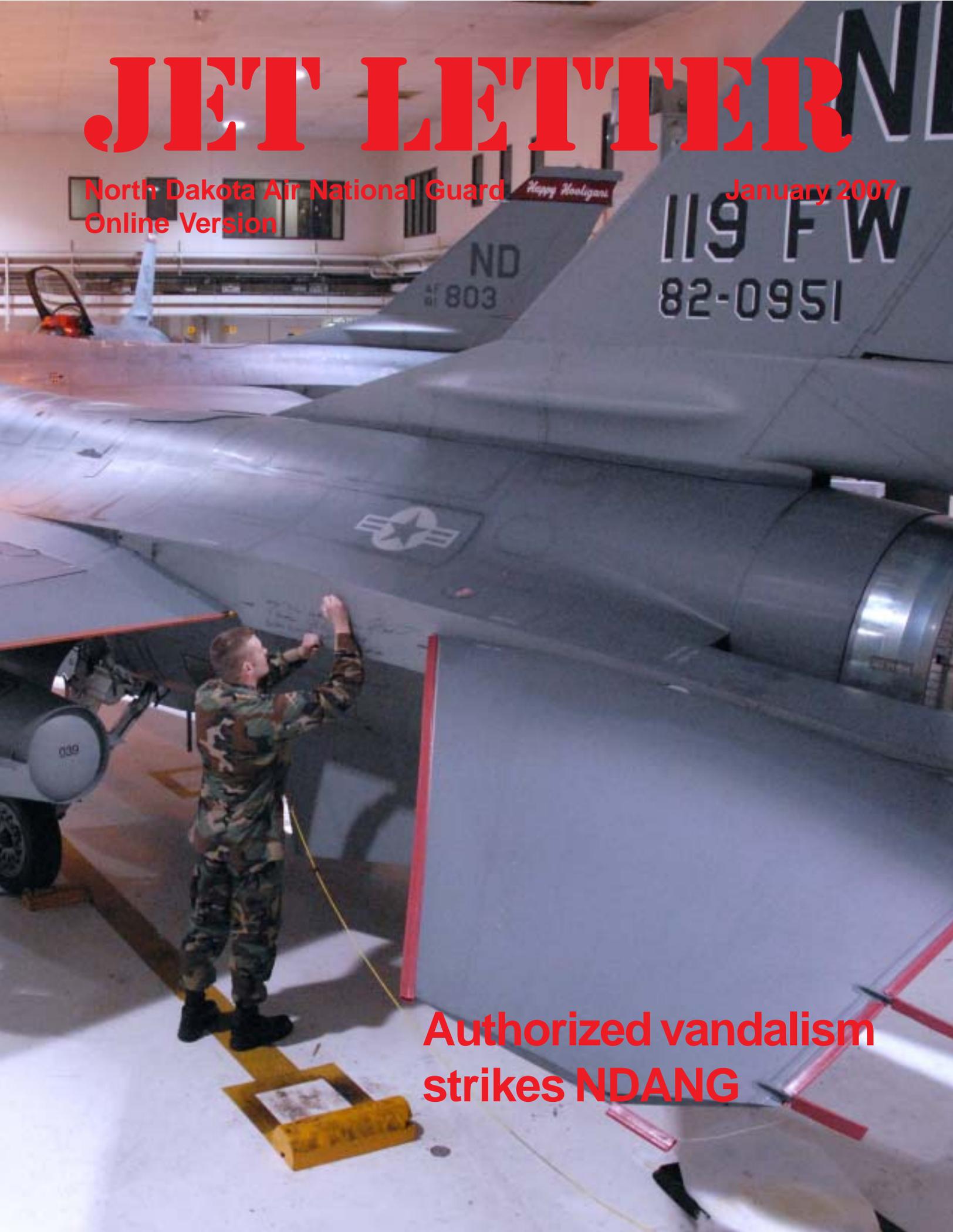


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119th Communication Flight

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Winning!

By 1st Lt. Michael P. Albert

119th Maintenance Operations Flight commander

What does it take to win? More specifically, what does that mean for "The Happy Hooligans" as we move into our new Predator and C-21 missions? According to legendary General Electric CEO Jack Welch, winning is about "**ATTITUDE**", and when organizations win, people thrive and grow and they can feel upbeat about their future.

