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# THANK YOU 124TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

*To the men and women of the 124th Maintenance Group, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for a FANTASTIC two years!*

*Being your commander for the past two years has been a privilege of a lifetime and the best job I've ever had in my career. You've made me proud and you've achieved a lot over the last couple of years: Two highly successful deployments; one to New Mexico supporting Special Forces training, and another to Arizona supporting combat mission training for the 190th Fighter Squadron. You created a Vision Statement: One Team Focused on Discipline, Compliance, and Integrity...The Foundation of Preeminent Combat Air Power.*

*You impressed the inspection team during the 2012 ESO-HCAMP and you knocked it out of the park during the August 2013 CUI/LCAP inspection earning numerous superior performers and best seen to date awards. You improved from a 28% failure/non-current rate on the PT test to an astonishing 9.8%! And you didn't stop there; two back-to-back deployments in 2014: one to Green Flag East in Louisiana and another to Combined Resolve II in Spangdahlem, Germany. Your dedication, focus and attention to detail resulted in two more highly successful deployments which provided valuable training to the 124th Fighter Wing. And you did all this while dealing with sequestration, furloughs, declining budgets, uncertainty, etc. You were able to achieve all these successes because you are professionals!*

*Thank you again for the opportunity to be part of this great organization and I look forward to continuing to work for you in the future, albeit in a different capacity as the Vice Wing Commander!!*

**Col. David Trimble**



Col. David Trimble  
124th Fighter Wing  
Vice Commander

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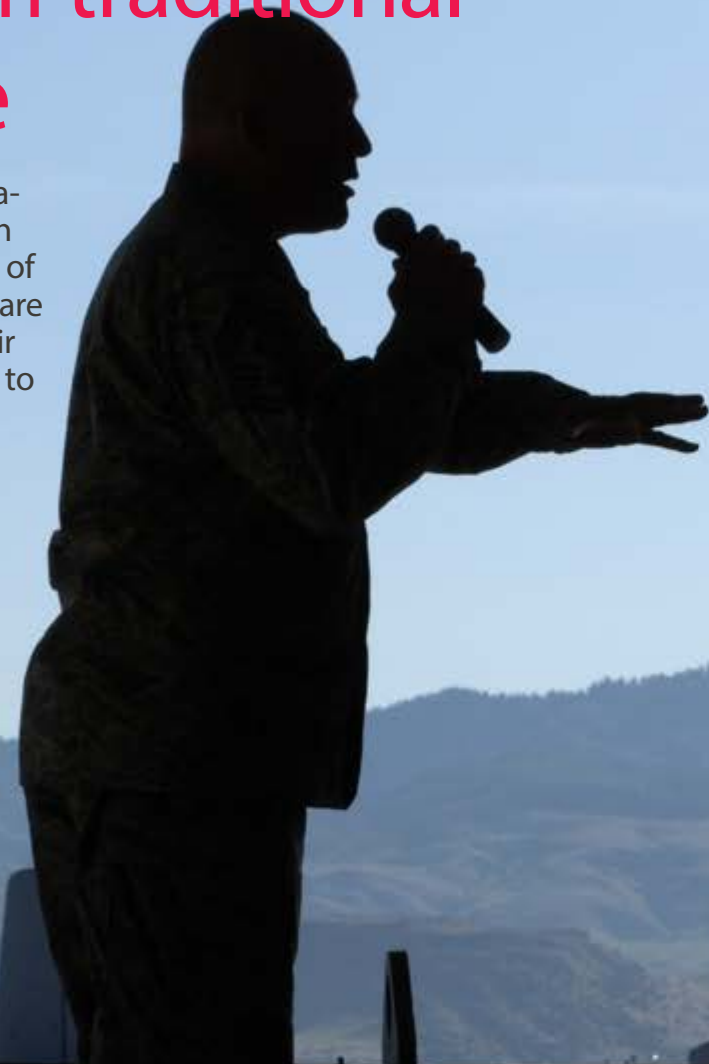
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# Chief Brush inspires leaders from traditional perspective

Senior Enlisted Advisor of the National Guard Chief Mitchell Brush reminded the men and women of the 124th Fighter Wing to take care of themselves in addition to their fellow wingmen during his visit to Gowen Field.



Brush is a traditional guardsman in the Montana Air National Guard and has been a patrol sergeant for the Billings Police Department for more than 20 years.

He encouraged guardsman to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill because, “all politics are local,” he said. He suggested three means by which guardsman can get involved; through leadership and advisors like himself and our new Senior Enlisted Leader for the State of Idaho Chief Master Sgt. Carlo Fenicottero, call and write to our governor and state representatives, and join professional organizations.

