of Homeland Defense of the United States following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Jim has more than 2,800 hours flying fighters and is now a Captain flying internationally for Delta Airlines.

With role models like Jim and Michele, it is a small wonder Chelsea and Mitch are following in their parents’ footsteps.

CNGB and FLANG leaders honored at the Jacksonville Jaguars home game October 4



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jaclyn A. Carver

(Above), Air National Guard officers (from left) Gen. Craig McKinley, Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, Brig. Gen. Kirk Martin, and Col. Robert Branyon are introduced on the field prior to a flyover by four F-15’s (right) from the 125th Fighter Wing, at the Jaguars versus Titans home game Oct. 4.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Trumble

Raptors and Eagles fly together for Jacksonville training

By Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa
Florida National Guard Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – One of the most advanced fighter jets in the world, the F-22 Raptor, was flying high in the skies just east of Jacksonville the weekend of August 8-9.

Fighter pilots from the Florida Air National Guard were conducting joint training between F-22s from Tyndall Air Force Base's 325th Fighter Wing and F-15 Eagles from the Jacksonville-based 125th Fighter Wing.

The joint training exercise between the F-22s and the F-15s was a first for the 125th Fighter Wing. It helps familiarize pilots with the unique capabilities of both aircraft models, and practice how they might fly together in an actual combat situation.

"This is how we're going to go to war," explained F-22-pilot Maj. Nick Kavouras. "When we go to war we'll be flying together, so it's important that we learn how to do it here when we can debrief to our mistakes and it doesn't cost anybody's life."

The F-22 is the most advanced fifth-generation fighter jet in the world, and during the training the pilots integrate the fourth-generation F-15 Eagles with the fifth-generation Raptors to create one "composite force."

"The F-22 brings stealth which gives the

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa



Lt. Col. David Lynch, 125th Fighter Wing, and Major Nick Kavouras, 325th Fighter Wing ANG Associate Unit (HQ FLANG, Det. 1) pose in front of the F-22 Raptors deployed to the Jacksonville, Fla. ANG Base Friday, Aug. 7.

capability to fight some pretty tough integrated air defense systems and it gives us the ability to operate in closer against some air threats that maybe the F-15 can't," Kavouras said.

Previous integration training of this type revealed that the combat effectiveness of the F-22 is actually increased when fourth-generation fighters like the F-15 are present, according to the 125th Fighter Wing.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelley R. Gill



An F-22 takes flight over Jacksonville IAP, Fla., Aug. 8.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelley R. Gill



An F-22 Raptor takes flight for a joint training opportunity with F-15 Eagles from the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard, Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 8, 2009. The 125th was hosting four F-22 Raptors from the 43rd Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla. for two days of intensive integration training Aug. 8-9.

Getting it right

The 159th Fighter Squadron Patch

By Lt. Col. Richard W. Dill
125FW Chief of Plans

You may have noticed the pilots of the 125th Fighter Wing are wearing a new name tag and squadron patch. Have you wondered why? Or, thought the old one looked great, why do we need another one?

As I move along in years as a member of the FANG I find myself being more interested in the history of our wing. I have come to notice that the current 159th Fighter Squadron patch, while historical, is not the approved patch of the 159th. The patch colors do not represent the historical and approved colors the squadron adopted years ago. What we had was a red squadron patch with a black border worn with a blue nametag with a red border. The old patch also was not in accordance with current Air Force regulations. My goal in developing a new patch was to restore a sense of history and to have an Air Force approved patch that would properly represent the 159th Fighter Squadron. Basically, to get it right.

The history of the 159th patch dates back to 1947 and the beginnings of the Florida Air National Guard. The 159th was initially recognized as a Fighter Bomber Squadron and the old red patch represented the original patch of the "bomber" squadron. In 1956 the 159th was assigned a new mission as air to air interceptors and designated as the 159th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. At the same time the 159th developed and obtained approval for a Fighter Interceptor Squadron patch. It is a much like the previous patch but with a slightly different gator and the colors were changed to a sky blue background with black border. This was the last approved patch of the 159th.

The approved patch was worn until the squadron transitioned to the F-102 and F-106. During this time the pilots started wearing various patches such as the Air Defense Command patch, or a circular sky blue with a red border F-106 patch and a variety of triangular patches with a plan form view of the F-106.

When the transition to the F-16 happened in 1987, a new patch was developed. While this patch showed a lot of unit and home town pride, it continued the departure from the approved

and historical patch. This is also the time the pilots started wearing the cloth nametags with the blue background and red border. This patch was developed to match the squadron patch at that time. The transition to the F-15 in 1995 only produced an updated version of the F-16 patch and the patch remained out of regulation and bearing no historical significance.

Somewhere between 1997 and 1999 the very first fighter bomber patch was discovered in the history files. The pilot group and 159th Fighter Squadron commander at that time, Lt. Col. Chris Michalakakis, thought it was necessary to go back to our historical roots and the red gator patch was revived and worn. Keep in mind that this was still not the approved patch, it is a "bomber" patch and does not match the current squadron nametag, but it was a step in the right direction.

As I grew tired of seeing the mis-matched patch and nametag, I started talking with the then current squadron commander, Lt. Col. Robert Wetzell, and any other squadron member that would listen about the problem. With the leadership's approval I started working on a solution.

While doing research about the squadron patch I found the approval letter and a copy of the official painting of the 1956 Fighter Interceptor Squadron patch. The more we looked at this patch and talked with squadron members, the more we liked it. We decided to develop a patch that would take us back to our air to air roots of 1956. We made a few modifications to the 1956 patch which included using the gator design from the very first patch and changing the rocket the gator is standing on to an AMRAAM missile. We decided to keep the color the same sky blue with black border to keep the historical connection and more closely match the fighter wing shield.

After an approval process through several current and retired squadron commanders, State Headquarters, the National Guard Bureau and the Air Force Heraldry Department, we now have an approved patch. Our new patch is within regulations, is Air Force approved, signifies our state and our mission, preserves our history and promotes esprit de corps. Basically, we got it right.