Winning organizations and the people who work in them are the engine that drives a healthy and productive environment, and as defenders of this great nation, we are the foundation of a free and democratic society. Winning, however, must not only be important to the highest ranking Commander, but to "**EVERYONE**", from the Pentagon to the Flightline, a winner is someone who wants to get ahead and helps his or her organization grow. For an individual, winning is personal. For the military, winning is multidimensional. The two are intertwined. A successful member must not only help oneself, but must also assist his or her organization and everyone connected to it.

As a Fixed Income Portfolio Manager/Analyst in my civilian career, winning is about beating the bond market and the various indices we are measured against. Our clients and their constituents expect nothing short of it. The market is a complex game, and winning the game is a blast! Our successes and failures are not only determined by our security selection and sector allocation, but are driven in large part by our will to WIN.

So my fellow Hooligans, as we enter into a New Year and embark on a new voyage at the North Dakota Air National Guard, I ask you to maintain a positive "**ATTITUDE**" and help each other win, because even the most talented person with the best intentions will get nowhere, unless he or she knows how to WIN.



Bulletins

NDNGEA and NGAUS conference in Fargo

The 2007 combined conference of the North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and the National Guard Association of North Dakota will be held Feb. 23-24, 2007 at the Doublewood Inn, 1400 East Interchange, Bismarck, N.D. The registration fee is \$30.00 per person and includes the Friday night social, Saturday luncheon/brunch (spouses and members), Saturday night banquet, and use of the hospitality room. Registrations received by Feb 1, 2007 are eligible for a \$50.00 cash drawing. Hotel reservations must be made by Feb. 8 at the Doublewood Inn (701) 258-7000 or (800) 554-7077. The room rate is guaranteed at \$73.00 per night. Registration forms are available at www.ndngea.org and www.ngand.org

Women in action conference

The 6th Annual Tri-College University Women In Action (WIA) conference will be on Jan. 26, 2007 from 3:00-8:00 at the Comstock Memorial Union, MSU- Moorhead. Three of the breakout sessions will include: Gendered Soldiers, The Human Face of War and Women Soldiers Coming Home. Register for the conference online at www.womeninaction2007.net

Phishing alert, not fishing alert

Please be aware of false Bank of America emails. If you receive an email stating that your account has been locked and that you must fill out a secure form to confirm your identity- DO NOT RESPOND! Only your UPC/APC can reactivate your card. If you have questions concerning your Government Travel Card please see your Unit Program Coordinator.

NDANG 60th anniversary celebration Jan. 16

A ceremony in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the ND Air National Guard, the final flight of our F-16's, and the roll out of the C-21 for the North Dakota Air National Guard will be on Tuesday, the Jan. 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m..

Dress for the occasion will be uniform of the day for military personnel and casual for civilians attending the event.

Retired Hooligans are welcome to attend.

OPSEC and the new missions of the 119th

By Maj. Jon Wutzke

119th Fighter Wing

Well Hooligans, we are heading down the home stretch of our transformation to the Predator and C-21 missions. This is a critical time to look at how this new chapter in the Wing's history will be affected by Operations Security (OPSEC).

OPSEC is both a process and a practice.

The Wing has an established OPSEC process. The five step process is; 1. Identify critical information 2. Analyze the threat 3. Analyze our vulnerabilities 4. Assess the risk 5. Apply countermeasures.

We, as individuals are practitioners of OPSEC. The most important aspect of practicing OPSEC is a thorough knowledge of our critical information. Now that we are moving into new missions, we have new critical information lists (CIL) to become familiar with. Visit A5 – Plans and Requirements on Sharepoint to view our Predator CIL's under the OPSEC link.

We have to adjust our mindset from the past. We are entering an unprecedented period of history. We will be flying extremely sensitive missions from Fargo, some may be Top

Secret. Never before has OPSEC been more important. We must be very careful with information we talk about outside of approved areas. You can be sure, people are listening. Even when we talk about work in front of people we know and trust, they may not understand what is sensitive and what is not. Believe me, they will repeat what you say, and our adversaries will eventually hear it. The three most vulnerable forms of communication identified during our last OPSEC survey were email, telephones and "bar talk".

