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FRONT COVER: Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, The Adjutant General of Florida, and the longest serving Airman in the USAF, speaks at a Salute to Heroes event conducted in Florida for returning OIF and OEF Soldiers and Airmen in this undated photo from 2006.

BACK COVER: Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett and his lovely bride Judy, pose for a photo at the 2005 NGA-FL conference.

Commander's Column

*By Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus
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On November 3, 2001, I was at Camp Blanding preparing for the Florida National Guard Change of Command. Guests were arriving by the hundreds to include the Governor of Florida, the Honorable Jeb Bush.

The Chief of Staff of the Florida Air National Guard, then Brig. Gen. Buddy Titshaw, and I were preparing the Air Staff for a unique day which included more than 100 of our Airmen marching in combat uniforms complete with helmets and 9mm pistols for the officers. Everyone recognized something

there was a sense of excitement on the "Air" side and an equal amount of uncertainty on the "Army" side. After all, who ever heard of a blue suit TAG? We are a nation newly at war; we had just been brutally attacked by terrorists on September 11; how can an "Air" general lead an army?

The change of command ceremony began and we watched as Governor Bush received the flag of command from outgoing Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Ron Harrison, and handed it to his selection for Adjutant General, then Brig. Gen. Doug Burnett.

The Soldiers looked on and wondered what they would hear in the remarks. A hush fell



and audience knew this officer, this Adjutant General, would inject energy and leadership into the Florida National Guard and would be passionate about supporting Soldiers and Airmen, modernizing facilities and standards, and connecting with state and federal officials. In his remarks General Burnett

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was different; history was being made that day as we, for the first time in the illustrious history of the Florida National Guard, were about to see a Florida Air National Guard “blue suit” general officer take command as The Adjutant General (TAG).

As General Titshaw stood proudly in front of the Air Guard formation on the parade field,

over the crowd and as soon as the new TAG took the podium for remarks, the excitement on the Air side grew and the uncertainty and apprehension on the Army side subsided as General Burnett was no longer a “blue suit” TAG; he was The Adjutant General and he was in command.

Immediately, the entire formation

stated, “Let us, as we respond to the national crisis before our nation, seize this opportunity to re-calibrate our priorities and realize that freedom is the common bond among America’s diverse culture...something that must always be protected... something that those who come to America’s shores value highest.”

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From the Cockpit

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

Getting ahead of the active duty USAF

This issue of The Eagle's Eye has stories of modernization with the AESA radar and our space initiatives and the tremendous involvement of the 114ROPS and 101AOG there. As I write this, our REDHORSE is preparing for the April Operational Readiness Inspection. We will reflect on the contributions of the 101AOG during the Haiti Earthquake that killed over 300,000 people in less than 35 seconds. We will also showcase our Fighter Wing that delivered a flawless Super Bowl fly-by (the first ever ANG fly-by in Super Bowl history), and an incredible performance during an Operational Readiness Evaluation in Savannah, Ga., where we not only flew more than 160 sorties but provided

13 incentive flights to deserving Airmen.

These stories are noteworthy and provide our 3,000 plus readers with a superb overview of our Florida Air National Guard. However, the real focus of this edition is to say thank you to The Adjutant General of Florida, Maj. Gen. Doug Burnett, who, in 47 years of service to the Florida National Guard, has built a legacy unequalled in our history. During his acceptance speech on Nov. 3, 2001, he closed with these words. "My fellow Guardsmen; I salute you and I look forward to the coming days as together we take the Florida National Guard to the next level."

Let me now close by saying,

Sir, there is not one Soldier, one Airman, one state legislative leader, one federal legislative leader, or one single community leader who now, after watching you in action as the Adjutant General of Florida, would not publicly and proudly say, Yes sir, you have indeed taken the Florida National Guard to the next level. Your leadership has enabled us to boldly proclaim that we are the best National Guard state in the nation! Thank you sir and please accept our best wishes to you and your wonderful bride, Judy, who has reached out and offered so much to support us. May God continue to bless your lives together and bless you with a very bright future!

Chief's Counsel

By Chief Master Sgt. Charles W. Wisniewski
State Command Chief Master Sgt.

In February, we held our 2010 Airmen of the Year Banquet at the Renaissance Hotel at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine. All 19 of our unit nominees were able to attend along with their family and friends.

The banquet was held on Friday night with more than 200 Guardsmen and family members in attendance.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, Commander of the Florida Air National Guard, and I had the great honor and pleasure of presenting plaques, our personal coins and the Florida Commendation Medal to our unit nominees and the Florida Distinguished Service Medal, plaques, coins and gifts to our five state winners.

Our community partners, USAA, Geico and the Air Force

Association Falcon Chapter were also there to present gifts and monetary awards.

It is important to take time out of our busy schedules to honor our Airmen of the Year, as these 19 unit nominees represent the great work that all our enlisted Airmen are doing every day to make our Florida Air National Guard better.

Every year when we hold our AOY board I am amazed at the great things these Airmen are doing. The dedication and innovation they bring to their units is why Florida is so successful accomplishing our state and federal missions.

These young Airmen are involved not only in the unit missions but they all are in their communities volunteering their time and energy to improving

the lives and circumstances of their fellow Floridians. They represent all of us to the communities they serve and they represent us well!

The time we take out of our busy schedules to honor them, encourage them, recognize their accomplishments and thank them and their families for their service is time well spent.

These young Airmen are our future. They will lead our units to accomplish great things for our Florida Air National Guard and after meeting them and spending time with them I can assure you that the future is indeed bright!

We unveiled an upgrade to our radar systems, the APG-63(v)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA), during a ceremony here April 12. (See "New F-15 radar debuts at the 125th Fighter Wing," page 20)

We now have F-15s with greater capabilities than our active duty brethren. We don't normally do things like this. Usually, the active duty Air Force develops a weapons system and puts it on the "shelf," and then the Air Guard purchases some of the systems with money set aside by our Congressional supporters. But the active duty wasn't moving quickly enough to develop an advanced radar for the F-15 and the Air Guard tacticians knew something had to be done. Air National Guard F-15s are chartered with protecting the homeland from airborne threats, and the original-equipment radar was aging quickly.

If you had asked me whether or not we'd be successful procuring a new radar system for our Eagles all those years ago, I would have bet against us. It's not that I'm pessimistic (though I am), it's that the Air Guard had never led the way and purchased such a complicated system before; it takes years of time and plenty of money to get something from the drawing board, through development, into

testing and then into production. All the while, the program has to survive countless reviews and trials to prove itself worthy; at any moment, events could conspire to scuttle even such a deserving program as the F-15 AESA radar. The radar is so reliable it will pay for itself over its life-cycle through maintenance savings alone.

Thankfully, we had top-notch military personnel dedicated to the task, such as Col. "Canon" Kriesel, then the acquisition requirements officer, primarily for the F-15. Of course, much of the "heavy lifting" was provided by Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida. Burnett assembled a coalition of political leaders who steadfastly supported the new radar, understood the significance of having capable aircraft guarding the country, and funded the program over its years of development.

In early April 2010, I would have lost the bet I mentioned above, when Maj. David "Tractor" Shachter entered the history books as the first operational pilot to fly the APG-63(v)3 radar. Everything worked as advertised. The plane has been flying for weeks now, and has yet to have a radar malfunction.

Flying an AESA is a different experience. The older, mechanically-

scanned radars have to be monitored constantly to ensure its small field of view stays pointed toward the target. The new radar can survey a much larger volume; you point it in the general direction of the bad guys, and it tells you what's there. Lt. Col. Richard "Dante" Dill got to experience that on his first v3 sortie. He took off and started flying toward the fight airspace, and noticed scores of targets being sent out on the Fighter Datalink system, a radio relay that allows surveillance platforms to send targets to fighter aircraft. His first thought was, "We're not working with a command and control aircraft today; I wonder who's finding all those targets?" He quickly realized it was him, or the v3, more specifically.

At the April 12 ceremony, several key figures in the F-15 AESA program were finally recognized for their years of hard work. Because of improvement programs like the AESA, the F-15 is ready to defend the homeland, or travel the globe where needed to achieve air superiority, just as they've done for decades. A final note to the bad guys: You can run... but if you try to fly, we're going to hunt you down and kill you.

Order from chaos: 601AOC supports Haiti relief

By Lt. Col. Stephen Davidson
601AOC Regional Air Movement Control Center

On Jan. 12 at 4:53 p.m., the most destructive earthquake ever recorded on the small island nation of Haiti occurred and brought widespread devastation to more than three quarters of a million people.

Port-au-Prince's main seaport was destroyed and most roads were impassible, leaving airlift into Toussaint Louverture International Airport as the only lifeline for relief to the Haitian people.

With the control tower destroyed and airlift arriving from every corner of the world, the volume of air traffic arriving into the airport instantly exceeded its normal average of 25 flights per day, and became unmanageable. The lack of organization resulted in desperately needed medical supplies, water, and food being diverted because of congestion at the airport.

At the request of the Government of Haiti, the 23rd Special Tactics

Squadron from Hurlburt Field, Fla., arrived within 24 hours of the quake, bringing some order to airfield arrivals. An average of 50 aircraft per day was being accommodated, but excessive holding times, frequent diverts and poor airflow management still caused significant delays for relief to reach the Haitian people.