“I need you to stay focused, I need you to do a great job, I need you to fly, fight and win! I need you to take care of each other, we’ll take care of the future.” He said not to fear failure but to embrace it and learn from it,

**“I want you in my guard—I need you in my guard—I need you to fail once in a while because that pushes you to limits you’ve never seen before and makes you better”**

Chief Brush instilled that we each have the power to put a stop to

sexual assault and suicide. He also encouraged each to tell their story of why they are in the National Guard and to be proud of accomplishments.

He shared three things that guardsmen should do to ensure that we are recharged, focused and ready at any time:

\*spend 30 minutes each day doing something that makes you smile, \*take care of the future by training those under you to be better than you, “because they’re going to take your place” and \*take care of your family—in his words, “call your mom.”

## Chief Brush’s Tips

### Staying recharged, focused and ready

1) spend 30 minutes each day doing something that makes you smile

Care for the future by training those under you to be better than you “because they’re going to take your place”

Take care of your family—in his words, “call your mom.”

### Get involved | Be heard

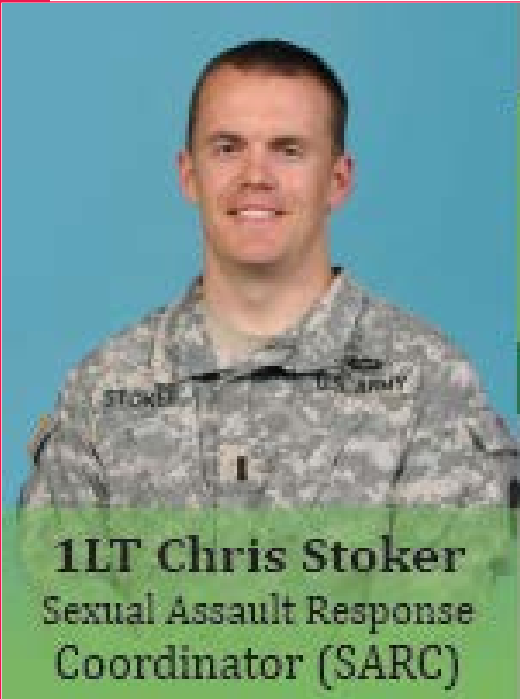
Talk to leadership and advisors like himself and our new Senior Enlisted Leader for the State of Idaho Chief Master Sgt. Carlo Fenicottero

Call and write to our governor and state representatives

Join professional organizations







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# BBQ flavors of Team Southern favored by 2014 Iron Chef Judges



(Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Allmaras)

The 124th Force Support Squadron would like to congratulate Team Southern for winning the 6th Annual Iron Chef Competition at Gowen Field, May 3. Their cuisine proved to be delicious from their main entrees – a BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich and Southern Fried Fish--to their side dish selections, a savory Macaroni and Cheese and Dirty (but tasty) Rice.

# Safety Director 'Hertz' talks work-life priorities

Director of Safety for the Air National Guard Col. Ed 'Hertz' Vaughan addressed the airmen of the 124th Fighter Wing on June 8 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Vaughan stressed the importance of setting both personal and professional priorities.

“Our most expensive assets are our aircraft—our most valuable is family here [our National Guard family] and at home. The number one factor that affects moral is front line supervisors.”



(Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman David Anderson)



# Operation Combined Resolve II

Unaffected by the spotlight from U.S. Army Europe, NATO, and European-Partner nations, the Idaho Air National Guard successfully provided crucial Close Air Support (CAS) during last month's Combined Resolve II exercise.

By Lt. Col. Gary Daniel  
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Over 100 Idaho Air National Guard pilots, aircraft maintenance professionals, and support personnel participated in the multi-national training exercise. Seven A-10C Thunderbolt II fighters from the 124th Fighter Wing flew CAS missions to support the more than 4,000 forces on the ground in Germany. The U.S. Army-Europe led fourteen other participating European nations' military forces through six weeks of training using their most advanced equipment that they have stationed in the European Theater.

For more than half of that time, the "Hawks" of the 124th Fighter Wing provided close air cover to maneuvering troops in the German countryside. This meant mastering flying in German airspace under rules different than the "Skull bangers" of the 190th Fighter Squadron routinely comply with stateside.

"We weren't allowed to use our full (instrument flying) capabilities found with SADL (Situational Awareness Data Link), so we

turned off our SADL for about a month before deploying and used older time-proven techniques," said Maj. Brian "Digger" Daigle. Daigle planned and coordinated the expedition and served as detachment commander in Germany.