When work becomes the topic of conversation, ask yourself, "Can we talk about something else?"

At home you will have to make adjustments as well. In the past, we could share our workday experiences with our families. That may not be the case now. You can help reduce stress at home by explaining to your family that you may not always be able to tell them what you did at work that day. Family members should also be careful about what they share with others.

For questions or concerns about Operations Security, contact the OPSEC program managers, Maj. Jon Wutzke at ext. 804 or Senior Master Sgt. Roland Golay at ext. 290.

The Happy Hooligans' F-16 fighter jet legacy continues

By 1st Lt. Penny A. Ripperger

119th Fighter Wing/PA

Not all of the 119th F-16 jets are destined for the aviation "bone-yard".

On Sept. 11, 2001, Lt. Col. Brad Derrig became a part of history as one of the first responders to the terrorist attacks, flying over the nation's capital in an F-16 fighter jet. His aircraft on that fateful day, better known to the Happy Hooligan airmen as tail number '82-929', was one of three F-16s from the N.D. Air National Guard that scrambled from their alert detachment located at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

It seems fitting now, that Derrig flew fighter '82-0929' one last time to its final resting place; a museum that will honor the contributions of those who defended the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fighter '82-929' made its final flight on Dec. 26 to the McChord Air Force Base Museum, Tacoma, Wash., where it will be displayed as part of a Sept. 11, 2001 exhibit.

Since being built in 1982, the Happy Hooligans have flown this particular aircraft for 3,920 sorties (individual aircraft flights) resulting in a total of 5,781 flight hours.

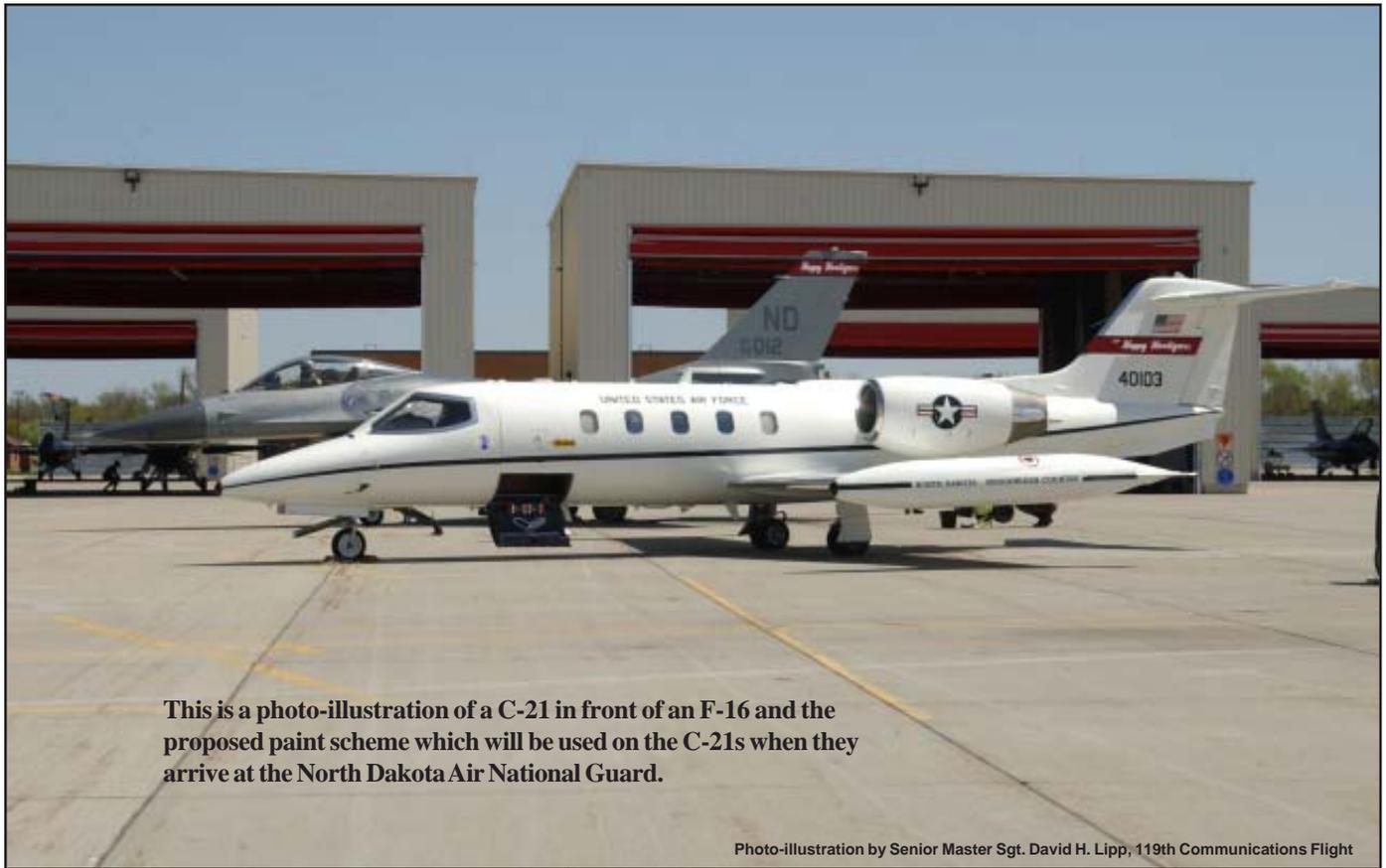
The F-16 aircraft that was flown by Maj. Dean Eckmann on Sept. 11, 2001 (tail number '82-0926') will be a static display at the Heritage Park located at the N.D. Air National Guard Base (Hector IAP). The third F-16 fighter aircraft is being used by another Air National Guard unit for training.