114ROPS anxiously awaits results of critical Force Development Evaluation

Story by Staff Sgt. Richard B. Mongold
114th Range Operations Squadron UPAR

For the last year and a half, the members of the 114th Range Operations Squadron have been gearing up for a critical Force Development Evaluation (FDE), which will determine the future of the Ballistic Missile Range Safety Technology (BMRST) system and the direction of the unit. After four grueling months of evaluations, the FDE recently concluded and 114ROPS members are anxiously awaiting the results.

In April 2004, Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, the Adjutant General of Florida, presented the 114ROPS with this one of a kind, state-of-the-art mobile system.

The BMRST monitors and provides space-vehicle position data during launches and consists of a control center van and two trailer-mounted tracking antennas. The capabilities of the system go beyond tracking data, with the

ability to destroy off-course launch vehicles to ensure the safety of the public. Perhaps the most valuable aspect of the system is in its mobility.

The BMRST can be transported by land, sea and by air in a C-5 Galaxy or C-17 Globemaster aircraft. Since accepting this exciting challenge, the unit has successfully transitioned from a Combat Communications organization to Range Operations, while fully implementing the BMRST system and preparing for this defining FDE.

The 114ROPS, who work in concert with the 45th Space Wing during launches, had the opportunity to showcase the BMRST's capability and were poised to show the evaluators they were fully qualified to successfully execute any mission when called upon.

Using a series of five critical scenarios, the 17th Test Squadron conducted multiple evaluations that tested transportability, communication with the Eastern Range,



Tech. Sgt. Kristian "K2" Kobilis (left) and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Flores, 114th Range Operations Squadron, assemble the BMRST antenna as part of FDE activities at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Complex 20, Aug. 12, 2009.

logistical capability, training and several other aspects of the BMRST. During the evaluation, 114ROPS operators were put to the task of troubleshooting the system. Not only did they succeed, but they made a lasting impression with the skills they demonstrated.

"The operators' troubleshooting abilities are phenomenal," said one 17th Test Squadron evaluator.

One key element to the success of the FDE was the way the team gelled together to accomplish vital tasks. Perhaps most impressive were the Drill Status Guardsmen (DSGs) who stepped up and proved to be vital members of the team.

"The number of DSGs trained and fully capable to execute the missions, while displaying so much confidence in their abilities was overwhelming," said Chief Master Sergeant Leigh Dumas.

To further illustrate the BMRST capability, 114ROPS members were tasked to setup the BMRST and be launch-ready within 24 hours. The motivated team exceeded all expectations demonstrating the ability to be set and ready for the launch under pressure in just 16 hours!

Next up was the tear-down of the system. The team was required to tear down the system in 12 hours, but needed just eight to accomplish the task.

The four-month evaluation enabled the unit to demonstrate both the operational readiness and space-capability of the BMRST. "The system proved its versatility, adaptability and scalability to the FDE team," said Dumas.

As the FDE concluded, the 114ROPS members had much to be proud of.

"Eighteen months of work culminated in the FDE, along with superior teamwork led to our success. The team contributed several weekends, working countless hours to help in our preparation. The sense of accomplishment from all the hard work brings great pride to the unit," said Maj. Matthew Giles.

And just how vital is the BMRST to the Air Force? "Working smarter with a smaller, leaner and



The Ballistic Missile Range Safety Technology system is readied for a mission evaluation at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Aug. 12, 2009.

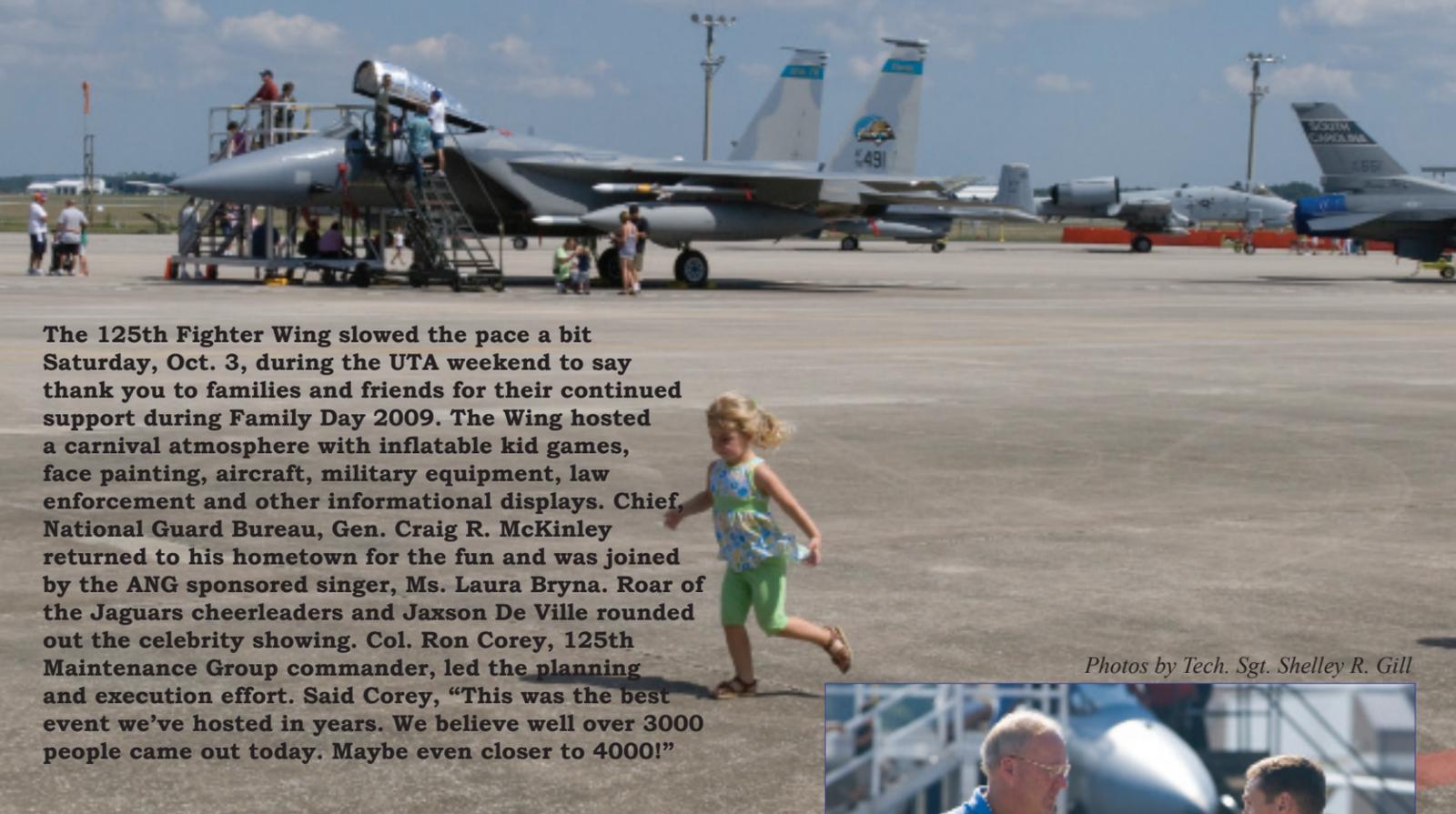
lighter system is what the BMRST system brings to the table. The mobile system will lead to a significant monetary savings for the Air Force," said Giles.