In his first overseas duty, 1st Lt. Bud Munns echoed Daigle's sentiment. "You have to increase your cockpit cross-

checks and maintain higher situational awareness. Overall, this experience helps your pilot skills," he said.

In previous European exercises on this scale, the Army could count on support from A-10 units permanently stationed forward in Europe. The Skull bangers operated from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany-- the previous home to the 81st Fighter Squadron.

"We had quite a bit of clean up before we could store the aircraft, in Protected Aircraft Structures (PAS). It was our wing's first fighter operations out of Europe since the mid 1990s," said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Lewis.

According to Lewis and Daigle, the Idahoans overcame many unexpected operating constraints. "We had a tougher commute than we planned for from off base, but better weather than anticipated—even some sunburns on the flight line," said Lewis.

"The people who deployed (to Combined Resolve) got very good training and I'm hopeful they will pass this on to others," said Lewis "I was really proud of everyone."

"That wingtip clearance taxiing out (of a PAS) was very slight," said Daigle, "the cover also restricted our GPS reception during preflight."

Despite some weather cancellations over some target areas, 124th Operations Group Commander Col. Paul Kingsley called the effort overall a success. "The best measure is they've (the US Army Europe) asked us to come back," he said.

May 2014  
Spangdahlem Air Base  
Germany

Combined Resolve II photos courtesy of Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson, 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crewchief.



Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson



# Operation Combined Resolve II



Operation Combined Resolve II photos provided courtesy of Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson a crewchief for the 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Master Sgt. James McGregor of 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, repositions an A-10 Thunderbolt II during operation Combined Resolve II at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. (Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson)

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# Operation Combined Resolve II



Senior Airman Ryan Keith of the 124th Maintenance Squadron, connects liquid oxygen service carts to provide oxygen to the A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots in flight during Operation Combined Resolve II.



Crew chief Senior Airman Matt Mills and his team prepare to pull the engine of the A-10 Thunderbolt II during Operation Combined Resolve II



124th Fighter Wing Finance Tech Sgt. Gianini Edwards and 190th Fighter Squadron Senior Airman Edward Landis, combined efforts to process orders and travel vouchers.



Staff Sgt Benny Wells services an A-10 Thunderbolt II during Operation Combined Resolve II



Captain Eric Johnson and Chief Steve Lewis coordinate munitions handling.