Enter the 601st Air and Space Operations Center's Regional Air Movement Control Center, manned by the 101st Air Operations Group of the Florida Air National Guard, which became ground zero for the management of airflow into Haiti for relief operations. This small team established a provisional coalition organization re-designated as the Haiti Flight Operations Coordination Center (HFOCC) and was credited with streamlining a worldwide multi-national airlift operation that rivaled the Berlin Airlift.

Recognizing an airflow

management system vacuum and because operations were on a global scale, the organization evolved into a provisional multi-national organization. Within three days of the disaster, the Haitian Government signed an agreement with the U.S., allowing the HFOCC to control airflow into Port-au-Prince through a slot coordination program.

Despite the expertise being poured into the mix, the challenges were many. United States Northern Command's Regional Air Movement Control Center concept was designed for a domestic contingency, not one to be employed at a sovereign nation's busiest airfield.

Coordination went beyond the normal Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Homeland Defense agencies to include the United Nations World Food Programme, U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of State, the Haitian Government and countless other nations, just to name a few.

During the first three days, slot requests exceeded 1,000 and aircraft arrival rates jumped to 130-175 per day. Nearly 3,400 people were evacuated including 2,997 American citizens, and 2,452 short tons of cargo along with medical personnel, supplies, food, water, and other essential items were delivered.

Unexpected challenges constantly threatened to derail this well-oiled machine. Aircraft were continuously arriving unannounced without slots. Others would spend longer than allocated time on the ramp, impacting inbound aircraft. Some aircraft broke for extended

periods of time, occupying valuable ramp space already designated for scheduled arrivals.

Priority deployments had to be accommodated. To stabilize growing unrest and to protect aid workers in the first 72 hours of the operation, the 82nd Airborne Division required a massive rapid deployment into Haiti. Numerous flights required insertion into an already jammed schedule while minimizing impact on international and civilian missions.

Despite these obstacles, the HFOCC's critical ramp coordination with JTF-Port Opening resulted in only two

aircraft with slots diverting in the first 72 hours. Given that aircraft were arriving in a conveyor belt like-fashion every five minutes, it was an incredible feat by any standard.

The HFOCC's ability to smoothly coordinate slot times and airlift would not have been possible were it not for the herculean efforts of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron and the JTF-PO. These professionals turned airplanes with unbelievable speed while operating on 18-hour shifts and interrupted sleep in extremely austere conditions.

On Feb. 22, the 601RAMCC and the 101AOG turned over the

HFOCC operation to the 612AOC at AFSOUTH. From Jan. 13 - Feb. 22, more than 4,500 slot requests were processed with thousands of missions flown, delivering 15,392 short tons of cargo, relocating 27,131 passengers, and evacuating more than 20,000 American citizens.

It was an incredible opportunity for Florida Guardsmen to take the experiences learned from hurricane responses and use the same processes to support another command on the international stage.

RC-26 crew responds to Haiti relief mission

By Capt. Katrina Hightower
125FW RC-26B Operations

On Jan. 12, 2010, a 7.7 magnitude devastated the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Among the first assets called for assistance was the Air National Guard's RC-26B.

Crews from several states banded together for the short-notice tasking from U.S. Southern Command. The aircraft was tasked to provide imagery and video downlink to assist in the initial relief efforts. Daily missions included locating helicopter landing zones, areas of civil unrest and potential locations to build tent cities, and providing security over-watch for the convoys.

Captain Bryan Dues, 125th Fighter Wing RC-26B Mission Systems Operator, was the first to deploy to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. The crews were required to stage in the Dominican Republic due to the limited aircraft parking constraints and fuel shortage in Haiti.

Dues and his crew landed the first RC-26B in the Dominican Republic on Jan. 22 and were flying missions two days later. Average flights lasted five hours offering four hours of surveillance time.

"I felt like we made a huge difference in the relief efforts. From the air, we have such a commanding view that can really speed the process up of such a tremendous challenge," said Dues.

Lt. Col. Mike Prinzi and Lt. Col. Damon Boehmer rotated in to replace crews Feb. 7. After the initial wave of missions, "efforts transitioned to tent accountability and relief site monitoring," said

Boehmer. "You could see the growth of the tent cities and visibly see the improvements, which makes our mission immediately gratifying to us."

The 125th Fighter Wing's RC-26B crews have consistently been among the first called for national disasters and relief efforts. While the RC-26B has a critical OCONUS mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, crews simultaneously support numerous stateside for homeland defense crises and are proud to do so.



Photo by Mr. Paul Bellavance, LSI, 147RW, Houston, Texas
Lt. Col. Damon Boehmer, Lt. Col. Mike Prinzi and Capt. Bryan Dues pose in front of an RC-26B in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, during their deployment there supporting Haiti relief missions.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Justin Stumberg

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Jan. 17, 2010) Airplanes wait for off-load to support in earthquake relief efforts at the Port-au-Prince International Airport. Port-au-Prince was hit by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010.

FANG Flag gives 125th members opportunity to bond and excel

Story by Staff Sgt. William Buchanan / Photos by Master Sgt. Shelley Gill
125FW Public Affairs

The first things Airmen were told when they arrived at the Savannah, Ga. Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) was what movie was playing that night and what times the bus would be traveling to downtown Savannah. This may not seem like a mission-oriented deployment, but to the modern “weekend warriors,” it sounded like priorities were set.

The 125th Fighter Wing was the first customer on the brand new ramp of the Savannah CRTC in March; the first time the Wing has deployed there since 1997. This was an opportunity for the full time force and the Drill Status Guardsman to train together for more than the usual weekend Unit Training Assembly.

Officially, the primary objective was the deployment of Large Force Employment missions (LFEs); an opportunity home base can't afford on a day-to-day basis due to the immense complexity, said Maj. Eggar Van Wieren, the project officer for the deployment.

Dogfighting missions send multiple aircraft up on two opposing sides: friendly and enemy. LFEs are missions where more than four fighters operate on the friendly side at one time. To gather the number of jets and pilots required for these missions, Van Wieren sought other units to train with and married up with the 71st Fighter

Squadron, an active duty squadron from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Starting March 8 and with weather permitting, two missions per day took off from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Teams of eight F-15s met in a piece of the sky over the Atlantic Ocean where real-world missions were laid into the training area making the simulations more authentic.

“This is as close to real-time missions as possible,” Van Wieren said. “This is the absolute top of our training plan.”

The training area was once isolated to 500 square miles of airspace off the coast of Georgia measurable by antennae mounted in the water. Pilots could be tracked only when they flew in the rectangle created by communicating antennae signals. The development of satellites and the Air Combat Training System (ACTS) modernized the training and turned 500 square miles into 500,000 square miles of usable airspace. Savannah CRTC is one of only four bases in the Air National Guard with an ACTS.

All the F-15s are equipped with an Air Combat Training Systems pod. These pods send information back to the ACTS on the ground and create a near real-time visual display updating every 10-20 microseconds. That's more than 200 times faster than frames on a movie reel. Experienced pilots called Range Training Officers (RTOs) watch a “God's eye view” of the dogfight from the ground and referee the action. Pilots use radio to call out shots fired and the RTOs communicate back calling a shot either “trash” for a miss or “dead” for a hit.

The two basic missions conducted at the CRTC were defensive counter air and offensive counter air. During defensive counter air missions, pilots simply protect an area. During offensive counter air missions, pilots simulate escorting a package of bombers into enemy territory. The mission of the F-15 is to clear the air so the bombers can get in without being attacked. Post-mission, pilots were debriefed using the same computer-generated visuals produced by the ACTS, an opportunity not available at home base.



Lt. Col. Pamela Blunt, 125th Medical Group, gives a thumbs up during her incentive flight March 12, 2010, flown during the 125th Fighter Wing's deployment to the Savannah, Ga. CRTC March 6-20, 2010.

“This really is about as close as it gets for them to flying in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said CRTC First Sergeant Master Sgt. Bucky Burnsed.

Along with the fighter jets, each day two incentive fliers rode shotgun in the D model F-15. This privilege is given to individuals that have shown excellence both on and off duty and who were selected by their supervisors. During incentive flights, pilots show people what the aircraft is capable of through climbs, banks, rolls and even simulated dog-fighting. If given the chance, Maj. Jared “Chowda” Conaboy from the 131st Fighter Squadron at Barnes Air Force Base recommends three things: a quick climb (shooting straight up), going supersonic (breaking sound barrier) and pulling eight Gs (eight times the force of gravity).

“It's important to us to take care of the people,” said Chief Master Sgt. Rob Swann, Maintenance Operations Flight superintendent.

Taking care of the people turned out to be the real mission of the 125FW. With Van Wieren coordinating the mission aspects, Command Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Ervin and a team of First Sergeants synergized to provide the hundreds of supporting Airmen required for the deployment with extra-curricular activities.

Even before the smell of jet fuel hit the air, Ervin had 2012 in the DVD player and Rock Band set up on the XBOX 360. Incomers were briefed on security measures prohibiting personal Internet use on the base.

With this in mind, leadership provided the entertainment creating game and movie nights complete with pizza and, providing individuals met the age requirement, ice cold domestic bottles until supplies ran out.