The results of the FDE are a defining moment for the 114ROPS. The evaluation tested the 114ROPS and the BMRST's capability to meet the space launch mission of the 45th Space Wing. All testing was highly successful and both the BMRST and the members of the 114ROPS garnered rave reviews from the evaluators and observers.

While the paperwork is being finalized, progress has already begun to add this critical capability to the Air Force Space Command inventory. The result will be the nation's first ever Air Reserve Component unit tasked with the space lift command and control mission.

The members of the 114 ROPS are extremely excited and are standing ready to continue this one-of-a-kind mission!

The FANG celebrates families



The 125th Fighter Wing slowed the pace a bit Saturday, Oct. 3, during the UTA weekend to say thank you to families and friends for their continued support during Family Day 2009. The Wing hosted a carnival atmosphere with inflatable kid games, face painting, aircraft, military equipment, law enforcement and other informational displays. Chief, National Guard Bureau, Gen. Craig R. McKinley returned to his hometown for the fun and was joined by the ANG sponsored singer, Ms. Laura Bryna. Roar of the Jaguars cheerleaders and Jaxson De Ville rounded out the celebrity showing. Col. Ron Corey, 125th Maintenance Group commander, led the planning and execution effort. Said Corey, "This was the best event we've hosted in years. We believe well over 3000 people came out today. Maybe even closer to 4000!"



Megan Halkovitch runs in circles on the edge of the flight line during Family Day.



Col. Bob Branyon, 125th commander, speaks to General Craig R. McKinley during Family Day.



James Lee Gilbert (center), with godfather, Amn. Manuel Repollet, gets his face painted by Victoria Humphries, Florida National Guard Teen Challenge program, during Family Day.



Members of the Florida National Guard's Teen Challenge program go through the Fright House during Family Day.



Country music singer, Laura Bryna, performs the National Anthem kicking off the Family Day festivities.



Senior Amn Aldo Rosario, 125th Medical Group (left), climbs the rock wall as Jimi Rainier looks on during Family Day.



Jacob Sands, son of Dr. Matthew Sands, 125th Medical Group, gets suited up for combat with assistance from Staff Sgt. Chad Alfred during Family Day.



Rock band, "American Attitude" performs during Family Day.



Jacksonville Jaguars' Mascot Jaxson De Ville signs an autograph for 3-year-old Payton Rodgers, son of Tech. Sgt. Raleigh Rodgers, during Family Day.



Capt. Barry Sodini (right) shows off the F-15 to (left to right) Stephen Berrios, Carmin Cofield, and John Dennison, during Family Day.

Guard Bureau Chief returns to his roots in Jacksonville for F-16 dedication

By Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa
Florida National Guard Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 4, 2009) -- Twenty years ago Maj. Craig "Mustang" McKinley was flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon in the skies over Northeast Florida.

The static display was dedicated to the men and women of the 125th Fighter Wing who flew, maintained, and supported operations of the F-16 from 1987 until 1995 when the unit converted to F-15 Eagles.

"The Florida Air National Guard has always had a great legacy of flying single-seat, single-engine fighters, and the F-16 was a fourth-generation fighter built to be an opposition fighter to the former Soviet Union fighter force," the general explained. "It is a great airplane and it's a very agile aircraft. It's one that served this unit and our nation very well."



Photo by Lt. Col Richard E. Bittner

Tuesday, Sept. 22, the F-16 returns to the 125th after getting a new paint job.

As an F-16 instructor pilot at the Florida Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing he helped train a force of pilots ready to counter airborne threats from the Soviet military, and protect a nation during the last years of the Cold War.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, the lasting legacy of the F-16 fighter jet was remembered when that major – now Chief of the National Guard Bureau Gen. Craig R. McKinley – returned to help dedicate a static display at the entrance of the 125th's base at the Jacksonville International Airport.

Gen. McKinley was joined by current and former members of the 125th Fighter Wing to unveil the display, which was set on a solid, black pedestal and angled to simulate the F-16 taking off. The display also featured Gen. McKinley's name on the right side under the canopy, to commemorate his service to the Florida Air National Guard and his years as an F-16 pilot.



Photo by Lt. Col Richard E. Bittner

Tuesday, Sept. 22, the F-16 is lifted to its place of honor.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jaclyn A. Carver

Gen. Craig McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau, speaks during the F-16 static display dedication ceremony at the 125th Fighter Wing Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009.

Gen. McKinley joined the 125th Fighter Wing as an F-106 alert pilot in 1980 and rose through the ranks to become commander of the unit, serving until 1996.

"To come back here, this is where my roots are, this is where my friends are," he explained. "I was born in Jacksonville; it's just an honor and a privilege."

Adjutant General of Florida Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett explained that the F-16 static display was another opportunity to "capture a legacy of history for a great organization" which has been on alert since 1958. He said that although the F-16 was one of the key interceptors in the 1980s, the people who worked on, supported, and actually flew the aircraft made the real difference.

