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AND
SNAKES

COMBAT EXCELLENCE-ALWAYS ON MISSION

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124th Figher Wing
Command Chief Master Sgt.
Tammy Ladley

Happy Holidays! This past year as your Command Chief has been a challenging yet rewarding one. In fact, it has been one of the most rewarding of my entire career. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to represent the enlisted men and women of the 124th Fighter Wing. I could not ask for a better group of Airmen to serve our great nation with. You have answered every call, completed every task and always remained MISSION focused (even when it is hard). We have hosted a wide variety of VIPs, Gen. Welsh, Lt. Gen. Clarke and Chief Brush to name a few. And boy did you represent us well. You showcased yourselves--truly the BEST asset of our Idaho

Air National Guard. Thank you for all your sacrifices and please thank your families, for me, for all the sacrifices they make in order for you to be a member of the Air Guard. What else can I ask for? Please take care of yourselves, spend some time with your families and remain mission focused. Take time and remember the reason for the season, and continue doing the great things our organization does. My wish for you all this holiday season is: your family's, peace, love, health and happiness.

-Chief L



We welcome back to Public Affairs our new permanent Beacon Editor, Tech. Sgt. Josh Allmaras. Allmaras, the honors graduate in his Photojournalist Course at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland, is always on the lookout for your story and photo ideas. You can send those to joshua.allmaras@ang.af.mil or <http://bit.ly/124PAwork>. A photo from the cover photo shoot was featured on the National Guard Facebook page in November.

National Guard Bureau 2013 Media Awards

1st Place:
Best Online Publication: The
Beacon—Idaho ANG

1st Place:
Outstanding Initiative in New
Media—124th Fighter Wing

2nd Place:
Outstanding Blog,
The Beacon Online
<http://bit.ly/124Beacon>

3rd place:
Best Home Page
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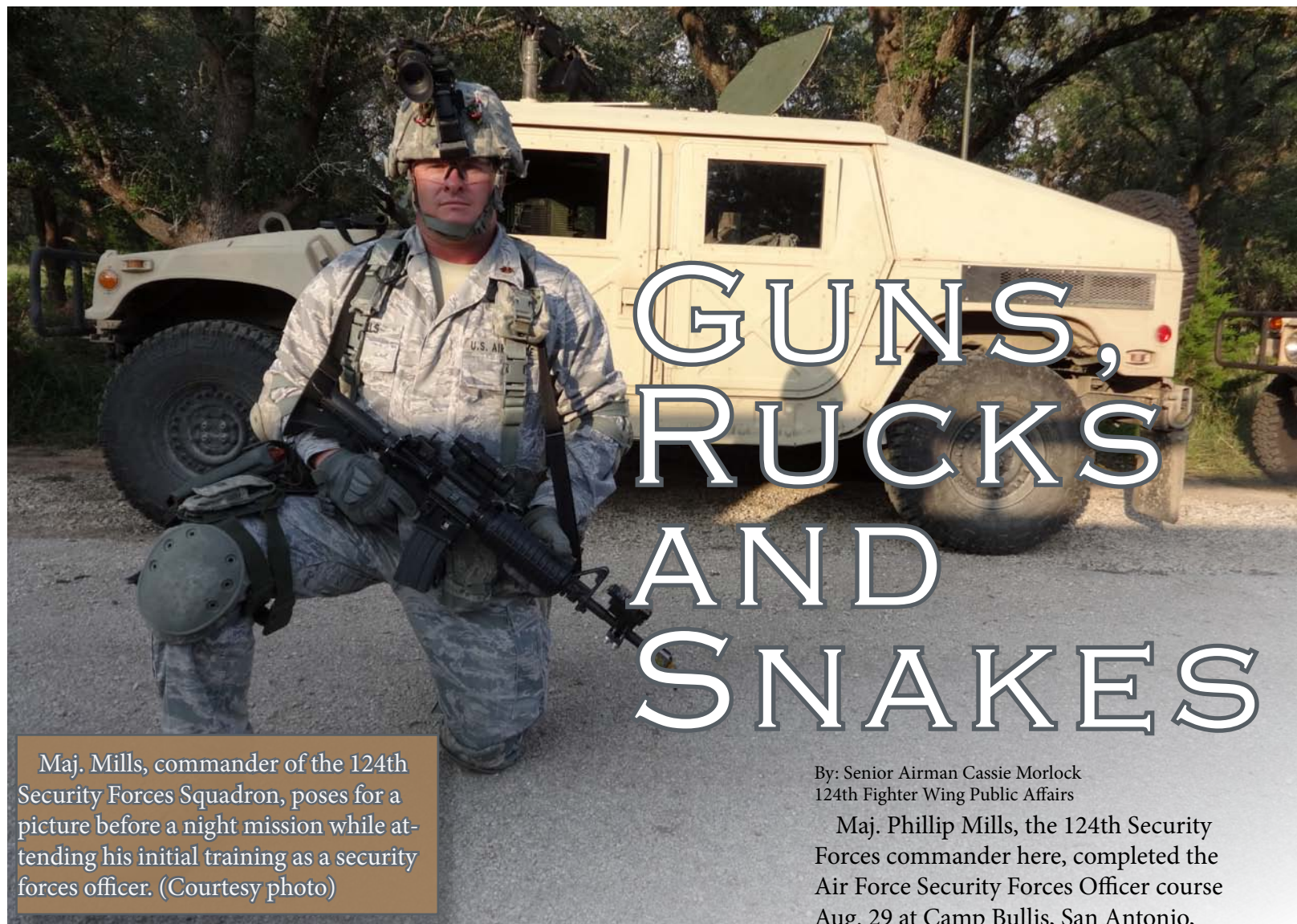
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GUNS, RUCKS AND SNAKES