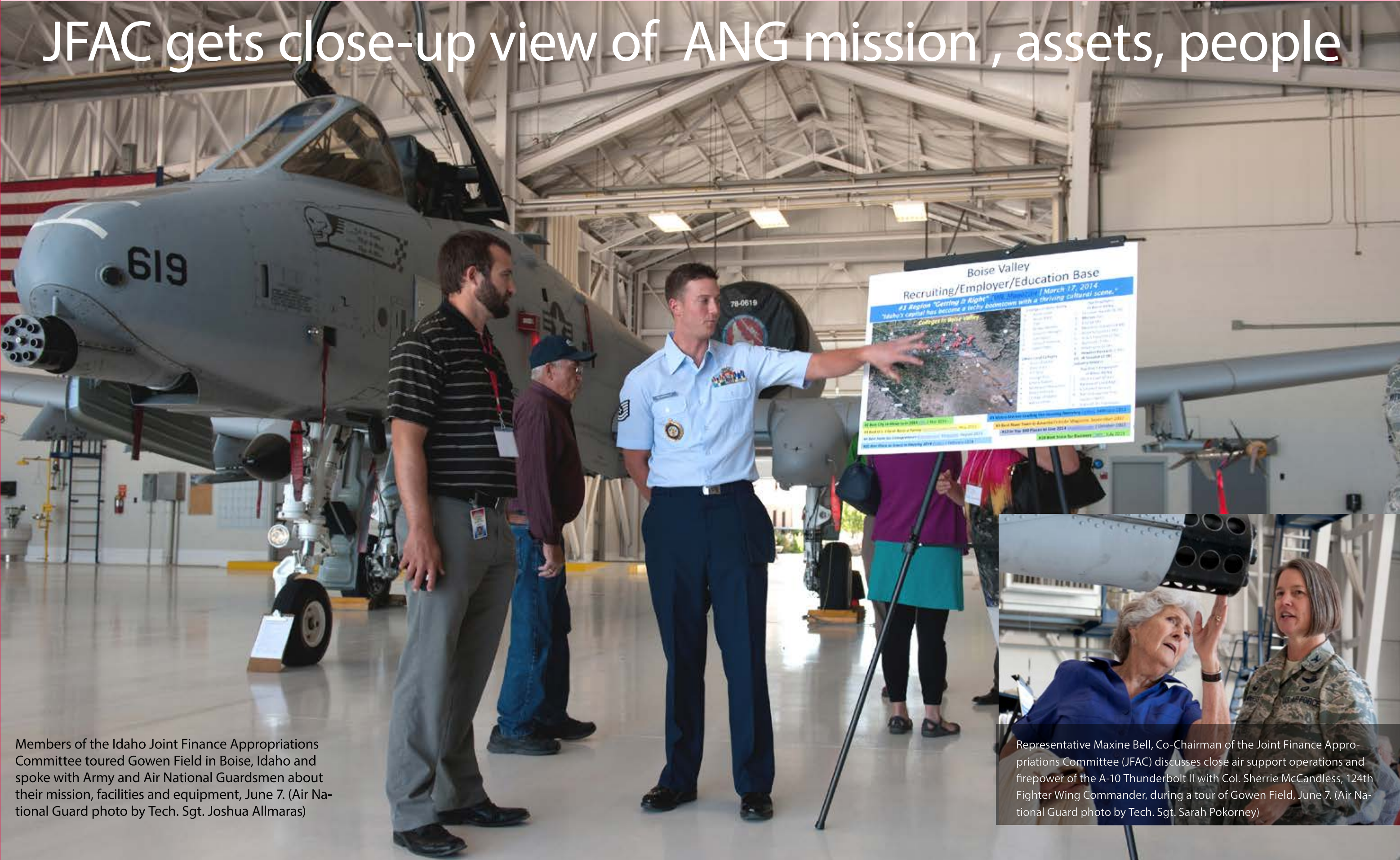


Senior Airman Matt Mills services an A-10 Thunderbolt II during Operation Combined Resolve II

Photos courtesy of Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson



# JFAC gets close-up view of ANG mission, assets, people



Members of the Idaho Joint Finance Appropriations Committee toured Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho and spoke with Army and Air National Guardsmen about their mission, facilities and equipment, June 7. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Allmaras)

Representative Maxine Bell, Co-Chairman of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee (JFAC) discusses close air support operations and firepower of the A-10 Thunderbolt II with Col. Sherrie McCandless, 124th Fighter Wing Commander, during a tour of Gowen Field, June 7. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



# Help Beckham and others fighting blood cancer

Beckham MacGillivray, 8-year-old blood cancer survivor, received a life-saving marrow transplant. He was diagnosed with a blood disease two years ago and no one in his family was a match. He was given just a month to live without a marrow transplant.

Bree MacGillivray, Beckham's mom said, "Many friends offered to donate but the odds of a friend being a match are about 1 in 200,000--that's when we reached out to the registry."

Beckham was matched with a 20-year-old male in Boston, he donated at his center in Boston and Beckham received the transplant within 8 hours. Bree explained that the process was very simple; the marrow donation came in red IV bag transported in a cooler. The life-saving marrow donation was administered just like an IV. Bree said, "It was pretty uneventful," but life-changing for the MacGillivray family. Beckham will get to meet his donor in August.

There are 10 markers used to make a donor match and young donors offer the best outcomes to patients. Beckham's donor was young, healthy and had 9 of the 10 markers. The demographics and service-oriented culture of the military help make the Salute to Life donation program a success. The national registry is in great need of African American and Latino donors.

Bree had been an advocate for Be the Match, the civilian organization that recruits donors for the national registry, and she has worked closely with Tech Sgt. Tiffany Ryan and Staff Sgt. Kelly Goodman with the 124th Medical Group to coordinate the Salute to Life bone marrow drive, here at Gowen Field, July 13. [For more on Beckham and his story click here.](#)



Beckham MacGillivray, 8-year-old blood cancer survivor, recieved life saving marrow transplant two years ago from a match made by the National Marrow Donor Program

# SIGN UP. SWAB ON. SAVE A LIFE.



## Gowen Field Bone Marrow Drive

SUNDAY July 13  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Dining Facility

Tech. Sgt Tiffany Ryan 422-5369 ext 2  
Staff Sgt. Kelly Goodman 42211-5369 ext 3

A two-minute medical questionnaire and cheek swab in support of bone marrow donation can save lives and combat cancer. Salute to Life is a donor center for U.S. military, military dependents or DoD Civilian employees which registers donors in the national bone marrow donor registry. The national registry is open to both civilian and military patients in need of a transplant.