"The prowess and might of this great nation is not about a weapons system; it is about our people – the will, the spirit, the patriotism of the American people," Maj. Gen. Burnett added.

Master Sgt. Michael Ramsey, who served at the 125th Fighter Wing during the heydays of the F-16 performed the actual unveiling of the display by pulling an orange drone parachute from the nose

of the aircraft.

"I was here when we had F-16s, and it gives us a lot of pride just to put this up," he said, explaining that it took an entire day to hoist the F-16 from the ground onto the pedestal. "There's a lot of nostalgia (and) there's a lot of memories for the guys who worked on it."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jaclyn A. Carver

Master Sgt. Michael Ramsey, 125th Maintenance Squadron, a huge leader in the effort to restore and mount the F-16, pulls off the cover that hid Gen. McKinley's name during the F-16 static display dedication ceremony Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa

Gen. Craig McKinley (seated, second from left) joins other former F-16 pilots for a group photo after the dedication of the new F-16 static display at the entrance of the 125th Fighter Wing, Oct. 4, 2009.

News from HQ

Florida honors Airmen of the Year for 2009

By Senior Airman BrieAnne Julian
Florida National Guard Public Affairs

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (Aug. 27, 2009) -- Six Airmen chosen as the best of the Florida Air National Guard were honored during a ceremony at the World Golf Village, Aug. 22. The Airmen – selected as the 2009 Outstanding Airmen of the Year – were presented awards for their dedication and achievement during the annual ceremony by Florida Air National Guard Commander, Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus.

The general called the Airmen the “best of the best” and asked them to continue to uphold the tenets of the Airmen’s Creed. “We want you to

live and breathe the Creed,” he said, noting they had been recognized by their commanders for their expertise. “They gave you that recognition and tonight we honor you for that...We looked beyond the surface and we found something special. And that was the Airman’s heart.”

Brig. Gen. Balskus presented awards to Airmen from units throughout the state for Airman of the Year, Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, First Sergeant of the Year, Honor Guard Member of the Year, and Honor Guard Manager of the Year.

The six Airmen chosen for the prestigious awards were: Staff Sgt. Michael Fillanger, Tech.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

The 2009 Airmen of the Year for the Florida Air National Guard (from left) Master Sgt. Christopher Hogarth, Tech. Sgt. Mark Farmer, Staff Sgt. Michael Fillinger, Master Sgt. Melissa Merideth, Master Sgt. Michael Ramsey, and Tech. Sgt. Paul Still, pose for a photo with Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles Wisniewski (far left) and the Commander of the Florida Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus (far right) at the Airman of the Year Banquet. The banquet was held Aug. 22, 2009 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, Fla.

Sgt. Mark Farmer, Master Sgt. Melissa Merideth, Master Sgt. Michael Ramsey, Tech. Sgt. Paul Still, and Master Sgt. Christopher Hogarth.

Each of the winners received the Florida Distinguished Service Medal, and will go on to compete nationally against Active Duty members at the U.S. Air Force level.

Airman of the Year Staff Sgt. Michael Fillanger is a Personnel Journeyman assigned to the Commander’s Support Staff for the 101st Air Operations Group at Tyndall Air Force Base. Fillanger was born in Camp Springs, Md, and graduated with honors from high school in 1999. In January 2002, Fillanger enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard serving as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and Recovery Specialist, and Assistant Squad Leader. He also served as President of the Junior Enlisted Council. He enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in August 2006 where he served as a Personnel Apprentice. He enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard in March 2008 as a traditional Guardsman and began his current Active Guard Reserve position in July 2008. He earned a degree in Accounting in 2006.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Tech. Sgt. Mark Farmer is an Aerospace Control Officer at the 114th Range Operations Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base. Farmer graduated from Bradley Central High School in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1995, and joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1998 as a Space Systems Operator. After completing Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Farmer began his technical training as a Satellite Systems Operator at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Farmer then received a follow-on assignment to the 1st Range Operations Squadron at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Farmer joined the Florida Air National Guard’s 114th Range Operations Squadron in 2007 as an Aerospace Control Officer. Farmer holds Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degrees in both Space Operations Technology and Instructor of Military Science and Technology, as well as an Occupational Instructor Certification from CCAF.

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Master Sgt. Melissa Merideth is a Logistics Plans Technician assigned to the 114th Range Operations Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base. Merideth began her military career by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force shortly after her graduation from high school. After completing Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in 1983 she attended the Material Management Specialist course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. After completing her first two-year

overseas assignment, she was transferred to Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas. While at Bergstrom, she completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Preparatory Course in 1986 as a distinguished graduate. Merideth was then assigned to the 741st Maintenance Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. She enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard in 1994 as a Supply Technician with the 114th Combat Communication Squadron. Wanting to expand her knowledge and enhance her viability Merideth cross-trained to become a Logistics Planner, and was honor graduate of the Logistics Plans Apprentice Course in April 1996. Merideth completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Course in September 1996 and was promoted to the permanent rank of Master Sergeant in February 1997.

First Sergeant of the Year Master Sergeant Michael Ramsey is the First Sergeant of the 125th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in Jacksonville, Fla. Ramsey graduated from the North Jacksonville Academy in 1981 and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in July 1981. After completing Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Ramsey began his technical training as a Corrosion Control Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Ramsey was then assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. In January 1984, he accepted an assignment at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana where he was later named the lead technician for the Corrosion Control Shop during the Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Team (MSET) inspection. Ramsey enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard in August 1989 and transitioned to Aircraft Structural Repair under the Rivet Workforce Program in August 1990. In January 2006, Ramsey was selected as the First Sergeant for the 125th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant, and subsequently completed the First Sergeant Academy in June 2006.

Honor Guard Member of the Year Tech. Sgt. Paul Still is the Aircraft Pneudraulics System Craftsman for the C-130 Hercules program and Crew Chief for the 125th Fighter Wing, in Jacksonville, Fla. He graduated from Palos Verdes High School, Los Angeles, Calif., in 1976. He attended Seminole Community College and Florida Southern where he played football. Still joined the 125th Fighter Wing in March 1991. He attended multiple Aircraft Maintenance courses at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He then attended the Non-Commissioned Officer Acade-

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my and graduated second in his class. Still has been employed as a full-time technician at the 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville since 1995. He joined the Base Honor Guard in 1999 and was the first in the Wing to complete the Air Force Honor Guard Basic Protocol, Honors and Ceremonies Course.