Maj. Mills, commander of the 124th Security Forces Squadron, poses for a picture before a night mission while attending his initial training as a security forces officer. (Courtesy photo)

By: Senior Airman Cassie Morlock
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

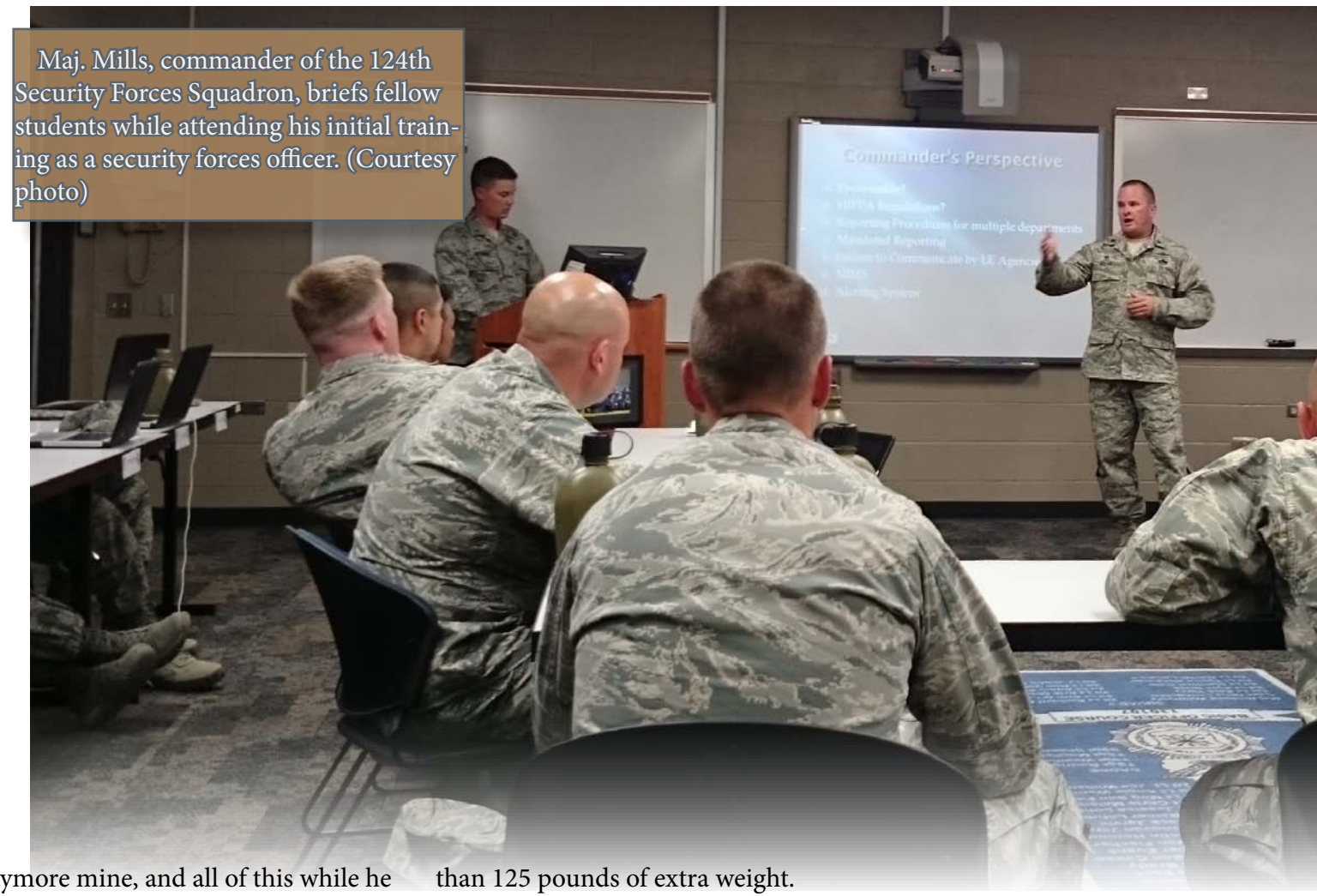
Maj. Phillip Mills, the 124th Security Forces commander here, completed the Air Force Security Forces Officer course Aug. 29 at Camp Bullis, San Antonio, Texas.

