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Comrades, Friends, Warriors— I’m retiring.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve with you the past 30 years as an Idaho Guardsman. Being part of the Guard has been a great honor for me and I have always felt very proud to tell folks I am a member. We flew fast and low in the ‘Phantom Recce.’ We traveled to Saudi Arabia and Incerlick and proved our combat capability in the Wild Weasel. We traveled the world and earned great respect in the Herkabago. And in the Warthawg, we saved many lives of our troops on the ground. I claim victory for the IDANG and our country in the War on Terror! What a career! Again, thanks for the memories and the opportunity to serve with you. I will always remain a fan and a supporter of the Air Guard. If I did not see you at the retirement gathering at the Gowen Field Club on the occasion of my retirement from the Idaho Air National Guard, please allow me to thank you with a beverage in the near future.

Col Christopher “Rip” Rood

---Living the Dream.



Col. Christopher “Rip” Rood
Former 124th Fighter Wing
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One more hurdle cleared to extend A-10, F-35 still on the table

Insights from Col. Sharie McCandless, 124th Fighter Wing Commander and Brig. Gen. Michael Nolan, Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Commander Idaho Air National Guard, July 25.

McCandless: As all of these Congressional committees go through the marking of their bills, the Senate Appropriations Committee was the last one to clear funding for an A-10 extension (of service life). It would appear that the last hurdle has been cleared, so now there is a funding source in place for the extension. We knew there was a one-year extension for the A-10, but we never knew where the funding was going to come from. Laws can be written but if the appropriators don't pass a bill, there's nothing to fund it.

The extension will put us through the end of fiscal year 15 (Oct 1, 2015) and we divest it sometime after that date.

It (an A-10 extension) is not done until the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) is signed, which we think will be post elections (November 2), then there are the holidays and then in January they should sign and it's official. So today nothing is official yet, but we have cleared another hurdle.

Classic association with Mt. Home AFB still possible

McCandless: An Idaho contingent traveled to Air Combat Command and National Guard Bureau in mid-July to look at how Idaho Air National Guardsmen and active duty forces would maintain, fly and support jointly used F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft when they form a planned Classic Association with Mt. Home AFB. While we were there we also got some details on the next round of F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter bed down.

McCandless: We are working hard to improve the Classic Association construct that we are going in to. There is room for improvement on the Unit Type Codes (UTC), and how we man Monday through Friday flying. We've provoked a bit of discussion about things like weekend flying on Gowen, and getting aircraft based here as well.

The wing has generated interest by hosting Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke III, Director Air National Guard; Gen. Mark Welsh, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell Brush, Command Chief Master Sgt. of the National Guard. It gave them a chance to look around and see that this is a great place and that our manning and recruiting numbers are strong. And then, the A-10 extension gives them a chance to analyze the pros and cons and see what's actually going on here in Idaho.

“The A-10 Extension gives us time to plan a better construct; it also lets the Air Combat Command and National Guard Bureau recognize the value of Gowen Field and keep it viable to bed down the F-35 in the future and not lose the experienced manpower.”

I think they are seeing some of the cons that they didn't see before, partly because we are pointing them out and, with time, they are becoming more self-evident.

With more time to think and ponder and look, we may be able to come up with some better options for the 124th Fighter Wing.

They may let us work on UTC constructs for operations and maintenance including where we fly, what weekend flying looks like, and participation of the Mission Support Group and Medical Group.

Nolan: “We talk about the F-35 deal all the time at our level but I think our long-term goal gets lost sometimes, at the boot level. It's a priority and even when you stop hearing about it, we are still working it. There are rounds to bed down the next set of bases and the selections will be made in the next year and a half.”

McCandless: The next four bases have been slated to include two Guard, one reserve and one active duty--this is our near-term opportunity to shine.

Nolan: In the first round they only looked as Gowen as a training squadron but now we want to make sure we are looked at as an operational squadron as well.

(Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)

Operation Pathfinder Minuteman

124th Medical Group and Chaplin Corps joint tsunami-recovery exercise, Warrenton, Ore.

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

Idaho Guardsmen from the 124th Medical Group (124MDG) boarded a bus on the Sunday morning of their otherwise mundane August UTA to disembark in a completely different landscape many hours later. This environment included alarmingly realistic mannequins “washed ashore” in both a rural coastal brush area and a small simulated coastal town.

The Med Group had entered a joint tsunami-recovery exercise hosted by the Oregon Air National Guard and allied civilian agencies who are breaking new ground in combining civil and military assets to effectively respond to as-yet unknown but potentially disastrous events if the Cascadia Subduction Zone fault line ever jolts the Pacific Northwest with another major earthquake.

The time from a major earthquake to the arrival of a destructive tsunami wave roiling ashore could be as little as five minutes according to the Oregon Office of Emergency management.

More than two-dozen medical full-time and Drill-Status Guardsman (DSG) profession-

als from the 124MDG journeyed to the northern Oregon coast to participate in a complex inter-agency disaster response exercise. Operation Pathfinder Minuteman 2014 was the first such exercise to combine the efforts of over 120 personnel from Army and Air National Guard medical units from Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, Para-rescue forces from the Air Force Reserve, civilian first responders from the Oregon Disaster Medical Team and associated professionals from municipal agencies.

“I was impressed with the planning and logistics to successfully execute such a large-scale exercise,” said (Col.) Dr. Ralph Sutherland, Director of Aerospace Medicine for the state of Idaho. “In my 25 years in medicine, this was the first time I have been involved in a mass casualty exercise with military and civilian members.”

Operation Pathfinder Minuteman transformed portions of Camp Rilea, Warrington, Oregon, into a post-tsunami apocalypse.

124MDG professionals participated as both responders and patients during various phases of the exercise. The rural response and treatment challenges gave way to later challenges that included rescuing trapped victims from the second and third stories of coastal buildings.

“We really need a playbook for accomplishing this kind of operation, and get the playbook out while we’re still in the training environment, said Dr. Jonathan Jui, leader of the Oregon Disaster Medical Team. (continued on page 8)



Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney

Air National Guard photo
by Lt. Col. Gary Daniel

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124th Medical Group and Chaplin Corps joint
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Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Gary Daniel



Air National Guard photos above by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney

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Medical Team, who coordinated the exercise.

“Communication is ultimately the key component” said Tech. Sgt. Maria Wilson, Aerospace Medicine and Public Health Technician for the 124MDG. “This was easily noticeable during the hot wash where it was quickly revealed that each agency identified the same deficiencies and had the same collective resolutions. All of which we can expect to see at the next annual exercise.”

“All the different medical and support members, including chaplains, ASOS and PJs, worked closely together for the common goal, to find

survivors and save lives. Lessons learned included the importance of contingency planning and training with local, state and regional disaster involvement,” Sutherlin said.

“Learning to communicate effectively with the primary responders (who are usually civilians) during a domestic operations disaster response scenario is always the biggest hurdle. This exercise allowed our Idaho Army and Air Guard medics to gain valuable experience with this,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jerod Taylor, superintendent of the 124MDG.

Idaho Air National Guard medical personnel are working hard to

increase their domestic operations training opportunities according to Taylor.

“Disaster Response is the primary area where Guard medical personnel fill a unique role that active military medical cannot,” said Taylor. “Disaster Response in domestic operations is all about interagency training and building relationships with those other agencies, understanding our different capabilities and shortfalls, and working on communication to ensure our joint goal is accomplished during the disaster scenario.”

“The Oregon State Air Surgeon stated that bordering states will be vital to assisting Oregon with any significant

natural disaster; that the 124th Medical Group can be the ‘tip of the spear’ in medical support to the Oregon Guard,” said Sutherlin. “The hands-on training created team building and morale boosting for our medics. I am looking forward to working with our neighboring state Air Guard units in the future.”