The biggest hit on the Savannah scene, however, was the transportation downtown. Throughout the trip, vehicle operations drove busloads of Airmen to and from River Street, the heart of the nightlife. The bus made runs every two hours, and in preparation for the most popular evenings, such as Saint Patrick's Day, Ervin and the First Sergeants worked out longer hours with the last ride coming home after 2 a.m.

Along with being the first customers on Savannah CRTC's updated ramp, the Airmen of

the 125FW were the first to sleep on the captain's beds in the brand new dormitory, building 305. Three floors, two twin beds and one tiny parking lot afforded every Airman a place to rest after a day of duty. Resting was often traded in for some quality time by the barbecue pit behind 305.

“305's backyard barbecues are where you save the world,” said Master Sgt. Emmett Dzioba, 125FW avionics non-commissioned officer in charge.

Troops who work on the same base and never met collected around coolers and camping chairs to talk about life and the world's problems, such as the economic situation and the conflict in the Middle East. When the dialogue wasn't so heavy, horseshoes and dartboards also proved to be good bonding exercises.

Swann said that what makes this a great trip is that the entire base deployed together. Typically, a deployment exercise involves one Commander, one Chief and one First Sergeant. Having teams of leadership from the 125FW allows sharing of workload from the very top down to the individual shops. He said having the whole base working together creates unit cohesiveness and builds morale.

“Back home, we have other priorities,” Swann said. “Here, we get to spend time with each other.”

Whether on the new concrete of the aircraft ramp or the cobblestone streets of downtown Savannah, it's easy to see the success of the mission in the bonds made between the Airmen of the 125FW.



125th Communications Flight members attend a training class March 10 on Cyberspace Infrastructure Planning System (CIPS) during a Wing deployment to the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Savannah, Ga. The 125FW's deployment to the CRTC was an opportunity for Wing members to build camaraderie on and off duty.

Operation Integration

By Maj. Teri Travis
Florida CERF-P OIC

CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER (March 26-27, 2010) - Hundreds of first responders from more than a dozen federal, state and local agencies took part in an emergency response exercise for two days here in March, training to integrate their assets and skills before an actual disaster strikes the state.

Nearly 500 people, including Soldiers and Airmen from the Florida National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force



125th Medical Group personnel perform a "hot load" during the Operation Integration exercise conducted March 26-27 at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Florida. Photo courtesy of Florida CERF-P.

Package (CERF-P) team, took part in "Operation Integration" at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Florida. The exercise simulated the aftermath of a large-scale disaster – similar in magnitude to a 9-11 or Hurricane Katrina event – and challenged the participating agencies to work together in recovery efforts. Participants included the U.S. Marine Corps Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF), Indiana FEMA Task Force 1, Florida State Urban Search and Rescue Teams, Florida State Medical Response Team 3, and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

The Operation Integration scenario simulated multiple improvised explosive attacks on two different areas of a large metropolitan city, and required a collective response from all the participating agencies. The response included everything from technical search-and-extraction,

to mass decontamination and medical triage of civilians.

Formed in 2004, the Florida National Guard CERF-P team is manned, equipped, and trained to provide a rapid, deployable emergency response capability with command/control, search and extraction, mass decontamination, and medical triage specialties.

Currently, the team includes Soldiers from the 50th Area Support Group and Airmen from the 125th Fighter Wing, 125th Civil Engineer Squadron, 125th Maintenance Squadron, the 202nd RED HORSE Squadron, and a large contingent from the 125th Medical Group.

During this large-scale training event, medical personnel provided emergency medical treatment to live role players who experienced simulated injuries from explosive blast and crush injuries, chemical and radiation exposure, and stress-related scenarios.

The medical section worked in tandem with decontamination and casualty extraction teams to provide emergency medical triage, treatment, and stabilization of casualties prior to evacuation. Additionally, 125th Medical Group personnel were trained to perform "hot loads" (patient

loading/unloading) onto an HH-60M Black hawk helicopter with its motors/rotors running. This medical evacuation training was supported by Soldiers of C Company, 1-111th Aviation Battalion, Florida Army National Guard.

"The importance of Operation Integration... is to ensure that we get used to training and working with responders from different agencies in keeping with the National Response Framework," explained Capt. Gene Redding, Florida CERF-P Plans/Operations Officer. "In a real world incident this is really going to help us out," he said. "The saying in the response community goes: 'You don't want to trade business cards on the scene of a real-world incident.' So if we're familiar with how each agency works, if we can put faces with names (and) establish those relationships, it's only going to make our response effort that much more efficient."

114ROPS Guardsmen key to launch success

By Tech. Sgt. R. Brian Mongold and Tech. Sgt. Mark Farmer
114ROPS UPARS

A series of three high visibility launches took place in the months of March and April from Cape Canaveral, AFS., Fla.

114th Range Operations Squadron (114ROPS) Guardsmen were key players in the Delta IV Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite P (GOES-P), STS-131 and X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle launch missions. The certified and combat mission ready Airmen demonstrated an array of technical and operational capabilities.

On March 4, 2010, 114ROPS members supported the Delta IV Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite P (GOES-P) launch. The GOES-P weather satellite is the third launch of its kind, following the N and O into orbit.

Florida Guardsmen were vital to the success of the launch. A team of 114ROPS Airmen manned the Surveillance Room, housed within the 45th Space Wing Morrell Operations Center (MOC). They were vital in ensuring Range Safety preventing aircraft from entering the restricted airspace corridor while working in concert with the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies patrolling and securing the sea-based Launch Hazard Area (LHA).

While a team of 114ROPS Guard members were providing launch safety, other 114th personnel including Master Sgt. Ruth Vasco, Staff Sgt. Penny Pippen, Tech. Sgt. Kristin "K2" Kobilis, Tech. Sgt. Chad Guillet, Tech. Sgt. Dan Flores and Maj. Matthew Giles manned the Ballistic Missile Range Safety Technology (BMRST) at Patrick AFB, Fla. The team flawlessly shadowed the launch, which proved to be the final task necessary to obtain Eastern Range acceptance by HQ AFSPC.

Just one month later on April 5, 2010, 114ROPS members were back on the scene for the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

Commander Alan Poindexter and pilot James P. Dutton Jr. lifted off launch pad 39A from Kennedy Space Center. Discovery's mission was to deliver a Multi-Purpose Logistics Module (MPLM) filled with science racks that were transferred to multiple laboratories within the International Space Station as well as a Lightweight Multi-Purpose Experiment Support Structure Carrier (LMC).

114ROPS personnel, consisting of Lt. Col. Julia

Black, Maj. Kyle Beatty, Maj. Todd Smith, Master Sgt. Richard DaSilva, Master Sgt. Daniel Alonso and Master Sgt. Gregory Jones, once again led the way on the Range Safety team inside the Surveillance Room at Cape Canaveral AFS. While part of the team concentrated on sea surveillance and airspace intrusion surveillance, the rest of the crew focused on overall Range safety GO, NO-GO status for the launch during Discovery's ten-minute launch window.

With such a short window to launch, to avoid space junk and achieve the correct orbit, 114ROPS personnel understood there was no room for error.

During the mission, the 114ROPS crew members were visited by FLANG Commander, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus and his wife Lisa who were accompanied by the 114ROPS Commander, Lt. Col. Todd Oller. This provided a great opportunity for the Guard crew members to demonstrate their responsibilities to Brig. Gen. Balskus during an STS launch operation on the Eastern Range.

This was the third to last launch for the soon to be retired Space Transportation System (STS) fleet. The mission was a complete success as the payload and crew of STS-131 were delivered to the International Space Station with no major problems.

Florida Guardsmen supported a third launch just a few weeks later for the closely guarded, tight lipped X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle. The vehicle was launched April 22, 2010 from Cape Canaveral AFS, Launch Complex 41 aboard ULA's Atlas V Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV).

As with each of the previously launches, the 114ROPS Guard members led the way.

This particular mission was especially significant for one 114ROPS crew member, proudly representing the unit, the Florida Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force. Master Sgt. Gregory Jones achieved his 100th space launch mission, a feat unheard of in this area of space operations.

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Gregory Jones on this major milestone!

202nd & 203rd REDHORSE Pulling together for 'mission success'

Story and photos courtesy Team REDHORSE

After recording zero "does not comply" during our last Unit Compliance Inspection in August 2009, the 202 / 203 RED HORSE Squadrons joined efforts, shifted gears and focused our attention to be prepared and ready for a joint Organizational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

The ORI involved three main parts. Phase I requirements included demonstrating initial response and the ability to deploy. Next was Transition Day; in our case we simulated departing from Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, to a Forward Operating Base (FOB). And finally Phase II covered a simulated war fought over two days where we demonstrate our employment, mission support and the ability to survive and operate skills in a chemical environment.

Phase I was executed CONUS while Transition and Phase II was executed OCONUS, in Afghanistan.

The FOB was named "Camp Big Joe" after Tech.



Sgt. Joseph Lattanzio, one of our most active and dedicated Airmen scheduled to participate in the ORI who passed away in January shortly after our third Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE).

Camp Big Joe was designed and constructed over the past eight months and demanded countless hours of planning and labor from both the full time and the drill status Guardsmen from all sections. This is where we fought the war and came away with satisfactory results.