The last of the F-16 Fighting Falcons from N.D. will be retired to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC) at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. by the end of Jan. 2007.



North Dakota Air National Guard F-16 number 82-0929 on a recent training flight over North Dakota. The aircraft will become part of a Sep. 11, 2001 exhibit at McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Communications Flight



This is a photo-illustration of a C-21 in front of an F-16 and the proposed paint scheme which will be used on the C-21s when they arrive at the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Photo-illustration by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Communications Flight

Meet the C-21

By Lt. Col. Craig R. Schroeder
178th Fighter Squadron

The C-21 is about to arrive. After several delays, we finally have all the signatures required to make the transformation to the C-21 mission. We should have at least part of our assigned fleet of eight aircraft by the first part of calendar year 2007. The C-21 is a bridge to the future, but we can't say with any certainty when the future will arrive. Until that time, let's be the best C-21 unit we can be.

The Aircraft

The C-21 Learjet is the military version of the Lear 35, and was acquired by the Air Force in 1984 as an "executive transport aircraft." In other words, we will be using it mostly for transporting VIP's around the country, for meetings and appearances. It is also used occasionally for light cargo transport, and air ambulance service. About 20 of the fleet of 80 aircraft are being transferred to Air Guard units in Fargo, Connecticut, and Colorado, and about 20 will be going to Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz. for storage.

Specifications

(all specs. preceded by "about" are rounded off for easy recall)

Length - approximately 50 feet

Wingspan - approximately 40 feet

Height - approximately 12 feet

Max weight - 18,500 pounds

Fuel capacity - approximately 1000 gallons

Passenger capacity - 10 (including 2 pilots)

Range - approximately 2000 miles (no air refueling capability)

Max. altitude - 45,000 feet

Cruise altitude - approximately 40,000 feet

Max speed - approximately 500 mph

Cruise speed - approximately 450 mph

Minimum runway required - 5000x70 feet

Engines - 2 Garrett Turbofans with thrust reversers, 3500 lbs. thrust each

Avionics - Full Flight Management System based on Global Positioning Satellites

Hooligans mark their place in history

Story and photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

119th Fighter Wing

At first glance it appears to be the most blatant display of destruction of U.S. Government property that any member of an F-16 flying wing can imagine, certainly grounds for dismissal, or possibly even a trip to the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Ka. Uniformed members of the North Dakota Air National Guard are lining up to write their names using a black permanent marker all over an operational F-16 aircraft! Hold off on calling the Security Forces for just a moment, it seems the precedence has been set for this type of behavior at several other flying units in the United States military.

