

THE JET GAZETTE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE 141ST AIR REFUELING WING

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JANUARY 2020

141ST AIR REFUELING WING CELEBRATES WINTER FESTIVAL WITH SANTA!

The 141st Air Refueling Wing spent Saturday of December drill celebrating the upcoming holidays with its annual Winterfest party. Santa arrived promptly at 12:30 accompanied by his wife Mrs. Claus, two elves, SSgt Kerri Bazen and TSgt Cassie Kennedy.

Unfortunately Santa was accompanied by everyone's least favorite holiday icon, the Grinch. The Grinch attempted to foil Santa's holiday plans but fortunately the party went off without a hitch and even the Grinch seemed to start having a little fun himself.

This year Winterfest returned to a Guard hangar which

recently had a facelift with a fresh coat of paint on the floors and brand new hangar doors which provided a nice bright atmosphere for the attendees. There was bingo, cakewalks, a silent auction, Santa photos, arts and crafts, bouncy castles and so much more.

Ultimately it was a way to gather family and friends under one roof to celebrate another year of amazing accomplishments and have a little fun in the process. Hopefully this new year will be another filled with happiness and joy for all of the men and women of the 141st Air Refueling Wing.



NOTES FROM THE TOP



Happy New Year, 141st Air Refueling Wing and Team Fairchild!

I truly hope your holiday season was relaxing as we said farewell to an accomplished 2019 and welcomed in a brand new decade. Needless to say, 2020 has started off quite interesting here at home and abroad. Our recent world events remind us of the ever-present threats that exist to our freedoms on a daily basis as well as the honor that each of us has to defend those sacred freedoms and those close to us.

As we all know by now, this year at the 141st ARW will be fairly busy on many fronts. I've unofficially dubbed 2020 as the "year of exercise and validation" for our team given the extensive scrutiny that will be placed upon us by many State and Federal entities throughout the year. However, we all know this is nothing new as a Total Force Wing, and validation of our numerous skillsets is



EQUIFAX

DATA BREACH

We will get back to discipline matters, but for this drill I wanted to post something everyone should know that is time sensitive. If your information was exposed in the Equifax data breach, you can file a claim at EquifaxBreachSettlement.com. Benefits from the settlement include free credit monitoring for up to 10 years, cash payments for time spent dealing with the data

breach, and cash payments for expenses paid as a result of the breach. The deadline for filing a claim is 22 January 2020. The Federal Trade Commission website at ftc.gov also has the full details of what you could be entitled to due to the breach.

If you have questions about this or any other legal topic, please contact the 141st Legal Office at 247-7036

COMPREHENSIVE AIRMAN FITNESS

The mission of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness Program is to build and sustain a thriving and resilient Air Force Community that fosters mental, physical, social and spiritual fitness.



“NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS”

TECH. SGT. CHARLOTTE KANE, 141ST ARW CHAPLAIN'S ASST.

As 2019 came to an end, people start to think about their New Year Resolutions. They can look like many things and can be as easy or hard as you make them to be. However, as with any goal, there are key factors to take into consideration to be successful. One of them is to find an accountability buddy (we in the Air Force like to call them Wingmen) to keep us on track and help us when we may fall off the path. But what do you do when you feel like you have no wingmen to turn to?

Not being able to find a “good” wingman is a big issue that people face in the Air Force today. It's not that Wingmen are not out there, but perhaps there is some unwillingness or ignorance of where to go find one. Airmen may be under the

impression that they can only turn to those that are in their immediate work center and that may not be what they need. We cannot force people to be what we are looking for either, and the expectations we have for others may be what is causing the failure. You can have many wingmen and you can be one to many as well by leading by example and hoping that it enforces a culture of looking out for one another.

What kind of accountability are you looking for and how can you serve as a resource for other airmen? Do you know where to look? Do you know who to ask? Do you even know where to start? In this New Year and new decade, challenge yourself to be the best wingman you can be for yourself and for others. Challenge yourself to seek out the resources and starting points. Know where to go and who to ask so you can be the wingman you always wanted. Be the change. Be the resolution. And the Chaplain's Office is always available to assist.



AVOID*SPOT*TREAT

FROSTBITE & HYPOTHERMIA

In cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced, which can lead to serious health problems.

* * * * * AVOID * * * * *

When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

When going outside be sure to wear:



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.

almost a daily occurrence. I look forward to the challenges, growth opportunities, and mission validations that our exercises and inspections will provide each of our Airmen. We will excel in each endeavor without reservation or fail.