The inspection results reflect the units' high level of competency and the intense effort of all unit members. The combined 202/203 REDHORSE Squadrons displayed the preparation required to respond to a short notice deployment request in support of an overseas operations, and demonstrated the ability to construct infrastructure platforms anywhere in the world.

The REDHORSE once again showed what it takes to combine two units, separated by 700 miles, and perform at the highest level. Four OREs, (May and October 2009, January 2010 and the last one executed the week prior to the ORI) and several trips back and forth from Florida to Virginia, were conducted to make sure the Inspector General team had the opportunity to see the best the REDHORSE has to offer.

During this preparation period, both units supported construction efforts in New Mexico, Grenada, and Hungary while also supporting Northern Command taskings. These tireless efforts of the combined 202/203 REDHORSE Squadron members speaks to the proud citizen Soldier heritage of the National Guard.

The results of the Operational Readiness Inspection were, across the board in all four major grading categories, Satisfactory.

There is no doubt that the HORSE can perform the mission. Once again our Horsemen displayed the kind of dedication to excellence that has made the Air National Guard what it is today and what will take it into the future as a premiere organization.



The REDHORSE combined warrior and engineer skills to successfully pass the April 2010 ORI at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Fla.





A Leader's Legacy

**Major Gen. Douglas Burnett
The Adjutant General of Florida**

*By Master Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa
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It's been a long, fast flight for Douglas Burnett. His career took off on a sunny morning nearly 50 years ago when he was a young Airman climbing into the cockpit of an F-102 fighter jet to repair a pilot's radio.

In what felt like just a few heartbeats to the Florida Guardsman and aspiring jet pilot, his career sped by like a supersonic fighter.

Now the 65-year-old major general and current Adjutant General of Florida knows his 47 years of military service are nearly over. In June Maj. Gen. Burnett will retire from the Florida National Guard, but he clearly remembers that day he first sat in a fighter jet and decided to make a lifetime commitment to the National Guard.

"It seems like yesterday," the general said during a recent interview at his home in St. Augustine. "I came back from tech school as an electronics specialist and I went out onto the flight line to repair a radio. I had to get into the cockpit to make sure it worked, and there was something about it that was bigger than anything I had seen in my life. Just sitting in that airplane...that was just a really big deal."

That moment in 1963 jumpstarted the young Burnett's career as an Air Force officer and fighter pilot, and when that career ends in June after 47 years, four months, and 12 days, it will set a record making him the longest serving Air Force officer.

**Each generation of Guardsmen
has a leader...**

A career takes off

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Burnett grew up interested in electronics and developed a strong respect for the military that led him to enlist in the Florida Air National Guard. Shortly after high school, he attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and then the U.S. Air Force Electronics School at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. For the next six years he served at the 125th Fighter Group in Jacksonville as an aircraft radio repairman.

"Being around folks in the Air Guard was just a joy to me," he recollected. "I was into drag racing at the time -- the guys that had the best looking cars and the fastest cars were in the Air Guard as well."

With his sights set on being a fighter pilot and an officer, he earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and received a direct commission in 1969. After fighter pilot training he was no longer just dreaming of flying the F-102 Delta Dagger, but was actually a full-time alert pilot and, later, a commercial pilot for Pan American World Airways and United Airlines.

After holding several key positions in the 125th Fighter Wing, and a five-tour assignment as Assistant Adjutant General-Air and Commander of the Florida Air Guard, Burnett was selected as the Adjutant General of Florida in late 2001.

Engaged leadership

For the first time in the history of the Florida National Guard, an Air Guard officer had been chosen to lead the more than 12,000 Soldiers and Airmen in the state. This broke the tradition of only Army general officers serving as The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida.

"I had spent many years in the Florida Air National Guard and I knew my service -- the 'blue suit' side -- pretty well," the general explained. "As the new TAG, I knew I had to get knee-deep into Soldier things -- right down to the equipment our Soldiers used -- everything."

Burnett admitted he had a learning curve to familiarize himself with every aspect of the Army National Guard; he studied everything from basic Infantry tactics to even learning the proper usage of the word "Hoah."

"I learned the Army language," he said. "It's almost like being bilingual...you come to appreciate the Army's culture, which is the rugged business of 'fieldcraft.'"

Throughout the next nine years Maj. Gen. Burnett would be seen jumping into a foxhole next to a young private to test a .50-calibre machine gun, looking under the hood of a mud-speckled Humvee,

and even donning a Kevlar helmet to watch engineers rig explosives. Soldiers throughout the state would stare wide-eyed as the two-star general approached them, asked about their jobs or families, and discussed the similarities between the Army and the Air Force.

"There are a lot of similarities," Burnett said. "That crew chief on the flight line is just as committed to working in tough conditions as that Army Infantry Soldier who is out there in the foxhole and crawling through the mud."

He admitted that some people might call his leadership style

Photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa



The TAG's "engaged" leadership made him a familiar face throughout the Florida National Guard.

"micromanagement," but he calls it "engaged leadership."

"I felt that when you get to know the people and you get to know their mission and you get to know their needs, you can lead them better," he explained. "I really dug in to know the culture, the needs."

Wartime TAG

When he assumed the role of Adjutant General in November 2001, Maj. Gen. Burnett knew he was taking charge during an unprecedented time in the Florida National Guard. The September 11th terrorist attacks were fresh wounds on the American psyche, and no one could exactly predict how that would affect those serving in uniform. During the next nine years the "Global War on Terrorism" would draw the talents of more than 11,000 Florida Army National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to locations and combat zones around the world.

"Not only were we engaged in combat operations in two wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and other places in harm's way, but we responded to 14 hurricanes, five firefighting seasons, major tornadoes, and we've done it all at the same time," the general noted.

"And while we were doing this we also sent Florida Guardsmen to the U.S.-Mexico border security mission called 'Operation Jump Start.'"

Burnett said this showed the Department of Defense, the Departments of the Army and Air Force, and the National Guard Bureau, that "Florida can fight major wars, respond to natural disasters and still perform domestic security operations at the same time. The nation has a right to expect us to step up in all three venues."

But as the Florida National Guard moved into the uncharted territory of a 21st Century battlefield, the general met the challenges and pressures of being a "wartime TAG."

"I can think of many occasions that kept me up at night," Burnett admitted. "The rapid deployment of the 53rd Brigade to Iraq in 2002 was one of the roughest periods, because we literally called Soldiers the day after Christmas and in five-or-six days we were moving them to Fort Stewart."

He said the biggest question he kept asking himself was whether the more than 1,500 Florida National Guard Soldiers were trained enough for combat operations against Saddam Hussein's forces.

"I was concerned if we had the right weapons," he explained. "For example, body armor: we did not start with the Interceptor body armor that the Active Duty had. And we didn't know if we were going to have it until right before we went through that berm between Jordan and Iraq. I was very concerned we weren't going to have it."

Thanks to support by congressional leaders, National Guard Soldiers and Airmen throughout Florida were equipped and ready, Burnett noted.

"Our congressional delegation has been magnificent in our support of the Florida National Guard, particularly in the funding of new equipment," he said. "The Constitution says that the Congress will equip the Guard, and they've done that. Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young has been an absolute hero in leading the charge for the modernization of equipment and facilities for the Florida National Guard. Our senators and the rest of the delegation have been superb as well."

Later in 2003 uncertainty about the redeployment dates of the Florida Infantry units serving in Iraq brought a storm of media coverage and outcry from concerned family members. The general's answer was to address the concerns of the families and the public directly during a series of unprecedented and personal "town hall meetings."

"Initially our Soldiers believed they would only be gone for six months," Maj. Gen. Burnett recollected. "As it became obvious they would spend a year of 'boots on the ground,' our families were frightened and they were frustrated. I felt the only way to get the message to them was to do it personally."

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Judy Burnett



After pilot training, a young Burnett served as an alert pilot for the 125FW.



Throughout his career Burnett embodied excellence

In a little over a week he participated in ten meetings from South Florida to the Panhandle, meeting with family groups and letting them know why the Soldiers would continue to serve in the combat zone.

“It was a pick-up game at that point; things were changing daily,” he said. “I was working on behalf of the governor to carry facts to these families. And it was a very difficult mission because the senior leaders in Iraq were telling Guardsmen that they were going to be going home at the six-month point. And the information I was getting from the Pentagon was that we were going to be there for a year. I had to go out and deliver that news, and it was very difficult to look these families in the eyes and tell them their Soldiers would be gone another six months.”

‘Not your grandfather’s National Guard’

The extensive deployments for the Soldiers and Airmen of the Florida National Guard after 2001 demanded a commitment to a tenet that the Adjutant General addressed throughout his career: Readiness.

“Readiness and high states of readiness are confidence builders,” he explained. “These successes ensure (Department of Defense)

support and Congressional funding. You just can’t operate a National Guard with anything less than the highest standards.”

Burnett’s mantra of the Guard moving from “a force in reserve to a force in being” was echoed throughout the Florida National Guard during his tenure and evidenced each time an Army or Air unit left for deployment. He said Active Duty counterparts and Florida citizens deserved to know how ready and reliable the Florida National Guard actually was, especially during high-profile missions like Operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, or Enduring Freedom.