Col. Michael Wobbema, the 119th Maintenance Group commander, discovered the practice of writing personal graffiti on an airplane while visiting with a member of the 178th Fighter Wing in Ohio, who mentioned that personnel from the Ohio unit had been allowed to sign a single A-7 aircraft prior to their last A-7 flight upon retirement of the aircraft to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC), better known as the boneyard.

Col. Wobbema requested that Chief Master Sgt. Doug Faldet, the 119th Maintenance Group quality assurance chief, check into the practice of signing a single North Dakota Air National Guard aircraft prior to the retirement of said aircraft to AMARC in order to find out if the airplane signing might be allowed at the 119th Fighter Wing in Fargo, N.D.

After a little legwork by Chief Faldet it was confirmed by sources at the National Guard Bureau that while they could not officially condone the act of writing on an F-16 at the North Dakota Air National Guard, it is considered an "accepted practice" for Air National Guard units sending their airplanes to the boneyard.



Staff Sgt. JonPaul M. Berg, 119th Maintenance Squadron, signs his name on North Dakota Air National Guard F-16 82-0951. Don't worry, charges aren't pending for Staff Sgt. Berg. The signing is completely authorized.

One of the restrictions placed on the legal signing of an aircraft marked for retirement to the boneyard is that no removable aircraft part may be signed. Aircraft 82-0951 is also considered the 119th Fighter Wing commander's airplane and is adorned with a special paint scheme on its tail to distinguish it from the other unit F-16s. Aircraft 82-0951 will be one of the last F-16s to leave North Dakota in mid-January prior to its final resting place at AMARC, which is located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Az. Controlled tours are sometimes held at AMARC. So if you

happened to put a little of your personal graffiti on aircraft 82-0951 and you find yourself in Arizona, you might want to stop by and visit your signature on a piece of North Dakota history.



A member of the 119th Fighter Wing hands out markers to unit members interested in signing their names on the airplane.

Heroic Hooligans save a local life

By 1st Lt. Penny A. Ripperger
119th Fighter Wing/PA

December 14, 2006 began as an ordinary evening for Senior Master Sgt. John K. Nordquist and Master Sgt. Scot D. Gordon. The two Hooligans met on Long Lake near Vergas, Mn. for an evening of great conversation and ice fishing. As the two men watched their bobbers in dark water, they thought they heard a distant cry for help. “John and I looked at each other and wondered, what did we just hear? When we heard the second call for help we realized that something was wrong,” said Master Sgt. Gordon. The two men saw a lone lantern where another fisherman had been earlier that evening and they knew that the fisherman had probably fallen through the ice.

The two Hooligans, equipped with ice picks and a floatation cushion, quickly started walking towards the lantern. As they approached they saw a panicked man clinging to the ice as he struggled to stay afloat in the freezing water. “At first it didn’t seem possible to calm him, but finally I was able to get him to settle down and listen to our directions,” recalls Senior Master Sgt. Nordquist. Master Sgt. Gordon laid down on his stomach and pulled himself out to the desperate man, “I gave him my ice picks and told him how to use them, but it was apparent that he was too tired to pull himself up,” said Master Sgt. Gordon. The man was very weak and had a hard time comprehending simple instructions due to the shock his body was in. Senior Master Sgt. Nordquist and Master Sgt. Gordon

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Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Communications Flight

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Photo by Master Sgt. Eric A. Johnson, 119th Communications Flight

patiently worked with the man and persuaded him to let go of the ice and grab the portable fish house that they had placed near him. The Hooligans grabbed the tow rope that was connected to the fish house and pulled the man out of the icy water. “He came out so easy that we thought that he had let go”, said Master Sgt. Gordon. Once they were on safe ice, the relieved man tried to get up but he was unable to stand. The rescuers each took an arm and helped him walk back to his truck where they quickly took off his wet clothing and warmed him with blankets and the heat of the truck. The man was admitted to the emergency room at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Detroit Lakes where he was treated and released. He was instructed to stay home from work for two weeks with follow-up appointments every two days.

