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Commander's Comments



*“The world as we have known it,
has changed!”*

Editorial by Col. Gregg Biddle

One Saturday morning in March, I was at home with my family when the phone rang. On the other end was Col. William Giezie, 180th Fighter Wing Vice Commander, inquiring if I was available to respond to a tasking named “Operation Steady Resolve,” or in layman’s terms – the COVID-19 response. Naturally, I said yes, looking for guidance on what my mission was and where I needed to report to. At this point in the call, Giezie gave me a phone number and told me to dial into a conference call for a direct conversation with The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John C. Harris, scheduled for the next day, to receive guidance moving forward.

Through this conference call, I quickly learned that I would be one of five Regional Unified Command Team Leaders throughout Ohio, responsible for Northwest Ohio, comprised of 21 counties and 1.4 million citizens. My tasking was to provide a “whole of government” approach to federal, state, county, local healthcare and civilian entities, to respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic, or COVID-19.

With all that was going on around us at that time, Gen. Harris had the foresight to empower us with the flexibility to work within

our regions to assess the needs of the community, and, to his credit, recognized each region would have its strengths and challenges.

One of the challenges we faced early on was the lack of a Medical Alternate Care Facility, ACF, in the event that the 32 hospitals in the Northwest Ohio region became overwhelmed, and we had to be prepared to secure a location to send an overflow of patients.

As we began to develop plans to explore sites throughout Northwest Ohio to facilitate an ACF to accommodate up to 400 COVID-19 patients, we quickly figured out something we, in the military, take for granted – a lack of a common operating environment. This became apparent as we starting working with the various levels of government and the healthcare system.

As we integrated ourselves with our community partners, we started socializing a common theme of a common operating environment, working to cross-functionally breakdown the silo’ed effect of communication and command and control.

Fortunately for me, I had some great teammates from several military, government and civilian agencies to facilitate and take the lead on several issues; most notably Lt. Col. John Cupp, assigned

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Airman Fixes Courthouse Clock

Story & Photos by Senior Airman Kregg York



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alex Wynn, a machinist assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, welds pieces of metal together at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, March 8, 2020. The weld is part of an evaluation, which simulates different weld types in different scenarios to ensure Airmen maintain the highest levels of proficiency.

The historic clock at the Wood County Courthouse is able to start ticking again after an Airman assigned to the 180th Fighter Wing designed and built a gear to replace a broken part that left the clock out of service in November of 2019. After seeing an article about the clock, Staff Sgt. Alex Wynn, a machinist assigned to the 180th Fighter Wing, reached out to offer his services.

"I read the article in December," Wynn said. "The clock had been broken since November, so I figured they weren't seeking out the right people. I have a mill. I can do something. I'm looking for work, so I'll make some phone calls and get my name out there."

As a machinist at the 180FW, Wynn repairs and builds different parts for aircraft and ground equipment.

"Making parts, welding parts together, we fix a lot of stuff," Wynn said. "We remove stuck screws out of aircraft or support equipment. Normally, the big thing's just welding cracks. A lot of the aluminum ladders and stands will crack, so we fix those. We just fix the specialty stuff when the other shops can't fix it anymore, or they need something made. We make a part to keep them moving and keep the mission rolling."

Wynn credits a lot of his skill to his time at the 180FW, where he enlisted in 2013.

"It's ended up being the best decision I've ever made," Wynn said.

Wynn used his military benefits to graduate from the Ohio State University with a degree in agricultural systems management, but he still values the hands-on training he has received at the 180FW.

"There are kids that go and put thousands of dollars into college debt, and they come out and they didn't really learn anything," Wynn said. "They just learned how to do the homework assignment and try to turn it in on time. At the 180FW, I learned a skill. So, now you have a skill and a college degree, so you're just that much more marketable."

Wynn even used some of his experience to equip a truck with all the tools he needs for jobs on the go.

"I got a wire welder for the generator, stick welders, spool gun, and a tungsten inert gas welder that runs off of it," said Wynn. "So I was just going to farmers and truckers saying 'I can fix whatever you got,' and it's all based on what I've learned here at the 180FW."

After looking at the courthouse clock, Wynn, with his years of experience, decided to take on the job of building a new part.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alex Wynn, a machinist assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, poses in front of a Computer Numerical Control machine at the 180FW in Swanton.

"The motor has a steel worm gear driving a brass gear, and so the steel just wears the brass down over time," said Wynn. "They had some spares to begin with, but they were all worn down. No one sells them, because the motor is from the fifties or sixties. They couldn't find any parts, so they had to find someone to make a new one."

Making a new part, however, came with some challenges.

"They didn't have a blueprint. You have a stripped gear, so trying to take measurements off something that's already worn down and trying to recreate it took some time, measuring and drawing."