Just a couple of days after studying, preparing, executing, and evaluating the scenario, the 124MDG boarded their bus for the return drive back to Gowen Field. In the future, the entire trip could be much less scripted and much more urgent as teams from surrounding states like Idaho may be the primary caregivers responding to a real-world disaster to the west.



Col. Bernard F. Fisher

January 11, 1927 - August 16, 2014)

Brad B. Fisher, son of Col. Bernard Fisher, accepts a flag honoring his father from Maj. Gen. Gary L. Saylor, the Commanding General for the Idaho National Guard at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise, Idaho Aug. 25. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



Members of the Mountain Home Air Force Base Honor Guard ceremoniously fold the flag during the internment ceremony for the late Col. Bernard Fisher, a Medal of Honor recipient, Aug. 25, 2014, at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise, Idaho. He was presented the Medal of Honor for risking his own life while going above and beyond the call of duty to save a fellow pilot who had been shot down at A Shau Air Base, Vietnam during the battle of A Shau Valley, March 10, 1966. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Malissa Lott)



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Family, friends, military and five other Medal of Honor recipients gathered to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Col. Bernard Fisher, the first living Air Force recipient of the Medal of Honor during a service at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise, Idaho, Aug. 25. (from left) Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret) Phil Hawkins, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. (Ret) Leo K. Thorsness, U.S. Air Force; Maj. (Ret) Jay R. Vargas, U.S. Marine Corps; Capt. (Ret) Arthur J. "Art" Jackson, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. (Ret) Thomas R. "Tom" Norris, U.S. Navy. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



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Uncommon gallantry: Remembering Bernard Fisher

By Senior Airman Benjamin Sutton, 366th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

He had to go back, the decision was made, the rescue helicopter was more than 30 minutes away and Myers could be injured or in danger of being taken prisoner.

Retired Col. Bernard Fisher, who risked his life landing his A-1E Skyraider to rescue a fellow pilot while North Vietnamese troops unleashed a storm of bullets toward him, died Aug. 16, at age 87.

Then Maj. Fisher was presented the Medal of Honor for his heroics in rescuing Maj. Dafford Myers on March 10, 1966, in the A Shau Valley along South Vietnam's western border with Laos.

Myers ran to the jet and climbed onto the wing as Fisher dragged

him head first into the cockpit before taking off under extreme enemy fire.

"He landed under fire, he taxied under fire, he took off under fire," said Tammy Fisher, a Kuna, Idaho resident married to Fisher's son, Steven.

When Fisher landed back at base in Pleiku, the ground crew found 19 bullet holes in his plane.

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson praised Fisher during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House Jan. 19, 1967, after presenting him with the prestigious medal.

Fisher became the first living Air Force Medal of Honor recipient that day.

Low-Cost Fort Drum Missions yield Invaluable Training



By Capt. Jason Attinger
190th Fighter Squadron
Special to The Beacon

Idaho Air Guardsmen operated out of their comfort zone while working from an austere environment as the 124th Fighter Wing deployed to Fort Drum, New York from July 10 through 17, for Close Air Support training. Thirty-eight Idaho guardsmen deployed for the one-week exercise. Pilots from the 190th Fighter Squadron flew six “Thunderbolt II” A-10C’s, while remaining pilots and maintainers flew essential cargo to the location in a C-130 operated by the Texas Air Guard.

“This was essentially a unilateral Guard deployment,” said project officer Capt. Tom “Worm” Silkowski. “These are guardsman flying ANG aircraft, getting transported and hosted by ANG units.” Even Air Guard KC-135 Stratotankers provided the fuel to get there and return.

Once they arrived at Ft Drum the Idaho Airman quickly realized that they would be working out of a small austere area called the Forward Operating Location (FOL). The FOL was designed to mimic a real-world deployment location with minimal outside support structure.