After the adrenaline rush faded, Senior Master Sgt. Nordquist and Master Sgt. Gordon began to think about the reality of the situation. The two Hooligans had risked their lives trying to save a stranger that evening; it was a dark night and there was no one else around who would have been able to help if the rescuers had gone through the ice themselves. They do not look at their acts as heroic, just something that had to be done. “In a situation like this it seems that there isn’t a whole lot of time to think things through, you have to either react on your training or you improvise. We did both,” said Senior Master Sgt. Nordquist. That morning they had watched a training video that the Safety Office sent out on “Thin Ice Safety.” Master Sgt. Gordon learned a valuable lesson, “If you think training is a waste of time, I ask you to rethink that. With the information I learned from this video and some common sense, we were able to save a young man’s life.”

U.S. Air Force is taking on Cyberspace

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to “deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace.”

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new “cyber command,” to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

“To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war,” the general said. “We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force.”

Air Force leaders began planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force’s role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain — a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

In the United States, Americans depend on the cyber domain for nearly everything they do. The cyber domain is the “center of gravity” for all aspects of national power, including economic, financial, technical, diplomatic and military might, Dr. Kass said.

“Picture for a second that you are trying to fix an aircraft and all the information in your computerized manuals has been corrupted and you begin to put things together backward,” Dr. Kass said.

While the Air Force develops mastery of the cyber domain, America’s enemies are quickly becoming more adept in their own use of the domain, in part, because of the low cost of fighting there.

“Enemies who cannot match us on land, at sea, in the air, or in space, are exploiting the fact that in cyberspace you have a very low entry cost,” Dr. Kass said. “Low cost is what makes that domain extremely attractive to nations, criminal and terrorist organizations who could not possibly attack the United States symmetrically. All you need to do is buy a laptop or a cell phone.

“One of the most important things we do, in and for cyberspace, is enable the kill chain,” Dr. Kass said. “It allows us to help find, fix and finish the targets we are after. The problem is finding the target. Most of the enemies are hiding in plain sight.”

Finding an enemy in the cyber domain means sifting through the huge amount of data there. The challenge is identifying the signal of someone that means to do harm.

“One of the issues we are going to be discussing is who is the cyberwarrior,” Dr. Kass said. “What will he or she need to be able to do? What kind of educational skills, what kind of technical skills, what kind of training, and what kind of career path do we need to offer to those kids who are coming into our Air Force and wanting to fly and fight not only in air and space, but also in cyberspace.”

Dr. Kass said the Air Force doesn’t believe it will have trouble finding Airmen to fill the role of cyberwarrior, however.

“Kids today live on the Internet, they establish an alternative reality there,” she said. “Getting those kids interested in doing something amazing in our Air Force across the electromagnetic spectrum should be easy. This is new and exciting — where people who love to interact in the high-tech arena, for example, can generate significant effects for the defense of the United States.”

Like in other domains, the Air Force will probably conduct more than just defensive operations. Fighting in cyberspace also means conducting offensive operations. It is unclear now exactly what will constitute an offensive cyber operation, but it is likely the effects the Air Force will eventually bring to bear upon America’s enemies will look much like the effects America’s enemies bring to bear upon America.

“Imagine, hypothetically, if I could substitute — instead of the picture of a beheading on a terrorist Web site, a picture of Captain Kangaroo or an MTV show,” Dr. Kass theorized. “Maybe I could break that cycle of recruiting more guys that want to come to our home and kill us.”



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Communications Flight

119th FW airmen work at connectorizing single mode fiber-optic cable for base communications backbone at the North Dakota Air National Guard, Fargo, N.Dak. Dec. 29

Healthy Hooligans 119th Fighter Wing Health Promotion

By Maj. Tamie K. Gerntholz and Tech Sgt. Kathleen A. Shasky
119th Medical Group

Health Promotion is the science and art of helping people make better lifestyle choices so that they can move towards a healthier balance of physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual health. The goal of the 119th Fighter Wing Health Promotion Program is to support individuals in living a healthy lifestyle.

Maj. Tamie Gerntholz, RN, has worked in the area of health promotion in her civilian and military career for over 14 years.

Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Shasky, who has been conducting the healthy living class for several years, transferred to the Medical Group a year and a half ago to fill the position of diet therapist. She completed the training for this career field in September, 2006. The healthy living class is held every Saturday of primary UTA at 1:00 p.m. in the maintenance training classroom. The class is not meant to be solely for individuals who do not meet the fitness requirements. The class is designed to provide solid scientific information that will assist all individuals in living a healthy life. "I like providing a class that can benefit everyone," stated Shasky. If the class is cancelled for training reasons, a message will be put out prior to the class time in the official folder in MS Outlook.

Although the primary focus areas of the health promotion program are nutrition, fitness and tobacco cessation, there are many other important healthy living topics. Gerntholz wants everyone to know that she is available to consult with people on an individual basis on just about any topic. "If I don't know the answer, I usually know where to find it. It is my goal to assist individuals to meet their personal goals of optimal

physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual health.

For questions or to set up an appointment, contact Maj. Gerntholz at ext. 628 or Tsgt. Shasky at ext.614.

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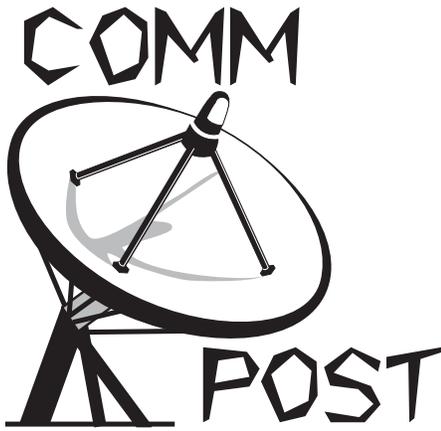
Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Communications Flight

Look to family program during turbulent times

By Jody Harms
NDANG Family Program

These are changing times at the North Dakota Air National Guard...new mission, members going to longer schools, changing jobs and more and more deployments. All of the changes can lead us to experience worry and anxiety. These are common and expected responses when there are events in our life that we have little or no control of. But, we do have resources available to assist you and your families during the change and transformation. As the family readiness coordinator of the North Dakota Air National Guard, I am available to you and your families. I can provide you with information, resources and referral. My direct number is (701) 451-2112. There are also other resources available to you; Jane Johnson the licensed social worker for the National Guard. Jane is available to you and your families and will accommodate your schedules to include night or weekend appointments. Any information discussed with Jane is confidential and not put in to any military records. You can reach her on her office phone (701) 451-6093. The 119th FW Chaplain is also available for spiritual support to our members and families and can be reached at (701) 451-2676.

Another topic I want to focus on is deployments and our long schools. When a family member is gone overseas or at a state side school for six months or more it can be equally as hard on families. I feel it is crucial that family members have all of the information and support necessary to make the separation as easy as possible and to give families as many tools as we can to assist them. With that I would like to announce that I have scheduled a briefing with troop and family counseling services for Sunday, Jan. 14 at the N.D. Air National Guard facility, 1400 28th Ave. No., Fargo, N.D. Troop and family counseling services is a program provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to service members and their families. There will be two different opportunities for you to attend, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m. The meetings will take place in the maintenance auditorium which is located upstairs in the hanger of building 217. I would encourage you to bring out your family members, spouses, parents, siblings or any one who is or has been affected by deployments. If you have any questions about the briefing please contact me. Remember, knowledge is power, so please take this opportunity to attend.



Speed bumps

By Master Sgt. John W. Noone (ret.)

Are computers our friend? There is an ongoing problem with technology. One of my personal axioms concerning computers is that the first time you try to do something with a computer that you were previously doing without one, it will probably take you at least ten

times as long as it did the old way. Consider playing music from the radio, or CD or cassette tape or even vinyl. Remember the first time you tried to listen to your favorite song on MP3? First you had to find a source, so you either downloaded it from the web or ripped it from CD, then you had to have a player, on your computer. So you had to load some software for that. Then, if you want to move it to a portable MP3 player, because you don't have speakers on your PC, there is that step. And finally you get to listen to it in the privacy of your own skull. Convenient? Convenience is the payoff of getting to click a button and getting to pick your song off a list any time you want, and have this take less time than finding the CD and popping it into your CD player. Convenience is the payoff for that effort and preparatory work. But I think it is becoming more and more evident that the preparatory work and maintenance effort required to keep PCs working for us is getting greater and greater. At present we have armies of people working for them in order to keep them healthy and functioning as well as setting them up to work. Technology gives us convenience, but with it comes complexity and with complexity comes more points for failure and with failure comes difficulty, not convenience. There are examples of refined complexity all around us, but it seems the idea just hasn't hit the personal computer realm yet. I believe it is coming, but only when there is more money to be made in reliability, rather than repair and refortification.