### Did you know...

- Every 4 minutes someone is diagnosed with blood cancer,** 360 people each day, 15 each hour
- Flyers can donate too!** See AFI 48-123 Waiver Guide
- Donation isn't painful,** 85% of donations are drawn from the blood in a process similar to blood donation and the 15% drawn surgically is done under anesthesia and you will feel no pain during donation
- If you needed a marrow donation **there is only a 1 in 200,000 chance a friend would be a match**
- Each day 6,000 people search the donor registry**







## NGYCP-Idaho Youth Challenge Academy

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A National Organization whose mission is to keep veterans connected to the community through physical activities.



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# What should our WING IMAGE be?

This is your time to speak up at [The Beacon Online\\*](#)

First: Take the short survey (<http://bit.ly/124decide>) and share with us your ideas for our common identity going forward.

What nickname should the 124th Fighter Wing adopt? \*

This is a very important decision affecting the long term identity of the 124th Fighter Wing and the Idaho ANG. We will add selections if you submit them as "other."

- ☐ Skullbangers
- ☐ Broncos
- ☐ Pioneers
- ☒ Mustangs
- ☐ Bruisers
- ☐ Cowboys
- ☐ Haymakers
- ☐ Whistlepigs
- ☐ Spuds
- ☐ Overcomers
- ☐ Air Stormers
- ☐ Knight Crusaders
- ☐ Treehuggers
- ☐ 124th Fighter Wing (status quo)
- ☐ Other:

Next: Don't forget to click the "SUBMIT" button.

Tell us about yourself, I am: \*

Stay anonymous, but let us know about which group of people are taking part.

- ☒ Currently assigned to the 124th Fighter Wing
- ☐ Currently a member of the Idaho ANG, but not the 124FW
- ☐ Retired from the Idaho ANG
- ☐ Family of someone in the Idaho ANG
- ☐ Other:

What (public) comments do you have about our wing name?

Remember everyone who views the survey results will see your comment.

Submit

Finally: see what everyone is saying by choosing "See previous responses."

When you think of the 124th Fighter Wing...What image comes to mind?

Your response has been recorded.

See previous responses  
Submit another response

\*Assuming you are already a member of *The Beacon Online*. It's even easier than ever to join with your Facebook account at <http://idahoangbeacon.ning.com/?xgi=0i3GKZUTAUBA39>

# IG Focus

## MICT: Objective v. Subjective

Master Sgt. Mark C. Page, NCOIC, Office of Wing Inspections

*Objective: free of bias, free of any bias or prejudice caused by personal feelings; based on facts, based on facts rather than thoughts or opinions.*  
*Subjective: not impartial, based on somebody's opinions or feelings rather than on facts or evidence; existing by perception, existing only in the mind and not independently of it.*

I've started to informally check various answers personnel are placing in the Management Information Control Tool (MICT) throughout the Wing. I ask that you remain objective in your answers and remove any subjectivity you may have for the compliance point in MICT. Not only is the Wing command structure looking at our responses but all levels have visibility through Headquarters Air Force. Your answer becomes part of the permanent record associated with the Idaho ANG and is a reflection on the wing. MICT is not an editorial for your personal feelings; it is where we show the Air Force our current state of compliance and solutions to correct non-compliance and contradictions between directives. I leave you with the words of Nate Silver: "Objectivity requires belief in and a commitment toward pursuing the truth - having an object outside of our personal point of view."



(Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Allmaras)





# MASTER & SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS: Yes! You could spend a week in the UK learning about leadership, foreign military operations, culture

Just one Idaho senior enlisted airman will be nominated for the International NCO Leadership Development (INLEAD) seminar to learn about other NATO countries' military operations and military culture scheduled for Oct. 4 – Oct. 11 at RAF Halton, United Kingdom. Applications are due August 6.

The Committee on Leadership Development (COLD) of the International Air Reserve Symposium (IARS), will host the Airmans' Command School at RAF Halton to share an array of leader-

ship tools, provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas within a multi-cultural environment. Above all, it is to offer an insight into leadership training while enhancing the military experience of all those attending.

This opportunity is open to all Master Sgt. or Senior Master Sgt. Only the number one applicant will be considered. The application packet includes a letter of intent, nomination letter from state command chief, vMPF record, and fitness assessment.