After Wynn figured out how to make the gear, it was time to program the machine, start cutting brass and testing out the gear.

"They gave me the gear box off the motor, and so that's how we knew if it was going to work. We could put it in the gear box and could spin it by hand. The first one wouldn't spin. It was too tight. So, the second one, we cut deeper and it all spun. It's a 900-to-1 reduction, so you'd have to spin that input shaft 900 times for that gear to spin once. So, you spin it around 10 times. It moves in there, but it doesn't look like it's moving; but as long as it's spinning, you know it's working."

After confirming the gears would work, he delivered six gears, ensuring the clock would have spares for the future. Wynn is hopeful that each gear will last around 10 years.

"Hopefully these last quite a while. If they get to that point and they run out, or if they strip out again, we can make more."

"The hardest part was figuring out the process. Once we had it down, cutting it was easy. In all, it isn't super complicated; you just have to have the tooling and the machines to do it."

While the clock is still not operational, as it is waiting for a motor replacement, the newly machined gears will ensure the clock will tick for decades to come. 🛠️



The Wood County Courthouse Clock in Bowling Green, Ohio, July 6, 2020. The clock stopped working in November of 2019, until a 180th Fighter Wing Airman created a replacement part for the clock.

Inspector General Team Propels Wing: Earns Two Higher-Headquarters Awards



Members of the 180th Fighter Wing's Inspector General team pose for a group photo after receiving the U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn Inspector General Award at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, Sept. 14, 2020. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kregg York)

Story by Senior Master Sgt. Beth Holliker

Ensuring a wing can achieve and maintain wartime readiness and compliance with higher-headquarters regulations while also being charged with supporting the unique needs of more than 1,000 Airmen is no easy task.

For the five-person Inspector General team assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, these tasks have become a passion on which the 180FW's foundation of success is built.

The passion and commitment of 180FW IG team, not only ensures the continued success of the 180FW, but also earned the title of one of the top IG offices in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard in 2019.

The U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn Inspector General Award is awarded to the IG team who's Wing-level Complaints and Resolutions Program most demonstrates six fundamental leadership characteristics, including integrity, justice, compassion, loyalty, courage and spirit.

The complaints and resolution program, led by Lt. Col. Jennifer Beale, is dedicated to solving unique complaints and issues

from across the wing that have potential to degrade the mission. Complaints are investigated and resolved at the lowest levels while monitoring activities and ensuring reprisal and military whistleblower protection for Airmen.

The director of the program is also responsible for training and education of wing leadership and Airmen on program procedures and resources, investigating fraud waste and abuse concerns, and responding to congressional inquiries.

In an effort to ensure the complaints and resolutions program best meets the needs of the wing, Beale has forged partnerships with base agencies, off base services and IG offices across the Ohio Air National Guard to share best practices and has also sought out additional training opportunities for her team, better preparing team members to assist Airmen in crisis.

As the training provided a wealth of information to the team, Beale coordinated to bring two courses to the wing, one offering training sessions for Airmen interested in reducing stress and balancing work life responsibilities and another to provide tools to Airmen to help others during traumatic

events.

"Anytime you take an Air Force-level award, for many people, that's not something many people will see in their career," said Col. Kristin McCoy, Command Inspector General, Ohio National Guard. "For this team to not only earn an Air Force-level award for the complaints and resolution program, but also an Air National Guard-level award for the inspection program, within the same unit, that's great work. We're here to make organizations better and that's what this team is doing."

The Air National Guard's Maj. Gen. Junius W. Jones Inspector General Award recognizes the ANG's best wing-level Commander's Inspection Program, highlighting performance and program execution, above and beyond day-to-day mission requirements.

The Commander's Inspection Program team is responsible for the management, planning and execution of the Commander's Inspection Program, referred to as CCIP. The team coordinates all base-wide inspections and exercises with both internal and external military organizations, and outside, partner organizations, such as local law enforcement,



U.S. Air Force Col. Kristin McCoy, Command Inspector General, Ohio National Guard, speaks about the performance of 180th Fighter Wing's Inspector General team, before an award presentation at the 180FW. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kregg York)

county emergency management and health departments, when needed, to enhance training and readiness.

Maintaining critical mission readiness across the force, the CCIP program utilizes internal and external subject matter experts to coordinate, plan, execute and evaluate realistic exercise scenarios across the gamut of skillsets within the wing.

The CCIP program is also charged with the management and oversight of the 180FW's self-assessment program by working with unit self-assessment program managers to facilitate squadron commanders' unit self-assessment programs.

Director of Inspections, Maj. Justin Kreischer, manages the CCIP program budget of more than \$500 thousand, ensuring critical operational, mission and security requirements are met, and that potentially mission-degradation discrepancies are corrected.

