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Chief Master Sgt. Steven Lynch
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***"Change is inevitable,
progress is optional"***
—Tony Robbins

Seems like everywhere we turn change is happening! New mission, new facilities, new personnel, new plans, new systems, new requirements, new training, new retirement options, the list goes on and on.

Will we ever operate in a steady state? We all know the answer to this one. Look back on the world, your career, or your life. When has change *not* been a part of it?

Some of the changes I have seen over the years might look something like this: Four airframe conversions, the end of the Cold War, eliminating home station alert missions, 9/11, Iraq, Afghanistan, BRAC, [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)



Welcome Home, Vigilantes!

Supporting the fight and breaking records

By Tech. Sgt. Kenneth McCann
386th AEW/PA

Air National Guardsmen from the 120th Airlift Wing departed for home in March following a four-month deployment at an undisclosed location in South-west Asia.

During their deployment, the Airmen were assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing where they successfully delivered cargo downrange at a record breaking pace in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the coalition mission aimed at defeating ISIS.

Their mission while deployed was flying and maintaining multiple C-130H Hercules aircraft. Some of the records they broke included the most hours flown and most passengers moved in recorded history from their location. This was accomplished by a team of citizen Airmen working tirelessly to complete the mission.

The flying missions often brought the aircraft to rough environments. This resulted in a need for constant up-keep of the C-130's.

In order to keep the C-130 mission fully functional and off the ground, knowledgeable maintenance Airmen worked day and night to identify and fix potential issues.

This team also achieved their unit's best mission completion rate since 2015. This was accomplished

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Featured video: 120th AW welcome home reception

By Staff Sgt. Brandy Burke



First MTANG Victim Advocate class graduates

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Soulsby

Five Airmen from the Montana Air National Guard and one attending from the 173rd Fighter Wing Oregon Air National Guard, Klamath Falls, Ore., graduated March 3 from the first MTANG hosted sexual assault response victim advocate initial course here.

The recruits went through an interview process, background screening and this is the big step," said Debra Glenn, MTANG sexual assault coordinator. "They are considered victim advocate recruits because we [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)

MTANG Volunteer of the Year recognized

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



Brig. Gen. Bryan Fox presents the Montana Air National Guard Volunteer of the Year Award to Josie Dadej during the stand-up briefing held before the regularly scheduled drill March 3.

Josie Dadej was recognized as the Montana Air National Guard State Volunteer of the Year during the leadership's stand-up briefing held prior to the regularly scheduled drill March 3.

Dadej is the wife of 219th

RED HORSE Squadron member Master Sgt. Dennis Dadej, who serves as the squadron's unit training manager.

The citation presented to Dadej listed many accomplishments she made as a volunteer to the MTANG from Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016.

It stated that she personally organized family events as well as assisted with calling family members of deployed personnel. She also helped organize the welcome home ceremony honoring Guardsmen returning home from their deployment. In addition, she was instrumental in coordinating the children's activities held during all of the Yellow Ribbon events.

Dadej also attended all of the monthly volunteer training sessions, volunteer meetings and 219th RHS commander's calls and served as the vice-chairperson of the Family Advisory Committee for three years.

Free college-level classes available to enlisted

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



The Air Force Culture and Language Center is again offering two distance learning courses to Airmen seeking to complete requirements for a Community College of the Air Force associate degree.

"Introduction to Culture" (ITC) and "Cross-Cultural Communication" (CCC) will each offer three semester hours of credit towards a

CCAF degree. The two classes are open to enrollment for enlisted members of the United States Armed Forces.

The summer session enrollment window for ITC is April 11-24. The class is scheduled to run from May 4 to August 9.

ITC is also scheduled to be offered during the fall session, with an enrollment window of September 19 to October 2. The fall class dates are scheduled to run from Oct. 12, 2017 to Jan. 17, 2018.

CCC will be offered during the winter session with an enrollment window of October 17-30. The winter class is scheduled to run from Nov. 9, 2017 to Feb. 14, 2018.

A complete description of each course and enrollment instructions can be found by logging onto the AFCLC Air University website at <http://culture.af.mil/courses/index.html>.

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50 years ago—the history of the MTANG (Scanned image from the 120th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office negative files)



An F-86 Sabre Golden Hawk aircraft visited Great Falls on April 15, 1967 and members of the 120th Fighter Group had the chance to inspect the vintage aircraft on the ramp.

According to Wikipedia, the Golden Hawks were a Royal Canadian Air Force aerobatic flying team that first organized in 1959. The team recognized the 35th anniversary of the RCAF and the Golden Anniversary of the first flight occurring in Canada.

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March RSD lunch menu

Saturday-Barbeque Beef Cubes, Baked Stuffed Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Brown Gravy, Cream Style Corn, Green Beans

Sunday-Teriyaki Chicken, Meatloaf, Steamed Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Broccoli, Carrots

Soup-Zesty Bean

Desert-Peach Cobbler, Chocolate Cake with Oreo Frosting, Parfaits, Jello, Soft Serve Ice Cream Bar