Contact your chief for the full announcement, eligibility and submission process



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Michael Chamberlain



(Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur)

# Safety, Wellness, and Environmental Fair Smokey Bear, ISP 'beer goggle' course, rescued raptors

The Safety, Wellness and Environmental Fair at Gowen Field, June 5 gave attendees a chance to learn about overall wellbeing and environmental protection at work and home as an extension of the Wingman Day concept. The biennial event hosted by the Idaho National Guard Safety, Occupational Health and Environmen-

tal team hosted nearly 80 vendors offering practical safety and environmental tips for work and fun, wellness screenings, mammograms, massages and more. Community partners like the Idaho State Police, U.S. Forest Service, and many other vendors offered information and activities while the Chief's Group grilled up lunch for kids and adults.



Download photos at [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) search "Idaho Air National Guard"



Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Allmaras



# If you're aspiring to be an E-8, want to influence education assistance

## Update Your Education Record

**Per AFI 36-2305, Educational Classification and Coding Procedure,** officer and enlisted personnel are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their education records annually. Normally, this is performed when members log into Virtual MPF to review their personnel record. However, updating your education record is different depending whether you are an officer or enlisted.

**Documentation:** Documentation may include official transcripts and/or official letter on institution letterhead stationery signed by the university registrar's office. Please note that transcript fees are not reimbursable by the Air Force.

**Officer:** Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) is responsible for maintaining the academic records for active duty, guard and reserve officers of the USAF.

**Enlisted:** It is the Airman's responsibility to contact the issuing institution(s) for update and/or correction of military records. Transcripts/documentation must be mailed or sent electronically from the issuing institution directly to the Base Education and Training Section (ETS). The ETS will accomplish education level update into AFAEMS/MiIPDS and input source documents into AFAEMS for audit purposes.

All mailed correspondence requesting updates to academic level should be addressed to:

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Email: [124fw.fsm.betm@ang.af.mil](mailto:124fw.fsm.betm@ang.af.mil)

This information is vitally important for a number of reasons. First, the educational data collected helps senior military and civilian leaders determine the need for current and future state educational assistance. Second, a CCAF is required to make E8 and E9. Third, current and updated data allows leadership a clear picture on its educated force when comparing active and reserve statistics for leadership objectives.

**SGLI PREMIUM CHANGE**

Effective July 1, 2014, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program will adjust the SGLI monthly premium rate from 6.5 cents to 7 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. This means, for example, a premium increase from \$26 to \$28 a month for Servicemembers with the maximum \$400,000 of life insurance. All Servicemembers will continue to pay an additional \$1 for Traumatic Injury Protection coverage. Please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/insurance](http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance) to view a table of the new rates for all coverage amounts and learn more about the premium change. They offer a very easy-to-follow SGLI premium change fact sheet at: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/docs/SGLI\\_Premium\\_Change.pdf](http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/docs/SGLI_Premium_Change.pdf)

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## Idaho's best, brightest scholars visit Gowen Field



Capt. Eric Johnson, an electronics technician for the National Weather Service and a traditional guardsman for the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, introduces students to the RAWS (Remote Automated Weather Station) during the tour group's visit to the National Weather Service, Boise, Idaho, June 17. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)

By Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney  
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

6/17/2014 BOISE, Idaho – Seventy-nine Idaho Science and Aeronautical Scholar students, who have gone above and beyond their high school curriculum to expand their STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education, and their parents, spent a day exploring STEM careers and meeting military and civilian STEM professionals at Gowen Field and the surrounding airport/NIFC (National Interagency Fire Center) complex June 17.

Since the ISAS is an online curriculum, this event was a welcome way for students to put faces to the names of their virtual classmates.

The group split into two groups that visited new Boise airport tower and NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Association) in the morning then reconvened at the Gowen Field Activity Center for lunch.

The groups spent the afternoon on Gowen Field and their experiences included an introduction to the Apache Longbow AH-64D by pilot 1st Lt. Josh Grier, a former active duty Air Force crew chief. The students also got to tour the nondestructive inspection shop and got an up-close view of the A-10 Thunderbolt II. They also got the rare experience to fly, shoot targets, and try a barrel roll or two in the A-10 simulators at the 190th Fighter Squadron.



ISAS scholars and their parents enjoy a close view of the Apache Longbow AH-64D. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



Tech Sgt. Cliff Walmsley, 124th Maintenance Squadron Non-Destructive Inspection Specialist, shows science scholars how preventative and routine inspection protects life and property during a tour of Gowen Field June 17. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



NGAUS Conference - 2014

“The National Guard: Now More Than Ever”

By 1st Lt Heidi Caye  
Special to the Beacon

“Now more than ever” it is your opportunity to engage and participate in the National Guard Association of the United States. This year, the 136<sup>th</sup> NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition will be held on 22-25 August in Chicago, affording members the opportunity to gather, network and vote on top legislative priorities for this organization.