This new year also brings with it a new leader and commander for the entire Washington Air National Guard. After almost 35 years of Air Force service, Brigadier General Jeremy "Java" Horn will officially relinquish command to Colonel Gent Welsh this Saturday, the 11th of January. Each of us should consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve with and alongside the caliber of each of these leaders. Their hearts are, and always have been, with each Airmen and Soldier throughout our entire organization and their mission-focus has been second-to-none. Best of luck BG Horn in your well-deserved retirement. Thank you for your incredible leadership, selfless service, and devotion to all Airmen. Best of luck as Alaska Airlines' newest Director of Security – I feel safer knowing a former A-10 Warthog pilot and warrior is at the helm of their security team.

On another positive note, we have already received word that Ms. Amanda Roby, 141st Medical Group, has been chosen as the Air National Guard's winner of the 2020 Air Force Association's Outstanding Air Force Civilian Employee of the Year! Amanda will now compete at the Air Force level and will represent the entirety of the 141st and WA ANG well. Congratulations, Amanda – thank you for being an incredibly valuable member of our family!

Each of us stand Ready to Serve – Neighbor and Nation. We are ready to fly, deploy, and respond...on time – every time. We are accountable, respectful, and ready. We are citizen Airmen, comprehensively fit to support Combatant Commanders and our Governor in service to our State, Nation, and preservation of our Freedoms.

I wish you the very best this new year has to offer. I personally thank you for your selfless service and look forward to watching each of you excel in all that you do.

Col G.

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LUNCH MENU



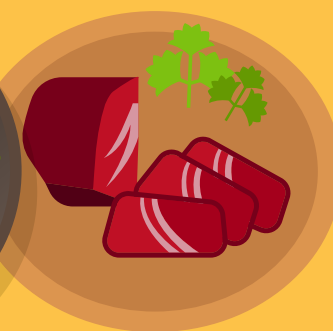
1100-1300

SATURDAY

- Lasangna
- BBQ Chicken
- Potatoes
- Peas and Carrots
- Salad Bar

SUNDAY

- Pork Loin
- Chicken Casserole
- Potatoes
- Rice
- Vegetables



HISTORY

In Memoriam of the crew of ESSO-77



While supporting NATO operations at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany a KC-135E Stratotanker of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, call sign “ESSO 77,” crashed with all four crewmen aboard. It was the single worst incident resulting in the loss of life for the unit since its formation in 1924 and the only fatal accident to occur with a KC-135 since the unit began air refueling in 1976.

Two monuments were erected at the NATO air base in memoriam for Maj. Dave W. Fite, Maj. Matt F. Laiho, Capt. Kenneth F. Thiele, and TSgt. Richard G. Visintainer. A similar memorial was established by the 141st ARW at the end of Patriot Blvd. on Fairchild AFB, Wash. Dedicated to the aircrew and to all the members of the Washington Air National Guard who have given their lives in the line of duty.

An investigation after the crash identified a possible problem with the horizontal stabilizer

trim which could have been the cause. Despite the uncertainty of the report, all KC-135s in the Department of Defense the following year were temporarily grounded and an inspection on the stabilizers was ordered.

In 2006, Boeing engineers partnered with Air National Guard Maintainers at three locations across the country to modify and improve the safety of stabilizer trim action. One of those locations was here at Fairchild AFB, Wash. where the 141st ARW Control Column Actuated Brake modification team was awarded for their outstanding professionalism in modifying a full third of the US Military fleet of KC-135s.

Monday the 13th of January 2020 at 11:40 the wing will hold a memorial ceremony at the end of Patriot Blvd to honor Esso-77.

OPSEC

By Herb Henderson, 92nd Air Refueling Wing Operational Security program manager

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There's hardly a day that headlines don't feature successful cybercrime, cyber espionage and terror attacks.

These attacks pose significant risks to organizations and families! The need to practice Operations Security has never been more important than now.

Team Fairchild performs several missions, which are critical to the defense and well-being of the U. S. and its allies. The success of the missions often depends on secrecy and surprise, which allows quick mission execution and with less risk.

OPSEC integrates other security disciplines like Information Protection, Information Security, Communications Security, and Emissions Security to boost operational effectiveness. Failure to properly use OPSEC measures can result in serious injury or death to our personnel; damage to our weapons systems, equipment and facilities; loss of sensitive technologies; and mission degradation or failure. Failure to

implement directed **OPSEC** measures will be considered by commanders/directors for appropriate disciplinary action.

The U.S.'s adversaries spend an enormous amount to collect vital information about professional and personal operations and defenses. Their main reason for doing so is to effectively destroy some or all of U.S. national security, as well as your financial security, either now or in the future.

Enemies of freedom want information, and they'll not only target our airmen, they'll target our families, too.

By using **OPSEC**, you can win more of these daily battles.