Honor Guard Manager of the Year Master Sgt. Christopher Hoggarth is an Airspace Manager for the 101st Air Operations Group at Tyndall Air Force Base. He enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program in September 1994 and completed Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and was sent to Aircrew Life Support Technical School at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. Upon completion of technical training he was assigned to the 2nd Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base. Hoggarth also attended the U.S. Air Force Water Survival and Combat Land Survival course. In October 2001 he was selected to be the Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge of Life Support Training for the 325th Fighter Wing. In December 2003 Hoggarth joined the Florida Air National Guard after being selected as an Active Guard Reservist at the Southeast Air Defense Sector (SEADS) at Tyndall Air Force Base. After completion of Aerospace Warning and Control Systems Technical School he was qualified as a Tracking Technician and Identification Technician. He currently works in the Combat Plans Division as an Airspace Manager. In July 2005, he was hand picked to join the SEADS

Color Guard team and in 2007 was selected as Honor Guard Member of the Year for the State of Florida. Later that year he assumed the position of Program Manager for the Color Guard Team.

Other nominees for the 2009 Outstanding Airmen of the Year included: **Senior Airman Kristy Glover**, 125th Fighter Wing; **Senior Airman William Brown Jr.**, 114th Range Operations Squadron; **Senior Airman Carlos Leal**, 202nd REDHORSE Squadron; **Senior Airman Philip Spradley**, 290th Joint Support Communications Squadron. Also nominated for the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year were: **Tech. Sgt. Natalie Cooper**, Florida National Guard Headquarters Detachment 1; **Tech. Sgt. Randall Dobbs**, 202nd REDHORSE Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Joseph Ezell**, 101st Air Operations Group; **Tech. Sgt. Carlos Garcia Jr.**, 125th Fighter Wing; **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Mahan**, Weather Readiness Training Center; and **Staff Sgt. Michael Parks**, 290th Joint Support Communications Squadron. Nominees for Senior Non-Commissioned Officer also included: **Master Sgt. Cory Brown**, Weather Readiness Training Center; **Master Sgt. Dawn Carrera**, 290th Joint Support Communications Squadron; **Master Sgt. Terrance Harris**, 202nd REDHORSE Squadron; **Master Sgt. Tiffney Kellum**, 101st Air Operations Group; and **Master Sgt. John Smith**, 125th Fighter Wing. Other Honor Guard of the Year nominees included: **Master Sgt. Jennifer Harris**, 114th Range Operations Squadron and **Master Sgt. Jan McNally Jr.**, 101st Air Operations Group.

Spear selected as Commander, 601st AOC

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, the Adjutant General of Florida, is pleased to announce his endorsement of the selection of Colonel Randall A. Spear, Jr., as Commander, 601st Air and Space Operations Center, Tyndall AFB, Florida. Maj. Gen. Hank Morrow, the Commander of First Air Force, notified General Burnett of his decision on Tuesday, August 18th.

Spear received his commission in 1986 upon graduation from the University of Arkansas with a degree in electrical engineering. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma and completed F-15 training at Luke AFB, Arizona.

Spear has held various assignments with the U.S. Air Force, including Chief of Training/Instructor Pilot with the 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; F-15 Weapons School Instructor Pilot, Nellis AFB, Nevada; Assistant Director of Operations, 2nd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Florida; and Chief of Wing Weapons, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB.

In 2001, Spear transferred to the Florida Air National Guard as an Instructor Pilot with the 325th F-15 Associate Unit at Tyndall Air Force Base. He then served as Strategy Division Chief, 601st Air and Space Operations Center and has been the Center's Vice Commander since 2007. Colonel Spear is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 470 in combat.

Spear has also served concurrently as the Commander, Joint Task Force-Space Transportation System responsible for responding to contingency situations in case of a mishap during NASA shuttle launches and landings.

Spear and his wife, Angela, reside in Panama City. They have two daughters, Abby and Gracie.

Barbarides selected as Commander, 101st AOG

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. - Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, Commander, Florida Air National Guard, with the concurrence of Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, the Adjutant General of Florida, is pleased to announce the selection of Colonel Scott J. Barberides as Commander, 101st Air and Space Operations Group and Vice-Commander, 601st Air and Space Operations Center, Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Barberides received his commission in 1987 upon graduation from the Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in Air Commerce Flight Technology. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and completed F-16 training at Luke AFB, Arizona.

Barberides has held various assignments with the U.S. Air Force, including Electronic Combat Pilot, 33rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, and Operations Support Flight Commander, 177th Fighter Wing, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey. His combat deployments include Operation's Southern Watch, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm.

Barberides joined the Florida Air National Guard in 2004.

He served initially as a member of the Directorate of Operations in the Southeast Air Defense Sector at Tyndall AFB, and was later selected as the Sector's Assistant Director of Operations. With the transformation of the Sector to the 601st Air and Space Operations Center in 2006, he became the Deputy Chief, then Chief of the Combat Operations Division. Colonel Barberides is a command pilot with more than 2,700 flying hours.

Barberides will serve concurrently as the Commander, Joint Task Force-Space Transportation System. In this role, he will respond to contingency situations related to NASA shuttle launches and landings.

Barberides and his wife, Eileen, reside in Panama City. They have two sons; Ryan and Brendan; and a daughter; Nicole.

After more than 37 years of service in his nation's defense, Col. Ronald D. Brooks calls it a career

Colonel Ron Brooks, beloved leader, mentor and friend to many in the Florida National Guard, ceremoniously retired from the FLANG June 5, 2009, after giving more than 30 years to the State of Florida.

Brook's career began with enlisted service in the U.S. Air Force in 1971 through 1974, including a one year tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

After serving a time in his home state's Georgia Air National Guard, Brooks joined the 125th Fighter Wing, FLANG, in 1978 as a security policeman. Leadership recognized his bulldog spirit and leadership abilities and sent him off to the Academy of Military Science in 1980 for commissioning and the rest, as they say is history.