“I think we’ve been able to transcend a lot of concerns about Guard readiness in the past, because over seven years of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq they have found the Guard highly capable,” he said.

The general pointed to high ratings by the Florida Air National Guard on Operational Readiness Inspections, and by the Florida Army National Guard on Command Logistics Review inspections, as proof of this.

“That’s the way to send the signal that we ‘get it,’” he said. “This is not your grandfather’s National Guard.

“I really hope the commitment to excellence that I’ve tried to instill, has become a mindset in our Soldiers and Airmen,” Burnett added. “If you don’t want to be part of the best National Guard state in America, you probably don’t want to serve here. And I can assure you that almost all of our people feel that way. We have fighter pilots wanting to join the 125th Fighter Wing because of its high standards of excellence. We have young people that stay with us on the Army side because they want to be on a winning team. And we are a winning team.”

Legacy of people

When he entered the military during the heyday of the Cold War, Airman Burnett was working with equipment and aircraft that now can probably only be seen in military museums. Almost half a century later the Guard’s equipment has changed, but the high level of commitment and service found in its people has remained.

According to the Adjutant General, he believes his own commitment to those members of the Florida National Guard’s enlisted and officer corps will serve as his lasting legacy.

“I would hope that my biggest legacy is that I was a leader who was engaged in the full spectrum of our missions, but was mostly concerned about people,” he said. “Because, it is the people that make the National Guard what it is. We’ve always done the missions even though we haven’t always had the best equipment. We’ve got good equipment now, but it’s the same great people we’ve always had.”

Burnett lauded the non-commissioned officers (NCOs) he has served with during his long career, noting that while their professionalism has remained high, they have become increasingly “technically and professionally proficient” over the years.

“I still hold in awe the NCOs that led us during the 60s, the 70s, and the 80s; they were absolutely astounding,” he explained. “We’ve always had strong NCOs, but they’ve stepped up, they’re taking on more responsibility earlier, they’re exerting strong leadership skills earlier.”

He noted that as a senior leader he always tried to focus his own energy on meeting the needs of the junior enlisted and junior officers.

“I’ve been concerned with making sure our leaders understand how important it is to reach out to every individual Guardsman so that they know how important we think they are,” he said. “And they are very important to us.”

The general and his wife Judy were also ever-present supporters of the Guard’s expanding Family Readiness initiatives; whether it was at a unit deployment or a welcome-home ceremony, the Burnetts could be found meeting with Soldiers, Airmen, and their Families.

“I’ve been honored to serve alongside some unbelievable people, both Army and Air,” he said. “I’ve tried to shift our focus from simply taking care of Soldiers and Airmen to actually meeting our servicemembers’ expectations. Let me tell you, there’s a big difference between taking care of Guard members and meeting their expectations. You have to think a little more and you certainly have to work a lot harder.”

Final approach

Each generation of Guardsmen has a leader that represents its period of service, and those Florida Soldiers and Airmen who served during the first decade of the 21st Century will see Burnett as this generation’s leader. After Maj. Gen. Burnett hangs up his uniform for the final time in June, he will stand among those leaders who helped carry on a tradition of military service in Florida that stretches back to 1565.

“I’m going to miss the people,” Burnett said. “That is what this business is all about; being around Guard men and women has been my life.”

He said he won’t miss the status or the rank that went with being the Adjutant General, but rather will miss wearing his military uniform and interacting with his fellow Guard members.

“I’ll miss wearing the uniform because it identifies you with people who have a similar commitment to something bigger than yourself,” he added. “For me the National Guard has been my passion. I loved to fly, but being able to make a difference and make the lives of our people better is a passion that has consumed me. That is what I’ll miss.”

As his 47-year-long sortie comes to an end, and he pushes back the cockpit canopy of an historic career one last time, Douglas Burnett will know the flight lasted just a few seconds – nearly 1.5 billion seconds.

And the Florida National Guard is grateful for every second he has given to our state and nation. Well done, sir... well done!



Major Gen. Burnett (right) engaged with other senior leaders during his tenure as TAG including CNGB, Gen. Craig McKinley

New F-15 radar debuts at the 125th Fighter Wing

By Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 13, 2010) – The Air National Guard unveiled an upgrade to the radar system for its F-15C Eagle fighter aircraft during a ceremony at Florida's 125th Fighter Wing, April 12, giving the jets greater capabilities while reducing maintenance costs.

The new Raytheon radar system — the APG-63(v)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) — replaces the older mechanically controlled devices currently in the aircraft.

"The AESA radar marks another milestone in the journey of success for the 125th Fighter Wing," said Adjutant General of Florida Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett, who helped unveil the radar during the ceremony. "It is without question the most technologically advanced radar in the entire world for airborne fighters. Certainly we owe a debt of gratitude to Boeing and Raytheon for

the incredible work they've done in bringing this system online and now getting it installed in the Jacksonville Air National Guard unit."

Congressman Ander Crenshaw, Assistant Adjutant General for the Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, and representatives from Boeing and Raytheon assisted in the unveiling.

"When the F-15 was first designed and made, the radar in it was world class, the best at the time, but it's 1970s technology," said Air Force Maj. Dave Slaydon, chief of F-15 requirements for the Air National Guard. "It's a mechanically scanned array, meaning it's a radar dish like you would see in the movies and it has hydraulics that move it back and forth to point around the sky to find the bad guys."

The new radar system does away with the hydraulics system completely.



Photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa

Congressman Ander Crenshaw (center) helps unveil the new APG-63(v)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar during a rollout ceremony at the 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville, Fla., April 12, 2010. Flanked by Air National Guard leaders - including the Adjutant General of Florida, Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett (second from left) - and representatives from Boeing and Raytheon, the congressman helped introduce the upgrade for the Air National Guard's F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft.

"With this new technology it is a flat panel with a bunch of little panels on it and you can electronically steer the radar beam around," said Slaydon.

A radar controlled electronically, rather than mechanically, has a number of benefits, including less maintenance on the equipment.

"Since there are no moving parts to it, it hardly ever breaks," said Slaydon. "There aren't any hydraulics or mechanical parts banging around. That gives it a really, really high reliability rate which is good for us as it means the jet is (available) more often to fly as there are less maintenance actions required on it."

But, said Slaydon, the big plus is the improved capabilities of the radar unit.

"The performance part is where we really make the money," said Slaydon. "With that technology of the radar being electronically controlled, the beam can be pointed all around the sky in fractions of a second."

That translates to a greater situational awareness, said Slaydon.

"What that allows you to do is to track multiple targets and be able to engage multiple targets," he said. "It also gives you a greater detection range, so you can find the bad guys at a further range and it has increased identification capabilities as well where the radar can scan the radar signature and tell if it's a Boeing 747 or is it a fighter-type of jet."

Development of the improved F-15 radar system has been ongoing for about the past five years, said Slaydon, adding that it has been an Air National

Guard-led program from the beginning.

"We have partnered with the active duty Air Force, and they have taken a huge role in the program," he said. "But it was conceived by, developed by and we're fielding it first in the Air National Guard so that's a big feather in our cap."

The radar will be fielded by the 125th Fighter Wing, based in Jacksonville, Fla., said Slaydon. Units in the Oregon and Louisiana Air National Guard will be the next to get the radar sets.

Fielding in Florida and Oregon is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010, and Louisiana is scheduled to receive the upgrades in the early part of 2011.

"We're spreading out the initial beddown to put the capability where it's needed geographically," Slaydon said. "After that initial issue, we'll then go in a fill in with a few more as needed."

He added that future sites may include Massachusetts and Montana.

Although the new radar units are specifically for the F-15, the technology translates to other fighter platforms as well, said Slaydon, adding that it has been incorporated into the F-22 Raptor.

The fielding of the equipment speaks to the capabilities of the Air Guard. "It just shows that the Air National Guard is committed to air dominance," said Slaydon. "That applies to both our homeland defense mission as well as our worldwide capabilities that we bring air dominance to the combatant commanders worldwide. That includes modernizing our jets to bring the capabilities to what the mission requires."

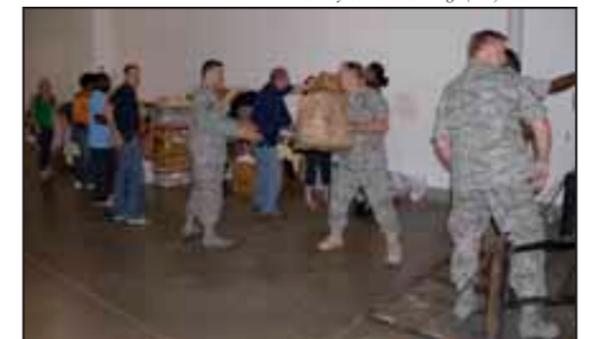
Lending a helping hand Part II

The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Division, held a Homeless Veterans Resource Fair April 16-17, 2010, at the Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Grounds and several members of the 125FW, for the second year in a row, joined a host of other volunteers to help with the event.

125FW members assisted with sorting of donated clothing and other items on Friday and with distribution efforts on Saturday. Harrison Conyers, with Jacksonville's Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Division said about 250 homeless and at-risk Vets were served at the fair.