The course trains security forces officers in more than just law enforcement, it also teaches them about various weapons systems, land navigation, anti-terrorism, air base defense, industrial security and combat arms. This was the final course under the old curriculum.

"The three-and-a-half month course was both rigorous and challenging," said Mills, a 27-year member of the Idaho Air National Guard. "Six of the original 40 officers that started the course, unfortunately didn't make it to graduation. Some just didn't come prepared for this level of training."

A hurdle that the students had to jump over at school was weapons training.

Mills' is qualified to operate the M4 rifle and the M9 pistol. He also received weapon familiarization on the M240B, M249, M203 grenade launcher, M19 mortar, M67 hand grenade and M181A1



Maj. Mills, commander of the 124th Security Forces Squadron, briefs fellow students while attending his initial training as a security forces officer. (Courtesy photo)

claymore mine, and all of this while he also spent eight weeks training in the field.

This field training prepared Mills for overseas deployment with a focus on mission set up, land navigation, mounted and dismounted patrols, preparing for various environments using camouflage, clearing buildings, and properly setting up for reconnaissance or ambush missions.

Two of Mills' classmates were bit by snakes: one a rattlesnake that didn't break skin, and one a copperhead that went through the students boot and into his foot.

"You've got medics with you every day, and for the most part people were keeping them busy," said Mills.

One of the most challenging portions of the field training was preventing injuries, said Mills. Our class often rucked up to five-and-a-half miles carrying more

than 125 pounds of extra weight.

"Just trying to keep your legs, knees and joints healthy was probably the worst part about it," said Mills.

After returning from his initial skills training Mills assumed command of the 124 SFS during the October unit training assembly.

"I received a great squadron when it was handed over to me," said Mills. "Both prior commanders were great."

As a commander he has many priorities, one of them is planning for the future of his squadron.

"I'm going to be looking at what type of missions we can acquire through the Air Force," said Mills. "K-9 and aerial surveillance missions are now available. It's just whether we can get those types of missions on base."