Brooks served as Security Forces commander, Mission Support Squadron commander and Mission Support Group commander at the Wing. He was then kicked upstairs to State HQ where he served as the Director of Staff, his final position of leadership and service with the FLANG.

Never one to be a stay-at-home Guardsman, Brooks never turned a deployment down. His final years included overseas or combat tours in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Baghdad, Iraq; Bishkek-Manas, Kyrgyzstan; Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and Camp Bucca, Iraq and finally Stuttgart, Germany.

Happy trails sir! You will be missed. - Editor



Photo by Ms. Debbie Cox, JFHQ-FL/PA



Safety Matters

By Master Sgt. Dana Gaffney
125FW Safety Office

Autumn is here! We finally get a break from the heat and humidity, the leaves are falling, kids are back in school and football season is finally here! Thanksgiving is the first of several holidays we will celebrate between now and the New Year. For many, this is the happiest holiday time of the year; a great time for family gatherings, fellowship, laughter, and wonderful memories. It is a time when we can step back and reflect on our blessings and all the good that surrounds us. We must also look at how we can ensure this is a safe and joyous season for all.

Over the next few months, Airmen and their families may travel to share this season with family and friends. Thanksgiving weekend is statistically the highest traveled of the year. Crowded roads and potential for bad weather make this weekend one of the most dangerous for traffic accidents. It is important we ensure our Airmen are aware of these dangers. Here are a few tips for safe travels:

- Take your car in, have it checked out and ensure it's ready for travel.
- When you drive, wear your seatbelt.
- Make sure you're well rested before you drive and take frequent rest stops.
- Check the local radio stations for the latest traffic updates.
- Never drink and drive!
- Pay attention to the road. Don't get distracted by cell phones, maps, GPS, etc.

If you witness a safe practice or a 'safety attitude', nominate that individual by submitting an AF Form 1206, Nomination for Award, to the 125th Fighter Wing Safety Office. You may send it by email to wingsafety@ang.af.mil or call 904-741-7015.

Have a very safe holiday season and a Happy New Year! Safety...It's an attitude!

Security Issues

Staff Sgt. Timothy W. Bedingfield
125FW Antiterrorism Office

Recently, the photocopying of military identification and common access cards (CACs) by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or to provide government rates for service have brought a security issue to the forefront. This notice is a reminder to all that photocopying of U.S. government identification is a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and is punishable by both fine and imprisonment.

Many military and family members and DoD employees are unaware of this law. The use of military IDs/CAC cards for identification at commercial establishments is perfectly legitimate. However, allowing a non-DoD entity to copy/reproduce the card is expressly forbidden. Personnel are reminded to secure their military IDs/CAC cards at all times and ensure it is not copied, photographed, or reproduced in any fashion.

As an alternative, offer your driver's license or other picture ID instead. AFI 36-3026, Para 1.8.1.1 states "The cardholder

may allow photocopying of their ID card to facilitate DoD benefits. Photocopying is prohibited in all other instances." For example, while allowing photocopying of your military ID for purposes of acquiring dental work under Tri-Care is authorized, photocopying military ID for purposes of obtaining a decreased price in travel packages, cruises, airline tickets, pizza or other commercial goods is not authorized.

Use common sense and good judgment to keep your military ID from falling into the wrong hands.

SARC News

How do you tell the difference between sexual assault and sexual harassment?

By Ms. Jane Lux
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125FW and GSU SARC

It's three o'clock in the morning and you're just returning to your dorm room at an Air Force Specialty school. Waiting for you is an intoxicated individual who says inappropriate things to you and puts his hands on you. You recognize the person from your class; you run and lock yourself in your room. What do you do next?

Let's begin with the definitions of the two types of sexual violence:

Sexual Harassment is a form of gender discrimination that involves one or more of the following: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person or (quid pro quo harassment). The behavior, situation, or circumstance creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual Assault is defined for educational and training purposes as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault, or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim. Sexual assault is a crime punishable by the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Rape, forcible sodomy, indecent assault, and other sexual offenses are defined by Article 120 in the UCMJ and/or Civilian Laws as they pertain to individual states.

The definitions are similar because in both the offender uses sex as a weapon – either physically, or as a tool to control a victim in the workplace. It can be very confusing, to the victim and to those attempting to help, as to whether the behavior crossed the line from sexual harassment to sexual assault when the offense did not involve rape or nonconsensual sodomy. An incident can meet the definition of sexual harassment without being a sexual assault. And an incident can meet the definition of sexual assault without being sexual harassment. The confusion arises when the behavior that meets the definition of sexual harassment

includes "physical conduct of a sexual nature" which could possibly be a sexual assault. It is important to know that sexual harassment complaints are handled much differently than sexual assault reports and by different personnel.

Sexual assault reports may be restricted or unrestricted.

Restricted reports are confidential and will not initiate an investigation or notify command of the victim's identity. A restricted report allows the victim to receive victim advocacy, medical care and counseling if the assault occurred while the victim was in Title 10 or active status. Only the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Professional (HCP) or Chaplain may take a restricted report.

If the victim wants to keep the report confidential, but mistakenly goes to a State Equal Employment Manager, or Equal Opportunity Leaders, who are not one of the four protected and confidential professions listed to take restricted reports, the victim loses the option to keep the sexual assault report restricted.

An unrestricted report to a commander or anyone outside the restricted group will trigger an investigation. The victim may want the incident investigated by law enforcement, investigative resources, and command. It is the intent and hope that all sexual assault victims will have the confidence to report to command in an effort to hold offenders accountable.

Sexual assault victims often feel a sense of betrayal, shame, and guilt because society often blames the victims instead of offenders. Many times victims don't want to risk being re-victimized during an investigation. It is for this reason that the restricted reporting option within the military services was created. It enables victims to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling without triggering the official investigative process. It is the responsibility of the SARC to keep leadership informed of non-identifying information regarding the sexual assault report within 24 hours of receiving the report, but the SARC provides information on a "need to know basis."