Staff Sgt. Diego Acevedo, Lt. Col. Earl Bittner, Staff Sgt. Angela Bolo, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Brunson, Airman 1st Class Kelsey Brunson, Master Sgt. Tim Cogan, Mr. Bill Jefferson, Master Sgt. Daneille Jones, Airman 1st Class Jennifer Lopez, Senior Master Sgt. Guido Paternoster and Tech. Sgt. Richard Verne assisted Friday and several members from the 125th Fighter Wing Student Flight volunteered with the distribution efforts on Saturday.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Bob Tanner



125th Fighter Wing members unload and sort clothing and other items during the Veteran's Resource Fair, Friday April 16, 2010 in downtown Jacksonville, Fla.

FLANG flight makes Super Bowl history

By Master Sgt. Thomas Kielbasa
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MIAMI, Fla. (Feb. 8, 2010) - At the biggest sporting event of the year the Florida Air National Guard was the only thing that could make more noise than 75,000 screaming football fans.

Four F-15 Eagle fighter jets from the 125th Fighter Wing roared over Sun Life Stadium at the beginning of Super Bowl XLIV on Sunday, Feb. 7, flying in a perfect formation as singer Carrie Underwood finished her rendition of the National Anthem.

"It was awesome!" said Lt. Col. John "Homer" Black, lead F-15 pilot for the Super Bowl flyover. "It was an honor to even be chosen to do this."

This was the first time an Air National Guard unit performed the prestigious Super Bowl flyover.

Black and his wingmen - Col. Bill "Yogi" Bair, Col. Bob "Squirt" Branyon and Lt. Col. Mike "Speedo" Rouse - took off from their base at the Jacksonville International Airport in North

Florida about an hour before kickoff and flew in a holding pattern above Miami until the beginning of the National Anthem. While keeping in constant radio contact with an Air Guard ground crew at the stadium, the jets blasted through the South Florida twilight high above the pre-game show.

"I was the only one looking forward so I'm the only one who had a pretty good view of what was going on," Black said, describing the approach over the stadium. "The other guys are just basically looking at me...At about a mile and a half out I could recognize Carrie Underwood on the big (screen)."

With afterburners glowing orange in the darkening sky, the jets brought a surge of applause and cheers from the crowd, and even drew a big smile from Carrie Underwood on the center stage.

"We just wanted to make the formation look perfect," said Bair

after the successful flyover.

"Representing the Air National Guard in one of the biggest venues in the world was awesome! As we were coming across the stadium we could hear the people screaming and see the flash bulbs going off. It was something I'll never forget."

After the jets landed safely at nearby Homestead Air Reserve Base, the pilots were brought back to the stadium by helicopter and invited onto the field to watch legendary rock band The Who perform the halftime show. Later in the third quarter the Florida Air National Guard pilots were officially recognized on the field - again drawing applause and cheers from the pumped-up football fans.

The Air Guardsmen were again present on the field after the game as Super Bowl winners the New Orleans Saints received the Vince Lombardi trophy amidst showers of confetti and shouts of "Who Dat!!" from jubilant Saints' fans. Following several photo-

ops with players and cheerleaders, the Airmen left the stadium to a peppering of cheers and applause from lingering fans.

"I've had a pretty incredible 20 years between the Florida Air National Guard and my time in the active duty Air Force," Black said, "And to have this happen to me toward the twilight of my career is something that I'll carry with me forever."



By Tech. Sgt. Shelley Gill
Four F-15 Eagles piloted by 125th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Bob "Squirt" Branyon, 125th Fighter Wing Chief of Stan-Eval. Lt. Col. John "Homer" Black, 125th Fighter Wing Operations Group Commander, Col. Bill "Yogi" Bair, and 159th Fighter Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Mike "Speedo" Rouse, fly an historic flight over Sun Life Stadium for Super Bowl XLIV, Feb. 7, 2010. The 125th Fighter Wing's participation marked the first Air National Guard flyover in the history of the Super Bowl.

STARBASE

Program gets new Chairman of the Board

Story and photo by Ms. Kathy Bellas

Executive Assistant to Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, FLANG, AAG-A, Commander

Late last year Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus set out to find a new Chairman of the Board for the STARBASE Florida program when Col. (Ret.) Frank Kozdras resigned.

"Col. Kozdras has served the program well for more than five years and recommended we find someone in the community to take the program to even higher levels," said Balskus. "Finding someone to fill his shoes, who is so dedicated to the FLANG and STARBASE was mission critical. The obvious choice was Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jim "Shaggy" Agee."

Agee is well acquainted with the FLANG having flown F-16s and F-15s for the USAF and the Florida Air National Guard. Agee also served as commander of the 159th Fighter Squadron. According to Balskus, "Agee's dedicated service to state and nation is not only well documented, it is most impressive. Jim is a consummate professional and an example for others to follow."

Balskus and Kozdras met with Agee at Joint Forces Headquarters Jan. 15 to give him an overview of the program before a tour of the STARBASE facility at the 125th Fighter Wing Feb. 11. Watching the youngsters interact with the staff, Agee was immediately hooked on the program and ready to take over as Chairman of the Board.

"Frank Kozdras and I have worked very hard over the last several years to improve our STARBASE program and we are proud to report it is rated as one of the top programs in the nation. Largely responsible for this success is the current Program Director, Mr. Greg Stritch and his talented crew of teachers," said Balskus.

Agee echoed Balskus' vision for a new STARBASE facility discussed during the tour, citing the cramped, musty trailer where teachers and students pack into one small classroom and an even smaller computer lab. The new facility will be a "showcase for educating youth in aeronautics, math and science and to serve as a showcase for the aviation history of the Florida Air National Guard," said Balskus.

Agee was astounded at the depth of knowledge the students are exposed to in one week. "Children learn an impressive set of skills in a short time helping them see that math and science can be fun. They learn vector analysis

and wind correction, forces of flight and properties of air. Then they apply what they have learned as they build and fly model rockets," said Agee.

One of the immediate challenges that Agee faces is an expansion of the STARBASE facility which will require securing funding. Stritch explained the importance of a new facility, "If we had a larger space and increased funds, we could accommodate up to 2,000 children a year. Our current configuration stretches the limits."

Stritch continued, "The children who come into this program are students with limited English proficiency, homeless students, students with disabilities, neglected students, and delinquent students. After participating in this program which only offers 25 contact hours, students show an average of 44 percent improvement from pre to post test results. That is a remarkable improvement in a short period of time."

"Greg is right," said Agee, "Increased funding and partnerships with private corporations, state and local government and community will help reach more needy, underprivileged children."

"I am excited to be a part of this team and welcome the opportunity to serve in this critical position supporting the STARBASE mission."



Mr. Greg Stritch, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus and new Starbase Florida Chairman of the Board, Jim Agee, pose for a photo Feb. 11 in the proposed location for the new Starbase Florida facilities.

News from HQ

Florida honors Airmen of the Year for 2010

By Staff Sgt. William J. Buchanan
125FW Public Affairs

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. - The Legends Ballroom at the Renaissance Resort Hotel was a sea of stars and stripes on the night of Feb. 26. Airmen rubbed elbows with generals in bowties and the cheesecake came with strawberries and whipped cream. The occasion was more than the usual attention to orders. In a crowd where everyone dressed in blue, five Airmen stood out as the 2010 Airmen of the Year.

Selected were: Airman First Class Michael D'Amico of the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron, as Airman of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Flores of the 114th Range Operations Squadron, as the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Master Sgt. Virginia Boak of the Headquarters Florida Air National Guard Detachment 1, as the Senior NCO of the Year, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Armes of the 125th Fighter Wing, as the First Sergeant of the Year, and Master Sgt. Michael Haynes of the 125FW as the Honor Guard Member of the Year.

"The competition for this recognition is always very intense and [these Airmen] have been selected above the rest to represent the qualities that all Airmen should be striving for, to be recognized as the 'Best of the Best' in our organizations," stated State Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles Wisniewski in the banquet program.

The winners were selected from the 25 nominated members from the various units of the Florida Air National Guard. Each FLANG unit held its own competition and had chosen members in the five categories to represent it at the state level. Those who were honored as the Florida Airmen of the Year will now have their profile packages sent to the national level to compete with other Air National Guard winners, and winners there will go on to compete against active duty Airmen at the U.S. Air Force level.

The winners were unanimous in describing their achievement as both a surprise and a blessing, even Flores who is celebrating his second victory.

"To be selected by my leadership is almost overwhelming," Flores said. "When they called my name, I was just filled with pride."

D'Amico said that there is really nothing one does to prepare for this sort of thing. He said that he just always tries to work hard and makes the most out of every opportunity that's presented. Boak added that being involved in the community is just as important as being involved at work.

All 25 Airman of the Year nominees were

presented with the Florida Commendation Medal. The five winners were awarded the Florida Distinguished Service Medal, which is the state's second highest decoration, a \$50 gift certificate from the Air Force Association and various other prizes. All nominated Airmen and their families were invited to visit and tour St. Francis Barracks, the Florida National Guard Headquarters in historic downtown St. Augustine on Feb. 28.

Following the awards presentation, the keynote speaker, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, Assistant Adjutant General for Air and the Florida Air National Guard Commander, spoke about how personal the Airman's Creed is.