The New York Air National Guard’s 17th Attack

Wing hosted the Idaho Airmen. Team continuity was strong as the pilots, maintainers, and ops support personnel all worked, ate, and lived in close proximity to each other.

Our mission objectives were to conduct “live (weapons) drops” on an unfamiliar range while working from an austere environment to challenge our Idaho guardsman and push them out of their comfort zones.

The location was a stark contrast to Gowen Field. It was not unusual for a pilot and maintainer to be eating an outdoor meal together, while overlooking an A-10C that was almost hidden, on a narrow taxiway under a canopy of oak trees. Asphalt was replaced by dirt roads, large buildings by small shacks, and computer screens by paper forms, maps and grease pencils.

The rustic setting did not hinder the Idaho guardsman as they rose to the challenge of working on a bare bones base. The maintainers, technicians, and weapons personnel turned generated ten jets a day with what would nor-

mally be considered a skeleton crew.

Silkowski, a former A-10C crew chief himself, said, “I have never seen a better group of maintainers.” Due to the outstanding professionalism and diligence of the Idaho and New York guardsman, there was not a single case of hung munitions or ground-aborted aircraft.

The deployment exercise was an overwhelming success. In all, we expended forty-eight 500-pound MK-82 bombs, 98 rockets, and thousands of 30mm Gatling gun rounds.

Additionally, pilots from the 190th fighter squadron worked with both local NY guardsman and coalition Dutch Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC’s). Best of all the deployment was “low cost”, as rooms, vehicles, and facilities were provided, and travel was via ANG aircraft.

Lt. Col. Chad Crocker, the 190th FS Commander, called the deployment “cost effective and invaluable.” With almost 250,000 pounds of explosives dropped--the trip was literally the best ‘bang for the buck’!



Photos courtesy of
Capt. Jason Attinger



Military Museum ribbon cutting



Major General Gary Sayler, Adjutant General of the Idaho National Guard cuts the ribbon at the grand reopening of the Idaho Military Museum June 7. (Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cassidy Morlock)

The Idaho Military Museum celebrated its grand reopening with a ribbon cutting by Maj. Gen. Gary L. Sayler, Commanding General for the Idaho National Guard, June 7. Living history actors and static displays of historical and modern military equipment set the stage for the celebration. It included a commencement by retired Army Master Sgt. Jeff Packer, president of the Idaho Military Historical Society, and blank weapons fire with small arms fire, a 75 mm Pack Howitzer and a 12-pound Napoleon cannon. Visitors viewed a broad spectrum of military history, via photos and artifacts, and saw Gowen Field as it was during World War II as well as Idahoans in the Philippine Insurrec-

tion through Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom. There were also a number of small arms on display and guidons from units past, some of which have felt the breezes of distant lands and date back to the early years of the 20th century. The newly remodeled Military Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Schools and group tours are welcome and encouraged. To schedule your tour please call (208) 272-4841. To learn more about the Idaho Military Museum, sign up for their newsletter and find out about upcoming events visit them online at <http://museum.mil.idaho.gov>



Retired Army Master Sgt. Jeff Packer, president of the Idaho Military Historical Society presides over the grand reopening ceremony (Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Skylar Child)



Jonathan Wood (right) and two other living history actors portray privates in the Union Army, 1863 during the Military Museum grand reopening at Gowen Field, June 7. (Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cassidy Morlock)



Living history actors set the stage for the Idaho Military Museum grand reopening celebration and ribbon cutting at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho June 7. (From left to right) Jonathan Wood, enacting a Private in the Union Army 1863; Greg Kershul, Militia Captain infantry 1778 any northern colonies reposed of the Seven Year War (his uniform made distinctive by the long coat and three cornered hat with French ribbon indicating post French alliance, retreat from French and Indian war); and David Wren, Colonial Militia Rifelman 1775, "America's first homeland security" (Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)