Conference activities will be held at McCormick Place, the country’s largest convention center. In addition to business sessions and an exhibitor hall, attendees can participate in golf tournaments, a fun run, officer professional development, and task force meetings. All four conference hotels are located on Michigan Avenue, in the heart of a city that has much to offer: public art, museums, theater, beaches, baseball (Cubs will be playing the Orioles), and local food. Attending the 2014 NGAUS conference is sure to be professionally and personally rewarding. The registration form is available here (see page 27). Completed forms and checks should be provided to Lt Col Sheppard or Capt. Walker no later than 13 July. All who register will receive the conference t-shirt!

*Want to know more about NGAUS?* Formed in 1878, NGAUS is the nation’s oldest military association lobbying solely for the benefit of the National Guard, and educating

the public about the Guard’s role in United States history. See [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org) to learn more. Who can become a member? Commissioned/Warrant officers of the Air and Army National Guard are eligible for NGAUS membership, as are supporters of NGAUS. Want to join? Sign up through the Idaho National Guard Officer’s Association website, [www.ingoa.org](http://www.ingoa.org).



The 124<sup>th</sup> Wing and Idaho Air National Guard do not endorse professional associations that our members join. They do encourage off-duty participation in these nationally recognized organizations that contribute to professionalism of all members. Coverage on these pages is to allow for communication between group leaders and our general audience.



136<sup>th</sup> NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition | August 22-25 ▪ Chicago, IL  
NGAUS State Attendee Conference Registration Form

MEMBER REGISTRATION

Check one if applicable: ☐ Delegate ☐ Retiree ☐ Current TAG ☐ Former TAG

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ NGAUS Membership ID # \_\_\_\_\_

By providing an e-mail address, NGAUS will be able to send to you conference updates, special event invitations, etc.

SPOUSE OR GUEST REGISTRATION

Check one if applicable: ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Rank/Title/Prefix/Suffix if applicable)

NGAUS REGISTRATION FEE: NGAUS member and member’s guest pay \$165 each.

CONFERENCE EVENTS

Check which of the following events you and/or your guest(s) will attend. Each participant pays an additional fee if indicated below.

Governors Reception - Aug. 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	NGAUS Golf Tournament - Aug. 22 (\$115)	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Spouses Luncheon - Aug. 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Fun Run - Aug 23 (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both
States Dinner - Aug. 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Retired/Separated Luncheon - Aug. 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both
CG/WO Mixer - Aug 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Both	(\$5 NGAUS member/\$25 guest/spouse/non-NGAUS member)	

ACCOMMODATIONS

Your state’s hotel room block is at (HYATT) . A\$160 deposit is required to reserve a room.

Check-in Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out Date \_\_\_\_\_ OR ☐ I don’t need a hotel room

TRANSPORTATION

For those flying into Midway or O’Hare IAP, paste the link below into your browser to schedule your ground transportation at a discounted rate. <http://airportexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=NGAUS&LOGON=GO>  
Midway Roundtrip Group Rate - \$25 O’Hare Roundtrip Group Rate - \$30

METHOD OF PAYMENT - Check or Credit Card

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to (INGOA)

\$ _____	Total Cost for Conference Registration Fees
\$ _____	Hotel Deposit
\$ _____	Total Cost of Additional Conference Events
\$ _____	Total Amount

Please note any special requirements or dietary restrictions:

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO (State - fill in address, e-mail, phone number and/or fax before sending to members)



# 2014 Veteran's Fishing Program

What is the Veteran's Fishing Program?

This is a day dedicated to helping Veterans All you have to do is help one of the veterans find a great fishing spot at the predetermined fishing site, bring some worms, assist them with the fishing tackle (also known as baiting the hook), and enjoy some high-quality conversation with the veterans. If you have some time to volunteer, this is a fantastic program that will contribute to our community and a very thankful Idaho veteran.



The Veterans Home asks for 12 Guard members for each date. Most of the Veterans are in wheelchairs and require a great deal of assistance

## 2014 Fishing Dates

May 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday-work day) at Stans  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Down Day) at the hatchery  
July 14<sup>th</sup> (Down Day) at the hatchery  
August 18<sup>th</sup> (Down Day) at the hatchery  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Down Day) at Stans

Fishing Dates that are scheduled on a down day are strictly a volunteer day—you cannot be in a military/technician status

The first trip in May will be at Stan's place (private residence) and the rest of the fishing events will be at the Nampa Fish Hatchery. An e-mail with additional information and a volunteer request form will be sent to volunteers. I need everyone's request for May 27<sup>th</sup> ASAP, preferably by May 4<sup>th</sup> if at all possible.