"They begin the creed with the definition of us, and they personalize it: I," Balskus said. "Leaders don't use 'I'. You as Airmen don't use 'I', but this creed is personalized. Why? Because, they are trying to let us know what we are.

"Every single one of you in the Air Force Specialty Codes are Airmen that are flying, fighting and winning," Balskus said.

Airman of the Year D'Amico is a Network Integration Journeyman assigned to the 290JCSS at Macdill Air Force Base, Fla. He enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard in May 2008. He completed basic military training in Oct. 2008 and demonstrated his commitment to the Air Force's core value of "excellence in all we do" by earning the honor of Top Basic Military Training Honor Graduate out of more than 700 Airmen. During technical training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., D'Amico was selected for the Airman Leadership Program by the Military Training Leaders and graduated as the Distinguished Graduate from the Airman Leadership Course; he also became "Red Rope" - the highest leadership position that a student can attain during technical training. D'Amico is currently enrolled in college to continue his education and plans on attending the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of Florida.

NCO of the Year Flores is a Satellite and Wideband Communications Equipment Craftsman assigned to the 114ROPS at Patrick AFB, Fla. He attended technical training at Fort Gordon, Ga., and was selected as "Red Rope," being put in charge of approximately 200 Airmen. In 2006, Flores deployed overseas in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2009, he was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal as a Telemetry Systems Operator which led to the BMRST receiving the first



The 2010 FLANG Airmen of the Year (from left) Airman First Class Michael D'Amico, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Flores, Master Sgt. Virginia Boak, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Armes and Master Sgt. Michael Haynes pose for a photo with the Commander of the FLANG, Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus (left) and Command Chief Master Sgt. Charles Wisniewski (right) at the banquet.

full certification for an external range system by NASA, and the Air Force Commendation Medal for successfully completing over 20 operations for the BMRST program and for being selected to man and train the newly formed Radio Frequency Support Systems position. Flores is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering.

Senior NCO of the Year Boak is currently assigned as an Operation Resource Management Craftsman, NCOIC/HARM office, to Headquarters Florida Air National Guard, Detachment 1 at Tyndall AFB, Fla. She joined the active duty Air Force in August 1998, and transferred to the Florida Air National Guard via the Palace Chase program in August 2004. Boak has obtained her CCAF degree in Business Administration/Aviation Management and an associate's degree in Applied Science Business from Gulf Coast Community College. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business from Florida State University.

First Sergeant of the Year Armes is the First Sergeant of the 125th Maintenance Squadron in Jacksonville, Fla. He enlisted on active duty on Aug. 18, 1988. In 1989, he married his wife of 20 years, Melissa, and they later had a daughter, Kennedy, who is 13 years old. Armes was stationed at Beale AFB in Marysville, California, until his honorable discharge in 1992. In June

1996, he enlisted in the South Carolina Air National Guard as a Drill Status Guardsman. He transferred to Florida in 1999. Armes graduated First Sergeant Academy in May 2007 and most recently graduated the in-residence USAF Senior Non-commissioned Officers Academy in September 2009. In his personal time, Armes reads to children in Wachovia Banks Reading First Program. He is also active with the National Bone Marrow Registry where he orchestrated a bone marrow drive at the 125FW in an effort to help people with debilitating Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Honor Guard Member of the Year Haynes is a Weapons Director Technician in the Combat Operations Division assigned to the 101st Air and Space Operations Group at Tyndall AFB, Fla. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Army in 1989. He served as an Air Traffic Controller in the Army deploying to Kuwait in support of Operations DESERT STORM and RESTORE HOPE. In 1996, Haynes transferred to the Florida Air National Guard and joined the Southeast Air Defense Sector that recently transitioned into the 101AOG. He has earned the Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Florida Distinguished Service Medal. He is currently working toward an associate's degree.

Safety Matters

By Maj. Michael "Jinx" Janzen
125FW Chief of Safety

In an attempt to heighten awareness of how procedural non-compliance can very quickly turn lethal, I recently visited individual work areas at the 125FW to highlight a few recent mishaps that nearly eliminated a few of our fellow warriors.

I will not elaborate on the specifics but, not surprisingly, potentially catastrophic events like these involve root causes that have applicability in many other work and leisure activities. Why? Because nearly every mishap has root causes that include some sort of "Human Factor" and/or some variation of procedural non-compliance.

Human Factors include inattention, task mis-prioritization, distraction, complacency, and expectancy, sleep deprivation, etc. As fallible humans, we are all susceptible. The challenge becomes recognizing the situations where these factors can bite you and then designing work or leisure patterns that account for our human abilities, limitations and other characteristics. You must discipline yourself to fight factors that may end up injuring - or worse yet, "snuffing you out" during the execution of a critical task.

When you think of procedural non-compliance, don't limit your perception to the obvious hard core "tech orders" or checklists. Although, these are critically important - with "NOTES," "WARNINGS," and "CAUTIONS" written in blood, I want you to expand your views to include simple OIs (operating instructions) as well as "procedures" such as wearing a life vest or seatbelt or not tex-

ting when driving. Many steps may seem benign, but the implications of not following them can wreak havoc with brutal efficiency and devastating consequences.

I think it's safe to say we are all somewhat inherently lazy - we gravitate toward the path of least resistance when able. When it comes to procedural non-compliance, I challenge each of you to find ways to streamline your operations (at work and home) to make it easier to comply with the written and common sense procedures that are designed for our own protection. If you have hearing and eye protection stored next to your table saw or lawn mower, you're more apt to use it. If you have a set-up in your work area that is cumbersome or inconvenient, take some time to figure out ways to make it easier for the "lazy masses" to comply.

Also, I encourage all of you to share your close calls, and your knowledge of other close calls with your fellow troops and family members.

I'm sure we've all had some close calls over the years - let's not have any more. As we enter the most statistically dangerous quarter of the year, let's all reflect on ways we can make our work and home environments safer places. Remember, you and your family members are critical to the long term success of Florida National Guard - our mission depends on you.

Mission First - Safety Always

Antiterrorism/Force Protection

Tech. Sgt Benjamin Cline
125FW Antiterrorism Office

Please rob me! It's that time of year again. The school year is coming to a close and its vacation time! There are so many things to consider when you plan your trip. One thing you'll obviously want to pay close attention to is securing your residence.

So what can you do? Lighting has proved to be the most cost effective deterrent you can use. Timers for lights inside the house are great, but don't forget outside lighting is very important also. Have someone pick up your newspaper and mail.

You've heard about all of this

right? What about the Internet? You may be wondering how you can secure your home with the Internet. What I'd like you to think about is the information you put on sites like MySpace and Facebook and these new "location-based" social networks like Foursquare, Gowal-

la, Brightkite and Google Buzz.

These websites all encourage you to share your current location with the rest of the world. By doing this you are also telling people you are not at home. There is a new website; www.pleaserobme.com, that was actually developed to raise awareness of this issue and get people

thinking about the risks of using Foursquare, Brightkite, Google, Buzz, etc. The problem is, now the burglars know about this site and it has become a priceless tool for them to use. So, before you go out and buy timers for your lights, start thinking about the websites you use and how much information you are

sharing with the world. Who do you want to know you're not at home? Log on and do some research for yourself, you'll be amazed at what you find!

For any questions regarding personal security, please contact the 125FW Antiterrorism Office at (904) 741-7871.

Family Focus

Announcing Florida's Personal Financial Counselor!

By Laura A. Pageau
FLANG Airman and Family Programs Manager

I'm pleased to introduce Mr. Mark Huston. Below is some information about him and the available resources through his program. Mark Huston's professional experience spans almost three decades. His academic and real world experiences enable him to provide solid financial advice and counsel on a wide range of financial topics. He is committed to excellence in his work and begins his new role as Personal Financial Counselor in the JFSAP program with tremendous enthusiasm.

In Mark's own words: "This comprehensive program is designed to provide an objective financial support service that creates awareness, provides individualized counseling, and empowerment through planning. We want to put the service members and families in control of their financial destiny, and show them how to take full advantage of every military and community support program available. It's really amazing how much happier and productive people can be when they are on the right financial track."

Support and counseling ser-

vices

- * Financial Planning for transitional events: Deployment and Returning to civilian status

- * Military benefits: Pay analysis and maximization of entitlements

- * Family budgeting and spending strategies

- * Credit management/credit cards

- * Education Financing: Student Loans and Tuition Assistance

- * Insurance and Protection: Life, Health, Auto, Disability

- * Consumer Rights and Protection

- * Tax awareness and minimization

- * Estate Planning Checklist to cover the basics

- * Investments and risk management

- * Veterans' Benefits

- * Navigating your state related benefits

- * Referral to both military and community support resources

Mark is also able to conduct training sessions that address specific financial topics customized for your unit's needs. The training sessions can be modified to fit your schedule;

so whether you need a one hour session or an all day session we can accommodate you. Please do not hesitate to contact Mark directly to schedule a one-on-one appointment in person or over the phone. For Commanders and First Sergeants please don't hesitate to utilize this valuable resource for training opportunities in your unit. His information is as follows:

Mark Huston
Personal Financial Counselor
Cell phone: (407) 618-6237
Mark.huston@healthnet.com

Your Airman and Family programs office is here for you every day. It's not just about deployment! Whether its personal or financial counseling, information and referral, morale concerns, benefits or community resources we can help. Your Florida Airman and Family Programs staff stands ready to help, to borrow a line from Military OneSource, "you name it, we can help!"