Military Museum ribbon cutting June 7, 2014



Living history actors retired Army Col. Rick Johnson and son Brian Johnson chat with Major General Gary Sayler, Adjutant General of the Idaho National Guard at the Military Museum ribbon cutting. (Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cassidy Morlock)



(Left) David Wren, Colonial Militia Rifelman 1775, "America's first homeland security." (Right) Greg Kershul, Militia Captain infantry 1778 any northern colonies reposed of the seven year war. Hat has three corners and long coat length made uniform distinctive. French ribbon on the hat indicates post French alliance, retreat from French and Indian war. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)



Idaho Military Museum volunteer makes dog tags at the grand reopening celebration and ribbon cutting at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, 7 June. (Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Skylar Child)



Retired Army Master Sgt. Jeff Packer (right), president of the Idaho Military Historical Society, gives a pep talk to his fellow living history actors before Idaho Military Museum grand reopening ceremony. (from left to right) Brian Johnson, retired Army Col. Rick Johnson, retired Army Sgt. First Class Charles Ake. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)

Guardsman flood in to help Beckham and others fighting blood cancer

More than 100 guardsman of the 124th Fighter Wing registered in the National Marrow Donor Program registry at a bone marrow drive July 13, at Gowen Field.

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 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. [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



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I just wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Bone Marrow Drive this past drill weekend, it was a huge success, but most importantly to all those members who registered with the National Bone Marrow Registry! If anyone missed getting on the registry, come over anytime to the medical clinic and get set up. It's about ten minutes with paperwork and a cheek swab and that's it. Don't let the name scare you, the processes have changed a lot over the years, the reality of being a match is about every 1 in 200,000. Eighty percent of the time they retrieve the cells from you through the same process as donating blood, the only difference is, they put your blood back after they've taken what they need from it. If you have questions, feel free to contact me!

Staff Sgt. Kelly Goodman
124th MDG Medical Technician/EMT
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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.

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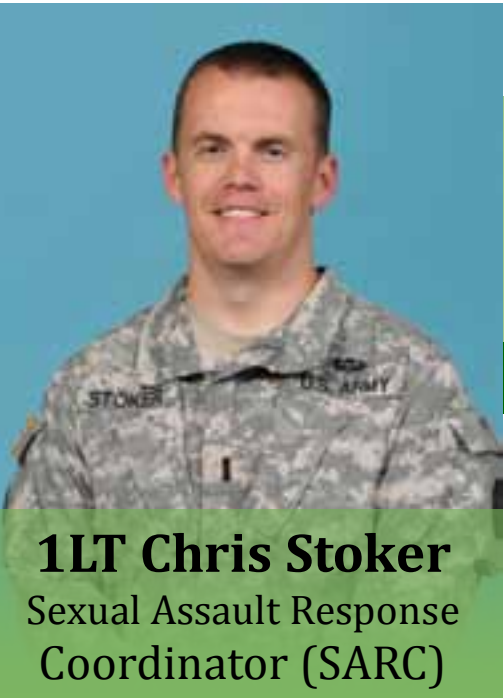
Staff Sgt. Mario Pile, Senior Airman Kelsey Pease, and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Brennan and others from the 124th Services Flight conduct a sweep during a search and recovery exercise near Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, July 10. (Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur)



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Senator Crapo rep answers questions on A-10 funding, future missions

Veteran Affairs and Military Liaison for Senator Michael Crapo's office, Sierra Forbes, answered questions from Idaho Army and Air National Guard members at a Town Hall session at Gowen Field, Aug 11. She responded candidly to questions and comments on many issues including the A-10 Thunderbolt II funding and divestiture, future missions, BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure), sequestration and even the Veteran Affairs scandal. Senator Crapo's office works closely with Major General Saylor, the Adjutant General of the Idaho National Guard on issues relating to military and veteran affairs. (Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney)




Operation BossLift

Idaho Air National Guard members invite employers to Gowen Field for a day to participate in BossLift and learn about the 124th Fighter Wing in Boise, Idaho, Aug. 1. (Air National Guard photos by Airman 1st Class Skyla Child)

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Did you know that your credit score is one of the key factors that determines the rate of interest that you will pay for a home loan—and whether or not you get that loan?



CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE TRIATHLON

PUSH YOUR MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT!

LUCKY PEAK SANDY POINT PARK
13 SEPTEMBER 2014

**.43m SWIM
14m BIKE
3.1m RUN**

COST:

Team Registration **\$90** (Early) or **\$100** (After 1 AUG 2014)

Individual Registration **\$35** (Early) or **\$45** (After 1 AUG 2014)

TEAM RWB (Red White and Blue) :

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



CONTACT INFO: Matt Henman (208) 608-4825 • matt.henman@teamrwb.org • web: www.teamrwb.org

ECARS Registration Starts 5 Sept.

The Employee Vehicle Certification and Reporting System (ECARS) is a web-based program designed to ensure the IDANG complies with Clean Air Act (CAA). This Act requires the IDANG to document that vehicles driving on base comply with local air emissions requirements.

The IDANG is implementing the ECARS program on September 5th, and needs your participation!

What does this mean?

ALL personnel at the base have to self-register in ECARS. If you drive a vehicle on the installation 60 days or more per year, you need to have a passing Ada or Canyon County emissions test on that vehicle. This applies to all personnel driving on base – even if your car is register outside of Ada/Canyon County. ECARS is the program that documents you comply with this regulation. If you don't drive on base 60 days or more per year, you can identify this in ECARS.

ECARS is the program that documents that you comply with CAA Regulations

Why do I have to do this?

Congress passed this law with the intent that employees at federal installations would not have a negative impact on local air quality. Since Ada County has air quality issues, employees at federal installations in Ada County are required to drive vehicles that pass the local emissions test.

Using ECARS to document your compliance with the CAA is required per [AFI 32-7040](#) and Commander supported ([read Brig. Gen. Michael Nolan's support letter here](#)).

Who is Exempt?

Great question! The following vehicles are exempt from requiring a passing local emissions test.

- Vehicles that are driven on the installation less than 60 days per year
- Electric/hybrid vehicles
- Vehicles less than 5 years old
- Vehicles older than 1981
- Classic automobiles
- Vehicles weighing less than 1,500 pounds
- Motor homes

EVEN IF YOU ARE EXEMPT, you still have to self-register and identify your exempt status in ECARS!

How do you self-register in ECARS?