Please coordinate with your work center if you want to volunteer for May 27<sup>th</sup>. While the other dates do fall on Down Days, you will find this experience very rewarding. Everyone that volunteers loves to volunteer year-after-year for this outstanding community service.

**Please contact SMSgt Jerod Taylor or SMSgt Steve White to volunteer**

[Jerod.taylor@ang.af.mil](mailto:Jerod.taylor@ang.af.mil)  
[Steven.white@ang.af.mil](mailto:Steven.white@ang.af.mil)  
Or call  
422-6116 or 422-6744



## INVITE YOUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYER

### 2014 ANNUAL BOSSLIFT

### GOWEN FIELD, IDAHO

**AUGUST 1, 2014**

**7:00AM-5:15PM**

Be a part of the action and see first-hand what National Guardsmen and Reservists do when they are on duty.

### Event Highlights:

- Engage enemy targets in weapons simulators, pilot the A10 simulator, and operate various military hardware & equipment
- Lose your lunch during a Blackhawk helicopter orientation flight
- Be part of the military for a day to better understand how "We All Serve"
- Gain insight about what Idaho's citizen-soldiers do
- Hear about Idaho's National Guard and Reserve mission and assets
- Show your support for Idaho's citizen warriors

### Come be a "Boss in Boots" for a Day!

Participation is by "invitation only" from the Department of Defense ESGR committee. Nominations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is given to employers of Guard and Reservists, community leaders of civic organizations, company owners and managers.

**Attendance is limited to 100 and the selection process begins with your early application.**

To be selected early for this VIP event, complete a Nomination Form and mail or scan/email to the Idaho ESGR Bosslift Director:

**Dale Schiro**  
4814 N. Allamar Dr., Boise, ID 83704  
Email: [idahobosslift@gmail.com](mailto:idahobosslift@gmail.com)

For more information, please contact Karla Draper at (208) 429-9335 or Eddie Clemons at (208) 272-3346



# Family Day 2014 is Sun. Sept 7

- 1030 - Families join Family Day
- 1100 - Change to civilian clothes
- 1130 - First band plays/food service begins/Retirees join family day
- 1230-1330 - Pie in the face for CFC





**MILITARY  
*family*  
APPRECIATION  
NIGHT**

SPONSORED BY  
**CITY OF BOISE**

**SUNDAY, JULY 20th 2014**

**5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Zoo Boise**

**“Our Troops, Our Families”**

**Free admission to all Military Members, Families, Veterans,  
and Retirees with a valid Military ID or proof of service**

For more information call the Idaho National Guard  
Family Programs Office (208) 272-7311

**\*\*\*food available while supplies last\*\*\***





# Nobody tells the Air Force story like our Airmen!

We have a video contest starting July 1. Shoot a 30-second maximum video about your story of service or unique mission. Upload the video to your personal YouTube account, and email us a link at [usafvideos@us.af.mil](mailto:usafvideos@us.af.mil). Video entries must be received by July 29. See the official rules for information. <http://airforcelive.dodlive.mil/contest/>

Click below for more details



WE NEED YOUR VIDEOS  
**TO TELL THE  
AIR FORCE STORY!**



The winning video will be debuted at the September Air Force Association Conference in Washington D.C.



• HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW •

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#### SMART PHONE

Whip out your smart phone and take a short video (30 seconds max) showing and telling your Air Force story. Don't forget OPSEC!

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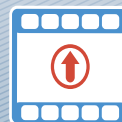


#### EMAIL

Send your video link to [usafvideos@us.af.mil](mailto:usafvideos@us.af.mil). To be accepted, your official submission e-mail must include:

- ✓ YOUR NAME
- ✓ RANK
- ✓ BASE
- ✓ UNIT

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#### UPLOAD VIDEO

Upload your video to your YouTube account.

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#### SUBMISSION CALENDAR

Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. CT July 29, 2014. The top 10 finalists will be announced August 12, 2014, and their videos will be uploaded to the Air Force BlueTube channel on YouTube. Video likes will be recorded until 12 p.m. CT on August 22, 2014.

The winner of the video contest will be publicly announced September 15, 2014. For more information about the contest, visit <http://airforcelive.dodlive.mil/contest>.