When asked for his advice to those looking to join the SFS, Mills said one thing, "Get in really good shape."



Maj. Mills, commander of the 124th Security Forces Squadron, prepares to clear buildings while attending training at Camp Bullis, Texas. (Courtesy photo)



Maj. Mills assumes command of the 124th Security Forces Squadron Oct. 4, 2014 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. (Air National Guard photo by SrA Cassie Morlock)



CALLING ALL OFFICERS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All officers are welcome to attend the NGAUS/INGOA Annual Membership Meeting over the December drill weekend. NGAUS (National Guard Association of the United States) and INGOA (the Idaho National Guard Officer Association) represent the unique interests and needs Idaho National Guard members on Capitol Hill.

Join us for food and drinks, win prizes, get details on the NGAUS annual conference, and learn about what NGAUS/INGOA are doing for you!

Additional exciting events at the upcoming meeting include:

- A FREE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP will be given away!*
- Win \$250-\$500 towards the purchase of a lifetime membership!*
- Scholarship opportunities!

Thank you to all current INGOA/NGAUS members for your interest and support. We look forward to seeing you, and potential new members, at the Annual Membership Meeting!

-THE DETAILS-

When: Dec. 6, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Where: Indoor Pavillion

*Must be present to win.



STANLEY 'SID' CLARKE III
DIRECTOR, AIR NATIONAL GUARD



24 November 2014

Fellow Guard Airmen

With the holidays quickly approaching, my hope is that you get an opportunity to enjoy and celebrate with your family, friends and community. Whenever I speak about the remarkable efforts of Guard Airmen, I tell people the Air National Guard is ALWAYS ON MISSION. Service in the Air National Guard means you could be returning from an overseas deployment only to be called up the next day in support of a homeland emergency. Your commitment to serve in the Air National Guard must have the support of your family members and your community. I cannot thank you and your families enough for your continued dedication and distinctive service to your state and our nation.

If this message finds you in a deployed location or displaced from your family in support of military duties, please know our thoughts are with you during this holiday season. If you know of a family that is without their service member over the next few months, I encourage you to offer them your family's support during what will no doubt be tough times for them.

Wherever you are, take a moment to reflect and remember those who have made great sacrifices or paid the ultimate price in service to this nation. Honoring their legacy, even if only in thought, will keep them alive in all of us.

While I want you to get as much enjoyment as you can out of this holiday season, remember the choices you make can have profound impacts on your life. You are too important to your family and the Air National Guard to lose it all because of a bad decision.

In closing, I leave you with this: the distinctive service of Guard Airmen is recognized in every department and at all levels of the DoD. During the Air Force and Army Warfighter Talks last week, I witnessed two active duty Army Generals highlight the extraordinary contributions the Air National Guard has made to their warfighting efforts over the last year. I also have heard the CSAF and Secretary of the Air Force on numerous occasions laud your contributions to the Total Force. With the incredible support of your family, employer and community, the credit is all yours!

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

STANLEY E. CLARKE III
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard

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- A PROVEN CHOICE FOR WAR FIGHTING
- AN ENDURING CHOICE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