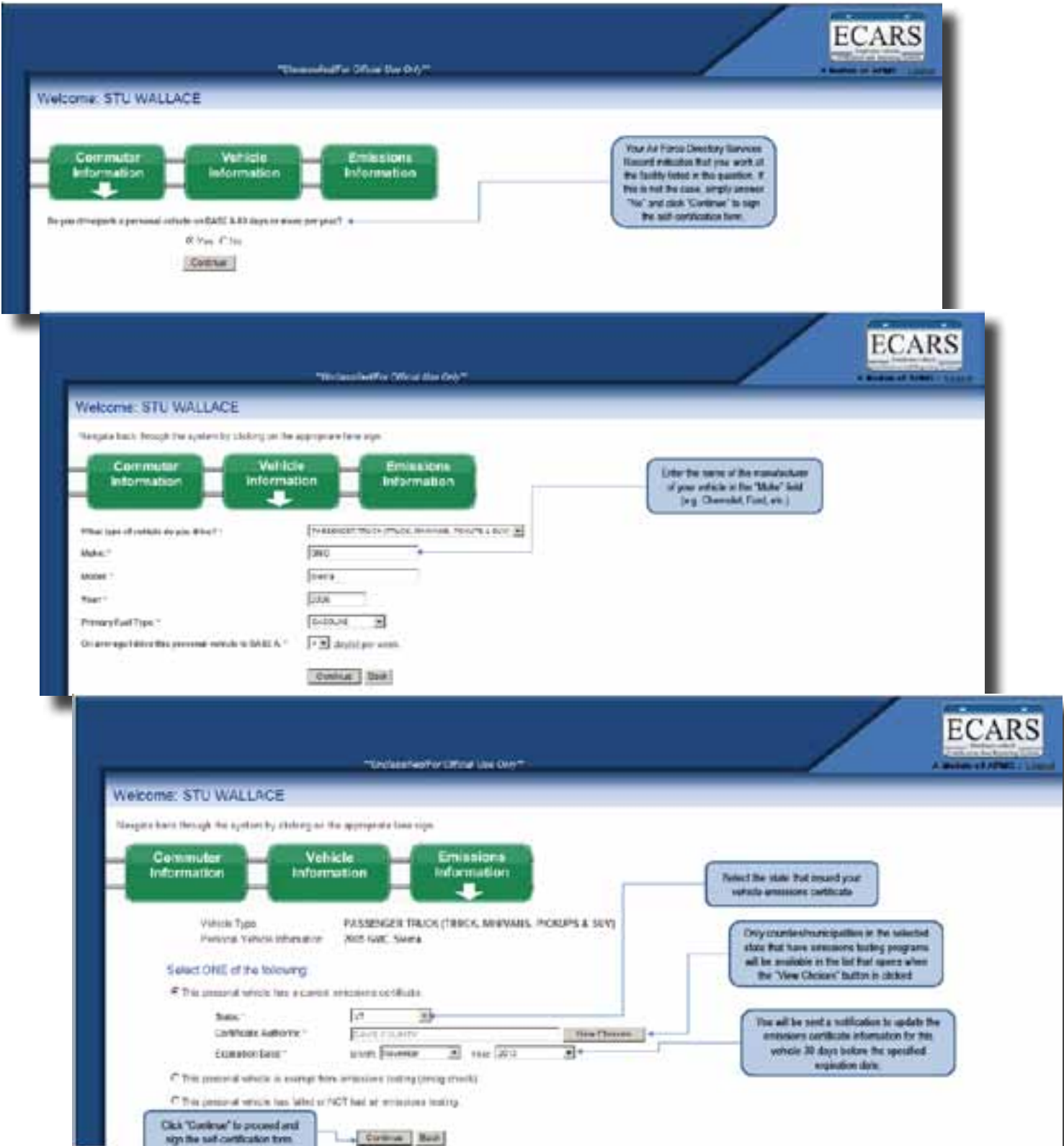
An email about ECARS will arrive in your inbox on September 5th! Employees at the installation (fed techs, traditionals, AGRs) need to follow the link in the email to the ECARS website. There you can identify your vehicle as compliant/non-compliant, or exempt from the emissions requirements. ALL personnel MUST self-register in the system. This is a quick and easy process!!!

Thanks for your help self-registering in ECARS and showing compliance with this important regulation!

Questions about air emissions testing? Check out the Ada County Air Quality Board website at <http://www.emissiontest.org/questions.aspx>.

If you have additional questions, please call 1st Lt. Heidi Caye, Environmental Manager, at 422-5327.

Quick and easy ECARS registration





WINTER AT HOGWARTS

January 16-19, 2015

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center
Cascade, ID

Registration

Camp: Sep 22 - Dec 12, 2014
Teen Counselors: Sep 22 - Nov 14, 2014
Adult Chaperones: Sep 22 - Dec 12, 2014

Age Requirements

Camper: 10-18 yrs by 1 Feb 2015
Teen Counselors: 14 yrs by 1 Feb 2015 (must have attended at least one IDNG Youth Camp)
Adult Chaperones: 19 yrs by 1 Jan, 2015

To Register:

Email: leann.d.edwards.ctr@mail.mil
Subject: CAMP
Call: 208-272-8397 OR 208-272-4387

Registration Fee:

A \$35 refundable check is required per camper to hold their spot. Once the camper attends camp, the check will either be returned via a self-addressed/stamped envelop or shredded.