Chaplain's Corner

By Lt. Col Steven E. Thompson
125FW Chaplain

Our core values; integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do, are fine words and flow well off one's tongue. But, what do they mean? What does it look like when these admirable abstractions are fleshed out in real life where most of us struggle with real world challenges?

Don't get me wrong. I like slogans. They preach well. However, is there any substance behind our pretty words?

To quote actress Clara Peller from a popular 1984 Wendy's commercial, "Where's the beef?" Well, a couple of weeks ago I saw "the beef" (so to speak) and was reaffirmed in my understanding of those special values.

The event was an interaction between Maj. Gen. Doug Burnett and those present during and following the dedication of our new AESA equipment. Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus and Brig. Gen. Kirk Martin were present in the audience. Colonels Bob Branyon, Jim Eifert and Ron Corey manned the stage along with U.S. Representative Ander Crenshaw. On the platform with them were Maj. Gen. Burnett and his wife, Judy.

Many accolades were offered to and on behalf of Maj. Gen. Burnett's commitment to our country, state and the Florida National Guard, Army and Air. A few of his many accomplishments, both personal and professional, were shared with those in attendance. He humbly expressed his gratitude to those who invested in him and helped him through his unparalleled career of Integrity, Service and Excellence.

What really impressed my heart, though, was



that his biggest fan was the one who has been by his side the longest. The most meaningful praises that I witnessed that day were those given to him through the smiles, nods and appreciative looks of his adoring and adorable wife, Judy. There could be no doubt that day that our TAG is as respected a husband, father and grandfather as he is a General Officer and leader of the Florida National Guard.

Most of us are saddened by the press reports of the unfaithful antics of Tiger Woods and Jesse James. The sad truth is that they are only the famous tip of a malicious iceberg of broken promises that is so prevalent in all our communities. Let me write this as clearly as I can, if anyone doubts for a moment what our core values look like; look at Mrs. Burnett's looking at her husband and you will understand.

Sir, Ma'am; thank you for serving as an example for us to emulate that we too may finish strong. God Bless You! Chaplain Thompson

FLANGRA

By Retired Senior Master Sgt. Donald Bunk
FLANGRA President

The FLANG Retirees Association sponsors a dinner twice a year. It is open to all personnel from the Florida Air National Guard who were Guardsmen and their spouses or dates.

The Association also tries to keep the former Guardsmen in touch with one another by

means of an informal email group updated by me, Don Bunk, President of the Retirees Association.

From time to time I send out emails to the distribution list with updates of happenings that directly affect or are of interest to retirees. You must sign up to

be added to the list.

Anyone interested in being a part of this group or email distribution list, please contact me, Don Bunk, at (904) 910-9428 or email me at FANG.125@bellsouth.net.

In the Spotlight...

Me! - Lt. Col. Earl Bittner

It seems very strange to be spotlighting myself but, when the Assistant Adjutant General for Air tells you to do something, you just salute smartly and say "yes sir!" So why am I in the spotlight? Because after 25 years of service to the mission, men and women of the 125th Fighter Wing, it's time for this old warhorse to say farewell.

By Lt. Col. Richard E. Bittner
Departing 125FW Director of Public Affairs

I joined the 125th Fighter Wing as a non-prior enlisted Airman in May 1985. At the time my thoughts were typical, I would imagine, of some of the junior folks coming into our outstanding organization today. The Air Guard would provide me with a venue to serve my country in the USAF and, more importantly, give me a little extra cash for college.

The Guard did just that for me and so much more.

During those early years in the 80s and 90s I was the typical struggling college student working two to three part time jobs and paying for school as I went along. Initially the Guard was just another way to get some cash to pay my bills but then the Guard became so much more.

The old saying goes that "the Guard is Family" and that saying rang true for me. During my 25 years at "the Fang," I have found that the people I have served with here are the finest, hardest working, most decent and overall selfless people in the world.

Oh and did I mention yet that because of my Guard affiliation, I have deployed all over the world? That would be another piece of the "so much more."



Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Richard E. Bittner

The picture above was taken on just one of those many deployments. This was shot after I arrived in the International Zone in Baghdad in April 2008 to serve a six-month tour with Multi-National Force Iraq - the command of General David Petraeus.

I had to actually re-read my Bio to remember all of the places the Guard has paid my way to. England, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and more places in our blessed United States of America than I can recall, are all locations I have trod thanks to the Guard. What a ride!

I know it sounds like I'm being put out to pasture, and maybe I should be, but I'm actually getting kicked upstairs.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Balskus, the previously mentioned AAG-Air, asked me recently if I would like to come work for him as the State Air Inspector General and I, of course, said "yes."

My fulltime status will change too as I assume the job of Deputy Inspector General, Florida National Guard. Some of you may recall that Lt. Col. Jean Jones, now retired, occupied this post for the last several years.

I don't know who will replace me but whoever it is will be getting the opportunity to work with the best people and in the best place in the USAF!

Promotions

To Colonel

Mark J. Maclean, 101AOG

To Lt. Colonel

Julia C. Black, 114ROPS

Mark T. Hayes, HQ FLANG Det. 1

Cheryl A. Tillman, 125MDG

To Major

Gregg A. Quinones, 202RHS

Ronald C. Taylor, 101AOG

To Captain

Joseph C. Balchunas, 290JCSS

Carl M. Wingard, 290JCSS

To 1st Lieutenant

Christopher D. Wisham, Jr., 101AOG

Kelly J. Thompson, 125FSS

To 2nd Lieutenant

Brittany N. Balskus, 101AOG

To Chief Master Sgt.

Sharri J. Crews, 125MDG

Jeffrey L. Waller, 290JCSS

To Senior Master Sgt.

Keith A. Furbee, 101AOG

Dana J. Gaffney, 125FW

Terrance S. Harris, 202RHS

Jennifer D. Jordan, 125FSS

John S. Karst, 125MS

Shandria S. Legree, 125LRS

David M. Lowe, 125OSF

Sheryl L. Nelson, HQ FLANG

Stuart A. Smith, 125MSG

Kevin M. Souza, 125FW

Billie R. Statom, Jr., 101AOG

To Master Sgt.

Christopher F. Bailey, HQ FLANG

Brian E. Beck, 125OSF

Carlos Garcia, Jr., 125FW

Shelley R. Gill, 125FW

Mark S. Hart, 290JCSS

Richard L. Hartberger, 125CF

Allen D. Henne, 101AOG

Angela L. Johnson, 101AOG

Brian A. Kemble, 125AMS

Daniel Lopez, Jr., 101AOG

David E. Newhard, 202RHS

Richard C. Phillips, 101AOG

Maribel J. Rodriguez, 125OG

To Technical Sgt.

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Aaron P. Chasse, 125FW, Det. 1

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Jason R. Culberson, 125AMS

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Anthony J. Grassi, 125MS

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Daryl L. Seabridge, 125SFS

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To Staff Sgt.

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Timothy D. Jackson, 202RHS

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Judson E. Mathis, 125MS

Ricardo M. Salas, 125MS

Stephen R. Sorbie, 125MS

Rachel Taylor, 290JCSS

Alexander Tressler, 290JCSS

Clint Williams, 290JCSS

Botija Zephir, 290JCSS

To Senior Airman

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Shawonda Z. Gordon, 125FSS

Dominique M. Hatcher, 202RHS

Christopher P. Miller, 125SFS

Sean M. Parr, 125SFS

Ryan J. Rhoden, 125SFS

Antiquilla C. Roberts, 125FSS

Daniel T. Rust, 125AMS

Mark C. Williams, 125AMS

To Airman 1st Class

Kenneth L. Mike, 125STUFLT

David B. Sheridan, 125MS

Welcomes

Major Mark L. Remz, 125MDG

Major Mark R. Watson, 125MDG

Capt Kevin D. Humphrey, 114ROPS

TSgt Sandra D. Bouie, 101AOG

SSgt Rolando M. Balmoja, 101AOG

SSgt Blaine P. Compoc, 101AOG

SSgt Thomas J. Donlon, 202RHS

SSgt Brianne R. Foresman, 125MS

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SSgt Brian A. Lafond, 101AOG

SSgt Ryan Seifert, 101AOG

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Lt Col Judith E. Dickey, 101AOG

Lt Col Brian E. English, 101AOG

Lt Col Charles R. Rouse, HQ FLANG Det. 1

Lt Col Rembert N. Schofield, 114ROPS

Lt Col Aja V. Williams, 101AOG

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TSgt John A. McElreath, 125CF

TSgt Don A. Meyer, 202RHS

TSgt Johnnie Stewart III, 125AMS

TSgt Clinton V. Walker, 202RHS

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Danny E. Cooper, 601AOG

Brett D. Dunning, 601AOG

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Christina I. Kelbaugh, 290JCSS

Geoffrey M. LaGarde, 125SFS

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Raymond A. Mackney, 114ROPS

Michael T. Moleta, 125MS

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