Meet the chiefs

By Chief Master Sgt. Gary A. Ransom

As a native of Detroit, Michigan, I began my military career in June, 1968. I was assigned to Grand Forks AFB, N.D. This was my first and only duty location after basic training. I joined the North Dakota Air National Guard in 1974 and I have spent 36 years serving in many career fields. Positions that I have held include; Administrative Specialist, Command Post Technician, Supply Specialist, Mobility Programs Manager, Senior Health Technician, Logistics Management Specialist, Exercise and Evaluation Team Chief, Financial Resource Advisor, and the Fighter Wing Command Chief. I assumed the responsibilities of the State Command Chief in September 2006. I retired from the Federal Technician program in May, 2005, with 31 years of service.

After being discharged from the active duty in 1972 I moved to Fargo and attended college at North Dakota State University, receiving a degree in Education: GO Bison!

I met my wife Barb while she attended college north of here; she eventually changed colleges and received her degree from North Dakota State University. We have a daughter and two sons who live and work in the Fargo area, my youngest son Kyle is a member of the Air National Guard and is currently working in the Fire Hall.

The success of this unit over the years has always been its people, and don't let anyone convince you otherwise. This organization has a great work ethic, caring attitude for each other, and a reputation for taking on insurmountable tasks while performing in an outstanding

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Chief Master Sgt. Gary A. Ransom

manner. As a Hooligan, you care about what you do when you come to work, and I thank you for that.

My career is now winding down, but the future of this unit is winding up and will continue to expand. You are going into the next generation, a generation with a very bright future that will be significant in the defense of this country. There will be major changes ahead, but life is full of change and our unit is ready for the challenge. So continue doing the mission the exceptional way the Hooligans always have.

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2007 UTA Schedule

Family program

There is a briefing scheduled with troop and family counseling services on Sunday, Jan. 14 at the N.D. Air National Guard facility, 1400 28th Ave. No., Fargo N.Dak. Troop and family counseling services is a program provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to service members and their families. There will be two different opportunities for you to attend, 10:30-11:30 am or 1:00-2:00 pm. The meetings will take place in the maintenance auditorium which is located upstairs in the hanger of building 217. If you have any questions about the briefing please contact me at (701) 451-2112. Remember, knowledge is power, so please take this opportunity to attend. The children's Christmas party was a big hit! Thanks to all who attended.

Retirees' corner

By retired Chief Master Sgt. Jack Tietgens,

119th Fighter Wing

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd will be the Fargo-Moorhead area Hooligans' monthly breakfast at the Valley Kitchen, 7:00 a.m. Chief Master Sgt. Brad Childs will be the guest. Chief Childs will give a rundown of the events relating to the 60th anniversary of the NDANG and the USAF, scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th. He'll also give a progress report of the Predator and C-21 missions.

North Dakota Air National Guard retirees are welcome to attend the 60th anniversary celebration being held at the North Dakota Air National guard Jan. 16.

Thursday, January 18th is when the Hooligans in the Mesa, AZ, area meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. It's at Sossaman's On the Green restaurant, located in Sunland Village East, 2250 South Buttercup.

Don Baglien (CW4 Ret) is the communications officer for the North Dakota National Guard Retiree Advisory Board. Don serves as a central point for collecting information of interest for National Guard retirees. Forward your email address to dbaglien1@msn.com to be included in the periodic emailing of this material.

The web site, www.ndguard.com, has a wide range of information available, much of which may be of interest to retirees. Bring up the home page, click on (1) "newsletters/surveys" (upper right side) to subscribe to the newsletter, and (2) click on "retirees" (lower left side) for retiree information.

Afterburner



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brady A. Schneider, 119th Communications Flight

Several of the North Dakota Air National Guard commanders volunteer to serve Christmas dinner during the December UTA.

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