Late Cancellation:

Any cancellations received on or after 29 December will NOT be refunded. Cancellations should be called in or emailed for date verification.



Little Leaders Preschool Mini-Series



Dates
October 2: Harvest Festival
November 6: Tell me a Story
December 4: Christmas Party

Time
9:30-11:00 a.m.

Location
Gowen Field Indoor Pavilion

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun while building resiliency with your child! Join us for one or all of the mini-series. Parent participation is required. Registration is open to military families with children ages 2-6. Home schooled children are welcome!

Pre-Register now!



For information and registration
Debbie Blagburn
Child & Youth Program Coordinator
208-272-4387
debbie.d.blagburn.ctr@mail.mil

Home Community Care

The 124th Fighter Wing now have one Home Community Care provider in Boise and another one in the process. Child care provided to Guard and Reserve members for primary Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekends, or when member is on UTA status at no cost to the parents. is provided Currently, the home in Boise can take 6 children, 2 under the age of 2.

PROGRAM DETAILS
Child care provided to Guard and Reserve members for primary Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekends, or when member is on UTA status. Care provided in a Family Child Care (FCC) Home identified by Child Care Aware (CCA).

- Eligibility**
- At least one parent/guardian is in the Guard or Reserve
 - There is not another adult in the child's home who could provide care
 - Spouses must be scheduled to work
 - Care should only be scheduled during the work hours
 - It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure the family's eligibility
 - Children 2 weeks - 12 years
 - Enrollment paperwork complete

For more details contact:
2nd Lt. Anya Davis at
208-422-5786



IDAHO AIR NATIONAL GUARD
124TH FIGHTER WING
BOISE AIR TERMINAL (GOWEN FIELD)



1 August 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR 124TH FIGHTER WING PERSONNEL

FROM: 124 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Increasing Preparedness through Emergency Awareness

1. September is National Preparedness Month. This year's theme, "*Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare*," serves as a reminder that we must take the necessary steps to be prepared not just today but throughout the year. It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for the hazards that may affect our community.
2. Almost daily in the news you see an emergency or disaster has occurred to an un-expecting community just like ours. Whether naturally occurring, man-made, or technological, they threaten the safety of our personnel and jeopardize our ability to accomplish the mission.
3. The Air Force "Be Ready" Awareness Campaign ensures our community has the knowledge needed to prepare for, respond to, and to recover from any emergency or disaster. Through the continuous efforts of our installation's "Be Ready" campaign, our community will be armed with the knowledge needed to enhance our national security, resilience, and readiness.
4. Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every member of our team. It takes a collective approach to ensure that we are ready for any crisis. I encourage everyone to learn about our potential hazards, put together an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, and join in local efforts to become a partner in preparedness. Only by working together as a team can we truly "Be Ready" for emergencies.
5. I encourage each commander, staff agency lead, and supervisor to promote our awareness campaign by including emergency preparedness information in your staff meetings, commander's calls and similar venues. Our installation's Office of Emergency Management has a variety of campaign products available to support your efforts. I urge you to make use of their talents. Our end goal is to foster a culture of preparedness across our installation.

SHERRIE L. MCCANDLESS, Col, IDANG
Commander, 124th Fighter Wing



Family Day & Toy Show Sun. Sept 7

Mark your calendars for family day. This year's event is Sunday, 7 September 2014. Family members may begin arriving at 1100 to visit your work area. Come check out the hotrods and hobbies at the toy show.

"We'd like to thank our staunch and long-time supporters, the Idaho Beef Council and Tim's Cascade Chips, for their continued contributions to the Idaho Military Division," said John Spurny, Family Support.



Click here to see an interview with a 190th F-51 pilot from Family Day 2013

- 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