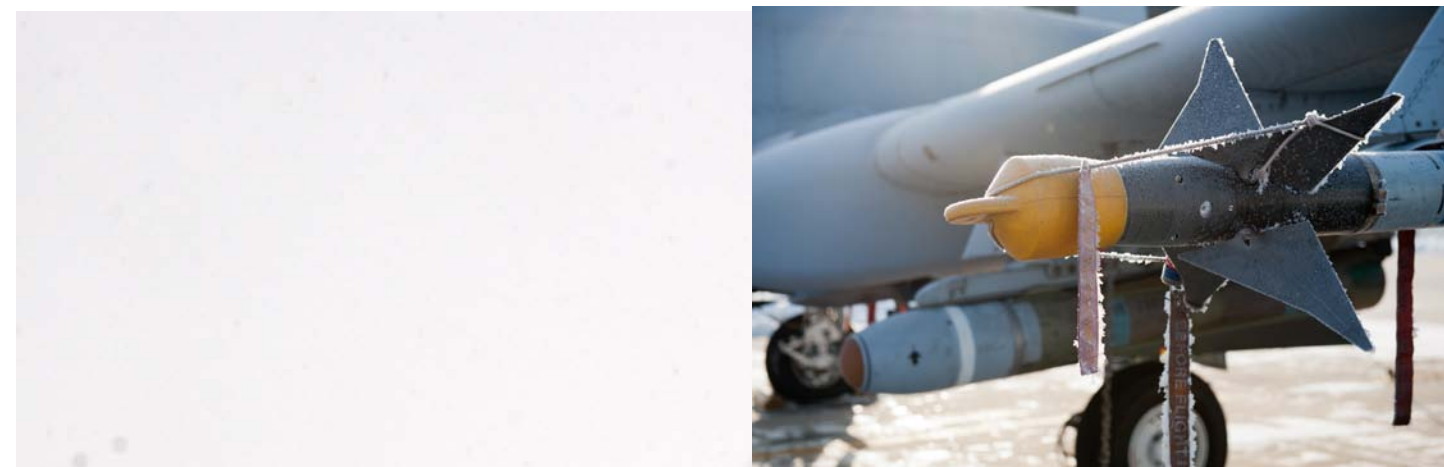
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#SNOWTATO-2014

A-10 crew chiefs of the 124th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Master Sgt. Chad Lowe and Senior Airman Derrick Deasy clear the parking surface of an A-10 Thunderbolt II at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho during a recent mid-November snowfall. Pushing the growing snow pile in the foreground is Master Sgt. Luke Forsea.



BOISE, Idaho--Idaho Air National Guard airmen cleared and cleared white powder that fell and fell on November 14, 2014 far beyond the predictions of the National Weather Service (whose offices are located just across the runways at Boise Airport). Maintenance group airmen cleared snow from all aircraft and from the aircraft parking spaces for the remainder of the week. The snowfall measured over eight inches in depth and was an early reminder of the power of Mother Nature that is about to assert itself this winter. The unseasonably cold temperatures gave the snow a very clingy composition and promised a full workout to all who participated in removal.



The next 190th Fighter Squadron Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) board

is coming soon. If you are interested or know someone who is, see the timeline below.

NOTE: The 2015 board is for a FY17 flight training seat. Late applications or those without the required documents will not be accepted. Please include your email address on your narrative. You will be emailed once your package has been received.

TIMELINE

11 Dec 2014

Packages are due to Senior Master Sgt. Will Ferrell (allow 7 days for delivery)

12 Dec 14-10 Jan 15 190th Job shadows are not guaranteed, but may be considered based on the availability and ops tempo of the unit. Point of contact is Lt. Budd Munns Phone #208-422-5348. Interview questions POC is jennifer.chase@ang.af.mil

2-10 Jan 2015

Applicants will be notified of interview invite. Please do not call about interviews prior to Jan. 10

5-7 Mar 2015

Interviewees will need to be available (on location) 5 Mar through 7 Mar 2015. Accommodations will be made by the 190th Fighter Squadron.

For eligibility guidelines and required documents visit: <http://bit.ly/190UPT>



OUTSTANDING AIRMAN of the YEAR BANQUET

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Riverside Hotel
2900 CHINDEN BOULEVARD,
BOISE, ID 83714
TEL 208-343-1871

Guest Speaker



Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush
Senior Enlisted Advisor to the
Chief of the National Guard Bureau

Watch for
your EMAIL
INVITE
to Register!

Come enjoy an evening honoring Airman for their outstanding achievements with a delightful dinner, entertaining music, and drinks

Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.
Program Starts: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m

Price per Person

E-1 to E-4.....\$25

E-5.....\$30

E-6.....\$35

E-7 and E-8; O-1 to O-3...\$40

E-9; O-4 to O-7.....\$50

Civilian Guests.....\$35

Note: A \$2 fee will be added to ticket prices for those using PAYPAL

ATTIRE:

Military: Mess Dress/Semi-Formal

Civilian: Formal/Semi Formal

Looking for charismatic, articulate professionals who would like to apply for the Master of Ceremony for the 2015 Airman of the Year Banquet. Auditions will be held November 1st (Sat of UTA) from 1430-1600 @ the Base Theater. Applicants criteria: E-6 or below.