Again, sexual harassment complaints are handled differently than sexual assault reports and by different people. EO complaints are not kept confidential from command and each one is in-

vestigated. By coming forward with a complaint, the sexual harassment victim wants the incident investigated. There is no option to request only resources or help without an investigation. EO personnel should explain the difference between sexual assault and sexual harassment to victims when they come to report an issue to ensure they always have the option of speaking with the SARC, VA, Chaplain, or health care provider prior to hearing the victim's disclosure. This allows the victim to get other opinions and options without automatically triggering an investigation if there is uncertainty regarding the exact nature of a report or complaint. The SARC can also ask a hypothetical type question of the JAG without identifying the victim to determine whether or not the offense fits the legal definitions within Article 120 of the UCMJ. By referring the victim to the SARC to confidentially assess the case, the EOA allows the victim the best possibility

for confidential reporting options if the incident does fit description of sexual assault.

By knowing the differences between sexual assault and sexual harassment, you can make the wise decision to report what happened to the SARC. You have kept your reporting options open and not subjected yourself unknowingly into an investigation.

Your SARCs for the Florida are:
JFHQ SARC: LTC Cindy Harkrider
St. Augustine, Fla.
Office: 904.823.0331
Cell: 904.482.2347

125FW and GSU SARC: Maj Teresa R. Frank
Jacksonville, Fla.
Office: 904.741.7802
Cell: 904.329.0076

Chaplain's Corner

What in the world is going on in the Chapel?

*By Capt. Gary Poplin
125FW Chaplain*

Typhoons, tsunamis, oh my! Chaplain Thompson arrived half-way around the world at Camp Navarro, Zamboanga, Republic of the Philippines Aug. 22, at the Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines (JSOTF-P). A far flung task force composed of soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines and a host of civilians. Their mission is to train and equip the armed forces of the Philippines to make their country an unwelcome place for terrorists like the ones who planned and prepared the Sept. 11, 2001.

Working for the weekend...Maj. Sarah A Shirley, 125FW Chaplain, is on a long-term TDY to the Guard Bureau serving the Chief, ANG Chaplain Corps as Functional Area Manager (FAM). As the FAM, she manages deployments for all Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants in the Air National Guard, coordinating OCONUS and CONUS AEF deployments and tours in support of domestic war effort missions. She works closely with AFRC's Readiness office and USAF/HC to ensure combatant commanders' Chaplain Service needs are met. She is also OIC of the Chaplain Cell of the CAT, the lead for the Chaplain Corps when the ANGR CAT stands up in response to events and crises. Shirley initiated NGB/HC's UTA support program, ensuring Bureau Chaplain Corps staff are available to support units on drill weekends. If you're going TDY to anywhere in the DC area, be sure to give her

a call, DSN 278-7522 or commercial 301-836-7522, email sarah.shirley@ang.af.mil.

Unwrapped, not food but presents! Master Sgt. Maxie Mullis is heading up Operation Christmas Stocking. She coordinates with the Department of Children and Families for the names of children then organizes getting the names to the units who can volunteer to take a name and make a difference in a neglected, abandoned, or abused child's Christmas. You truly make Operation Christmas Stocking a huge success! Please participate and get your gifts in early.

Sun and sand...again! Master Sgt. Marilyn Diller is deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and will be there until sometime next year. She is a part of a Religious Support Team supporting our military members.

What about me you might ask? While on orders for a couple of months, I have been working on a few projects. I have been able to support our members by being available to counsel with them, visit a few GSUs, work with Family Readiness, and conduct some memorial services. One of the Memorial Services was held at the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center Chapel for Master Sgt. (Ret.) Doug Cox, WRTC, and one at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., for Master Sgt. (Ret.) Terry Upchurch, 159WF. While at the Florida National Cemetery another family was in need of an Air Force Chaplain and I was honored to fill that gap.

Family Focus - What does family mean to you?

*By Mrs. Laura Pageau
FLANG Family Program Coordinator*

July 2009 kicked off the Year of the U.S. Air Force Family. When the announcement came out I heard a lot of different reactions, not all were positive. Think of a picture in your mind that represents family. For many that picture is your typical clip art of mom and dad holding hands with two small children. That is a great example of a "nuclear" family; but truly it does not represent what family means to us working in the Family Support Arena.

Many of you who have been through my briefings and have heard me bring up the subject of family. Your family is who is important to you. For some that is parents or grandparents, brothers and sisters, a good friend or a significant other. If you are a traditional Guardsman then you also have your office family. All of those people are important in your life in one way or another and your military service affects them as well.

Family Programs isn't just for the "nuclear" family. Our services are available to everyone. I recall assisting a grandmother in Largo, Fla., filing taxes for her son who was deployed. I enjoyed working with an extended family who wanted to be kept in touch during his deployment. I receive calls from sisters, fiancées, cousins, you name it. Those are just a few examples of "out of the box" family connections. If a person in your life is important to you, then they are important to us.

I cannot believe that it has been almost three years ago that I started working with the Florida Air National Guard. Although I have been an active duty spouse for almost 20 years and lived overseas for more than six, I was not prepared for what I experienced here at our hidden gem

that is the 125th Fighter Wing and at all of our units throughout the state. At first I shared an office and had little more than a desk. At one point an ATM machine was going to occupy what was going to be my office, delaying my move. Eventually I moved into my office and with my duct-taped desk I kept working hard. At every turn my Guard family was there to support me, whether it was advocating for a private office, giving me furniture to fill that office or providing much needed advice or support.

The Guard is a different way of life than active duty and it truly is like having a family on base. Being the new kid on the block, it took time to gain trust and support and I hope now that most of you feel comfortable coming to our office for advice or assistance. I remember feeling like a nervous mom when the ORI was approaching and worrying about how hard each of you were working and so proud to hear the wonderful results. Like the slogan says, this has been more than a job, it has been an adventure! I say with pride when asked where do you work "the Florida Air National Guard!" If they ask for more information they don't realize that is an open invitation for me to brag on you all. If the person didn't understand the Guard before the conversation they certainly did after!