Look, learn and defend. Look at an operation or exercise through the eyes of an enemy combatant, terrorist, or criminal. Imagine for a few moments that you're a criminal, an Al Qaida-trained terrorist, or a North Korean commando. What exact information would you have to have to destroy or severely impair your operation or kill or maim



your buddies and co-workers? When you have a clear picture of the information you would need, then you can determine what information you absolutely must control and where information may be escaping. Here are some information items that must be continually guarded:

- Details of current and future operations and exercises
 - Vulnerabilities, degradation /outages of critical infrastructures or telecommunications
 - Emergency response or contingency plans
 - Freedom of Information Act Information
 - Personal travel plans
 - Personal financial information (bank and credit account numbers)
 - Personally identifiable information (full birthdate, address, SSAN, familial details)
- Every Air Force family has bits and pieces of information about the military mission.

Please educate your family to not discuss information outside of their immediate family. Such critical information includes:

- Detailed unit mission information; times, dates and locations of deployments;
- Names of and specialties deploying personnel;
- Base security details
- References about unit morale or personnel problems.

Social media websites pose a significant threat to **OPSEC**. Not only by uniformed personnel, but their family members, too. Educate family members about the hazards of posting your work related whereabouts and activities.

Other ways in which sensitive information may be inadvertently revealed include casual chitchat with the cashier at the department store, conversations at restaurants and clubs, or news clippings sent to friends and family via mail or e-mail. Further, technologically savvy countries and groups have the means to intercept and analyze all the systems listed below:

- E-mail
 - Administrative telephones
 - Cell telephones, Wi-Fi enabled computers and other wireless devices
 - Fax machines
 - Radio transmissions
- If you're not paying attention, even 'low-tech' enemies can acquire your vital info from:
- Trash and recycling

- Unit newsletters and web sites
- Personal social networking sites and websites

When you're in public, others around you can hear what you're saying at the following places:

- Restaurants, bars, pubs, coffee shops and kiosks
- Public transportation (airlines, busses, trains, taxis) and terminals
- At home through spouses, families, neighbors, repairmen, pollsters, mail and package delivery
- At work through co-workers, janitors, food service workers, repairmen, mail and package delivery

To improve **OPSEC** practices, discover your unit's and your own critical information and then:

- Use secure means to discuss, transmit and process Critical Information; use proper devices for classified information, common access card for sensitive, unclassified info
- Shred/destroy beyond use your outdated CI
- Keep "shop talk" in the shop
- Continually look for vulnerabilities in **OPSEC** and fix them

To a great degree, we're fighting a war of information, and what a person reveals by mistake could result in enormous organizational and personal loss. What a person says to their friends, relatives, acquaintances or the store clerk who asks what they know or think about the current situation can easily reach enemy ears. The American public looks to the Air Force to defend this great country. By using **OPSEC**, we can win this war daily.



CHIEF'S CORNER



Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wyrick
141 ARW First Sgt.



PROBLEM SOLVING WITH YOUR AIRMEN

Welcome to drill and thank you for your continued commitment to this organization! I've been noticing a recurring theme for many supervisors. This theme of trying to be the "Problem Solver" for our Airmen can be a time eater on drill weekends. As supervisors this should never be where we spend a majority of our time. "Problems never stop—but people can stop problems." Might I make the following suggestions in this area for our problem solvers?

→ Leaders need to make a time commitment to your Traditional Airmen. Those who never take time to develop people are forced to take time to solve their problems. Work

with your Airmen throughout the month as you foster those relationships.

→ Never solve a problem for a person; solve it with that person. Take that individual through the sequence that has already been given for recognizing a problem. Share a few experiences from your past with your Airmen, allow them to learn from your situation and possibly from some of your mistakes

→ Traditional Airmen, make it your goal this drill to build stronger communication with your full time counterparts/supervisors and trainers. I challenge you to give them honest feedback on how our

traditional force could be better utilized with-in the organization.

President Kennedy said "You'll find no easy problem ever comes to the President. If they are easy to solve, somebody else solved them." This statement should be true for all leaders. Leaders must draw upon their knowledge and experience to provide constructive input to best meet the challenges facing their organization. One closing thought to ponder, "A situation only becomes a problem when one does not have sufficient resources to meet it." Supervisors mentor when possible, let your traditionals lead often and care always for your people. Have a great drill!
~Chief

Group Meetings



Meeting Sunday January 12, 2020
11:30 @ the IG Conference room
in Bldg. 399

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Meeting Sunday January 12, 2020
11:30 @ the Honor Guard Training
Room in Bldg. 399

PROMOTIONS



Samuel Hanley
Abbey Butterfield



Austin Miller
Chase Chapman
Galen Grime
Robert Matthews



Shane Bedard
Daisy Mills
Shanice Travis
Erin Weir



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