Benefits for our MCs: Complementary meals provided; character building opportunities; resume material.

This is a fun event so please bring your best voice and audition with us!
POC: SSgt Cora Kelly DSN 422-5848 E-mail: cora.kelly@ang.af.mil
SSgt Kelly will be able to provide practice scripts upon request.

R.S.V.P. by January 2015

POC: CMSgt Gramkow 208-422-3216

Alt POC: CMSgt McMonigal 208-422-6313



COMBINED
FEDERAL
CAMPAIGN

CFC Group Reps

Wing Coordinator: MSgt Timothy Gibson
Group Representatives:
JFHQ/ASOS: TSgt Peters
Maintenance Group: SSgt Haskins
Medical Group: TSgt Medina
Mission Support Group: TSgt Rohrenbach
Operations Group: SrA Friend
Wing Staff: TSgt Edwards

124FW Goal \$21,000.00. Look for the CFC table at the Dining Facility this UTA weekend.



2ND ANNUAL IDAHO MILITARY DIVISION ALL BRANCHES CHILI COOK-OFF CHALLENGE

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN THE HEARTS AND BELLIES OF GOWEN FIELD?

WHERE: BLDG 400 (ANG DINING FACILITY)
WHEN/TIME: FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 1130-1330
COST: A DONATION TO CFC
WHO: WELCOMING ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY DIVISION, RETIREES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
MENU: CHILI, CORN BREAD DRINKS
HOW: COMPETITORS RSVP POC NLT 11 DEC 2014
POCS:
STEVEN.WHITE@ANG.AF.MIL 422-5341
TIMOTHY.GIBSON@ANG.AF.MIL 422-5573



Participate in the official TAG History Project

Do you have photos, documents, videos, and remembrances of your service in the Idaho ANG from 1990 to the present? Likely you were involved with:

- C-130 worldwide missions
- A-10 worldwide missions
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Hurricane Relief Efforts
- Major Inspections
- Sports and recreation
- Community Service



Can you share your rich history with us? For the remainder of the calendar year we are gathering the history of the Idaho ANG to include in a larger history of Idaho Air National Guard.

[Why not add some photos HERE?](#)

This link takes you to our automatic photo uploader.

Don't forget to fill all the data blocks along with the photo when it prompts you.



1LT Chris Stoker
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)

Idaho National Guard

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

CALL: (208) 272-8400 christopher.c.stoker.mil@mail.mil

Hurts one. Affects All.



Leaders Encouraging Airman Development (LEAD) Commissioning Opportunity

It is that time of year for outstanding Airmen to apply to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA). Our USAFA and its Preparatory School offer extraordinary opportunities to the most qualified enlisted Airmen who meet the criteria to enter the commissioned ranks. Those qualified and selected for an appointment will earn their Bachelor of Science degree while stationed at the Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Upon graduation, LEAD Airmen are commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. The minimum postgraduate service commitment obligation is five years. In the aviation career path, the minimum obligation is 10 years after completion of Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT).

Interested Airmen must be academically qualified, of high moral character, possess exceptional leadership potential, and meet all USAFA entry requirements. Airmen cannot be past their 23rd birthday by 1 July 2015 for USAFA entry, or not past their 22nd birthday on 1 July 2015 of the year of entry to the Preparatory School. Airmen cannot have dependents, and must be a U.S. citizen upon entering the USAFA. Airmen are encouraged

to retake the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or American College Test (ACT) to ensure the most recent standardized test scores are submitted. As part of the application process, Airmen must complete an AF IMT 1786 with their Commander's recommendation. The completed 1786 form must be received by the Admissions Office no later than 31 December 2014.