Please know that your Florida Air National Guard Family Programs staff is here to support you and your Family; however you define that. We have been blessed with a beautiful new office space where all of our Family Programs team can work together. From humble beginnings we keep growing and expanding services to support you on a daily basis. Please let us know what we can do to meet your Family's needs. Our motto is "Families First!"

Friendly - Integrity - Respect - Service - Team

Educational Dollars for Duty - EDD

There are major Legislative changes to the EDD Program. See the updated Florida Pamphlet FNG 620-5-2 dated 1 July 2009 for more info. The major changes are:

1. The STEP program is eliminated and all STEP participants will be eligible for EDD.
 2. The three year obligation after use is gone. A member's obligation is their enlistment length.
 3. The five year limit of use is removed.
 4. The maximum 15 years of total service for eligibility is no more.
 5. Guard members may use EDD upon initial entry into the Florida National Guard.
 6. EDD can be used to obtain a Masters degree but not for matriculation towards a Doctorate.
 7. EDD will pay for private schools at the average tuition rate of Florida Public Universities for undergraduate degrees and graduate degrees. Guard members are responsible for the difference.
- Please contact the State Education Program Administrator, Mr. Andy Rusnak 904-823-0351 or andy.rusnak@fl.ngb.army.mil.

FLANG RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

By SMSgt. (Ret.) Don Bunk
FLANGRA President

General Craig R. McKinley was the honored guest of the Retirees Association at a dinner held Oct. 2, 2009, at the NAS Jacksonville Officer's Club. A record crowd was there to hear the General speak and to socialize with him and Mrs. Cheryl McKinley.

General McKinley spoke of his beginnings with the Florida Air National Guard and of the people and events over the years that have shaped his career. He acknowledged different events and people in the audience who have played a part in his career.

Looking toward the future, General McKinley addressed the idea that we don't know what the future holds in the way of our defensive posture regarding aircraft since many unmanned aircraft are now being utilized. He noted that all these aircraft will still require a number of people to prepare them for flight despite being unmanned.

The evening was a special celebration of being with General McKinley again and having the opportunity for us to congratulate him personally for his promotion to General with the addition of his fourth star.

In the celebratory theme, Archie and Lisa Jackson were there to provide the perfect musical mood. Their performance of patriotic songs was also one of the highlights of the evening. The music and singing was so outstanding it presented the problem of whether or not to join in or simply stay quiet and enjoy.

Many old friends and colleagues were delighted to see each other again and to have the opportunity to spend some time together. Another opportunity will be available in six months, so mark your calendar for April. Details will be forthcoming when plans are set. Sign up for emails from me and/or ensure that your postal mailing address is current. Contact me at fang.125@bellsouth.net or call 910-9428 or 904-284-7357.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelley Gill



General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau, shares a light-hearted moment with the Florida Air National Guard Retiree Association audience during a dinner held at the NAS Jacksonville Officer's Club, Oct. 2, 2009.

In the Spotlight...

Chief Master Sgt. Gloria P. Simon

First female African American to pin on Chief in the FLANG

Simon enlisted in the 125th Fighter Group (now Fighter Wing), in February 1979 shortly after high school graduation. She began her career in Maintenance and served there for four years and then she transitioned to the Supply career field. She currently serves as the Asset Management Flight Superintendent of the 125th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard, in Jacksonville, Florida. She is an active guard reserve (AGR) member whose primary duties include guiding and managing the fulltime Asset Management members and traditional Guardsmen. She oversees, directs and supervises the daily operation of distribution and storage, mobility readiness, clothing issue, hazardous material pharmacy, and the mission readiness spares package for the 125th Fighter Wing and the Florida Air National Guard geographically separated units (GSUs).

To say that Gloria Simon is an amazing woman would be an understatement. Packed in a diminutive four-foot eleven-inch frame is a dynamo of a woman. She can always be counted on to be helpful and just generally pleasant to be around. Simon finds time to be a Team-up volunteer and member / business manager of the H. A. Green Memorial Alumni Chorale. She is also very active in her church, Saint Stephen A.M.E. Church, where she serves as an audio visual technician, poetry and drama coach, math tutor, drama team member and youth department mentor.

Said Simon of her achievement, "It's truly a humbling and honorable experience being the first African American female Chief because there were so many others who did a tremendous job of opening doors and proving capabilities, who came before me that could have been chosen for this honor. Yet being the first black female Chief isn't all I would like to be remembered for; but it's for my caring heart for people, my enthusiastic spirit, my mentorship, and my awesome passion for the Florida Air National Guard. I know God has a remarkable and impeccable plan of success for all the members of the Florida Air National Guard."



Change of command...

In the photo at right, Lt. Col. Michael "Speedo" Rouse accepts the 159th Fighter Squadron guidon from Col. Bob Branyon, 125th Fighter Wing commander, signifying his acceptance of command of the squadron July 10, 2009 in a brief ceremony conducted in the Corrosion Control Hangar at the 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville, Fla.

Rouse, who joined the Florida Air National Guard in June 2003 after serving 15 years on active duty with the USAF, has previously served as Operations Support Flight Commander, Squadron Director of Operations and Advanced Program Manager. He is a command pilot with more than 3,100 hours in the F-15 Eagle.

Rouse succeeds Lt. Col. Robert "Rufio" Wetzel, the 159th Fighter Squadron commander since September 2006.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jaelyn Carver

Promotions

To Colonel

David W. Silva II, 325FW ANG AU

To Lt. Colonel

David A. Peterson, 101AOG

To Major

Richard L. Basting, 290JCSS

To Captain

Clayton E. Thompson, 125MXS

To 1st Lieutenant

John K. Johnson, 101AOG

To 2nd Lieutenant

Kimberly A. Farley, 125MDG

Theodore D. Fox, 125MDG

Michael C. Nathan, 125OSF

To Chief Master Sgt.

Lynn L. Boop, 101AOG

John C. Cohee, 125MXS

Burhl E. Hartin, Jr., HQ FLANG

Gloria P. Simon, 125LRS

To Senior Master Sgt.

Tracey D. Canady, 125CF

Eddie Diaz, Det. 1, 125FW

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Michael S. McGuire, 101AOG

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