For further information and to apply online, please contact Admission Liaison Officer (ALO) Lt. Col. Rick Harper 208-422-5917 or Lt. Col. Scott Smith 208-422-5311

Also visit the Academy Admissions website at www.academyadmissions.com. Airmen can also call 1-800-443-9266, email USAFA_DVP@usafa.edu, visit USAFA Admissions on Facebook, use the USAFA Admissions iPhone/Android app (free download available from iTunes Store/Android Market), or visit their local base education office.

The Air Force Academy is for those who want a challenge—to learn, to achieve, and to be future leaders for our U.S. Air Force!

*Preventative Health Assessment
Festival on Dec. drill*

*You are invited
to the annual mass
PHA Festival on Dec. drill!
(Only, it is mandatory)*

*** November drill:**
Web PHA is due by COB Sunday
*** December drill:**
Mandatory process line at bldg 1500

Get ahead of the game and do your online PHA now! Go to:

From a military network or CAC enabled computer, click here to complete your web HA before the end of November UTA
<https://afwebha.afms.mil/home.asp?ScreenX=1280&ScreenY=769>

The December PHA Festival will work much like a PDF line

Here is what you can expect:

1. Member completes Web HA by close of business November UTA ([From a military/CAC enabled computer click here](#))

2. Unit Health Monitor schedules members (30 slots/chalk, one chalk every 30 minutes)

3. Member reports to building 1500 at scheduled appointment time
4. At check-in member is given a color coded folder for either the Fast Track or Exam Track depending on their requirements
 - Fast Track is for members that only require immunizations and/or blood draw (30 minute max)
 - Exam Track is for members that require a Comprehensive HA (every 5 years) (2 hour max)

5. Folders are collected, reviewed and updated in the ASIMS system after member checkout

**Remote
Active Duty Dental Program
Steps to Make a Dental Appointment**

As a remote active duty service member, you may personally coordinate your routine (examinations, cleanings, fillings) covered dental services* if the dental treatment is less than \$750 per procedure, procedures within a single appointment are less than \$750, or the cumulative total is less than \$1,500 for treatment plans completed within a consecutive 12-month period.** Keep in mind that treatment must be provided by a network dentist.

Follow the steps below to initiate care:

1. Go to: addp-ucci.com and click the “Active Duty Service Member/Active Guard & Reserve” portal.

2. On the left, click the box “Make an Appointment.”

3. Choose the option “Remote (Routine Care).”

4. Read the information and click on the link, “ACN Request Form.”

5. To proceed, you must select “I agree” in the Privacy Act Statement box.

6. Complete the form providing all information.

7. After submitting your completed form, a confirmation page that includes your ACN will appear. Print a copy of this page for your records.

8. After receiving your ACN, you can make your appointment with a United Concordia network dentist.

9. Remind your dentist to include your Dental Readiness Classification on the claim form to ensure your worldwide deployability status.

*A listing of ADDP covered benefits, to include specialty care, is available in the Benefits section of the website. Not all dental procedures are covered. If you elect to receive non-covered services, you are responsible for payment.

**If your dentist recommends specialty care, or care in excess of these monetary thresholds, he/she will submit a treatment request for you. If approved, both you and your dentist will receive the ACN.



6. Member is released back to their unit to enjoy having their PHA current for a whole year!



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
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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. Currently, the home in Boise can take six children, two under the age of two.

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 two weeks - 12 years
 - Enrollment paperwork complete

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

Idaho National Guard Policy

Possession of Privately Owned Weapons on IDNG Properties Prohibited

Oct. 23, 2013

A key responsibility of the Idaho National Guard (IDNG) is to provide a secure and safe workplace. The Possession of privately owned weapons (POWs) on Gowen Field and all IDNG properties constitutes an unacceptable threat to the safety of military and civilian employees of the IDNG. Accordingly, the possession of POWs on Gowen Field or in any facility or training area owned or leased by the IDNG is expressly prohibited. This prohibition specifically includes any individual issued a license to carry a concealed weapon.

This new policy is available on the Joint Force Headquarters SharePoint and the AFPDL.