Kreischer's primary responsibilities include the development of policy, procedures, planning and execution of the U.S. Air Force Inspection System by directing and implementing IG inspection activities in support of the Commander's Inspection Program.

Throughout 2019, Kreischer and his team worked with various base, local, state and federal agencies to carry out various exercises to ensure 180FW personnel were ready to meet any threat, emergency or challenge. Because of this, Air Combat



USAF Brig. Gen. James Camp, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, OANG, presents the USAF Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn Inspector General Award to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jennifer Beale, director of the wing complaints and resolution program, at the 180FW. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kregg York)

Command, the 180 FW Major Command and Higher Headquarters, lauded the 180FW Inspection team for the complexity of their exercises during the wing's 2019 Unit Effectiveness Inspection.

Wing Inspector General, Lt. Col. James Spanbauer, who oversees all 180FW IG programs and team members, tributes the team's success to not only to their ability to meet local and higher-headquarters requirements, but also for their willingness to continuously improve programs and support to the wing by regularly collaborating with IG teams from across the ANG.

"We use a system of collaboration within our small office and try to take advantage of the experience we have," said Spanbauer. "We work very well together and have pursued additional training to enhance interoperability within the programs we manage. Additionally, we work closely with IG teams in the surrounding states, to share ideas and best practices, enabling us to better solve problems and enhance our programs," Spanbauer said.

"Collaboration is how we're doing business these days, and the purpose is to improve," said Brig. Gen. James Camp, Assistant Adjutant

General-Air. "This team is collaborating and continually improving the organization."

The 180FW IG team members who directly contributed to earning these prestigious awards include, Lt. Col. James Spanbauer, wing inspector general; Lt. Col. Jennifer Beale, director of the wing complaints and resolution program; Maj. Justin Kreischer, director of the commander's inspection program; Senior Master Sgt. Ann McCormick, former inspector general superintendent, who retired in early 2020; Senior Master Sgt. William Lowinski, inspector general superintendent; and Master Sgt. Lauren Anderson, inspection coordinator. 🦅



180TH FIGHTER WING CONDUCTS TRAINING FLIGHTS

Photos by Senior Airman Kregg York



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. T.J. Copic, an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, prepares for a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.

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U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. T.J. Copic, an F-16 fighter pilot assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, climbs into the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon before a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon, assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, takes off during a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.

An F-16 fighter pilot, assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, taxis an F-16 Fighting Falcon across the flightline for a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. T.J. Copic, an F-16 fighter pilot assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, prepares for a training flight in an F-16 Fighting Falcon at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Terry Copic, a crew chief assigned to the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard, conducts pre-flight checks on an F-16 Fighting Falcon before a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, fly over the 180FW during a training flight in Swanton, Ohio, Aug. 6, 2020.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Catherine Moses, a crew chief assigned to the 180FW launches an F-16 Fighting Falcon for a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, June 30, 2020.



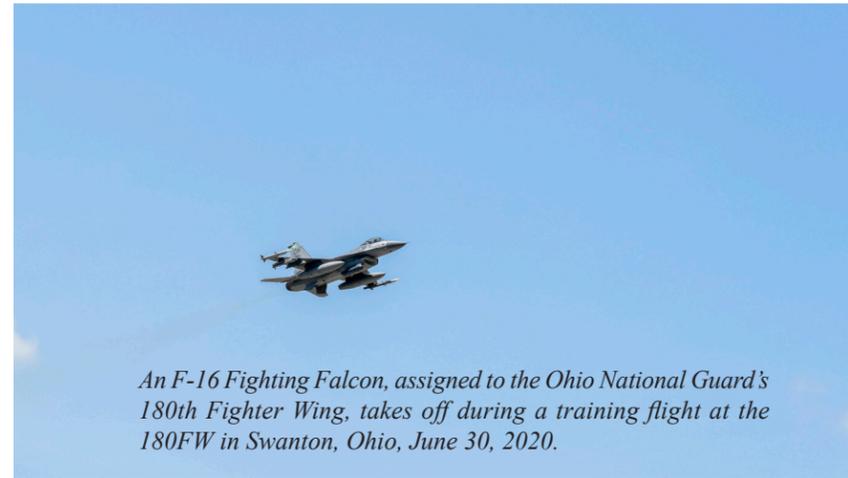
U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Garrick Webb, an F-16 Fighter Pilot assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, takes off in an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, July 30, 2020. The 180FW is the only F-16 wing in the state of Ohio, whose mission is to provide for America; protection of the homeland, effective combat power and defense to civil authorities, while developing Airmen, supporting their families and serving in our community.



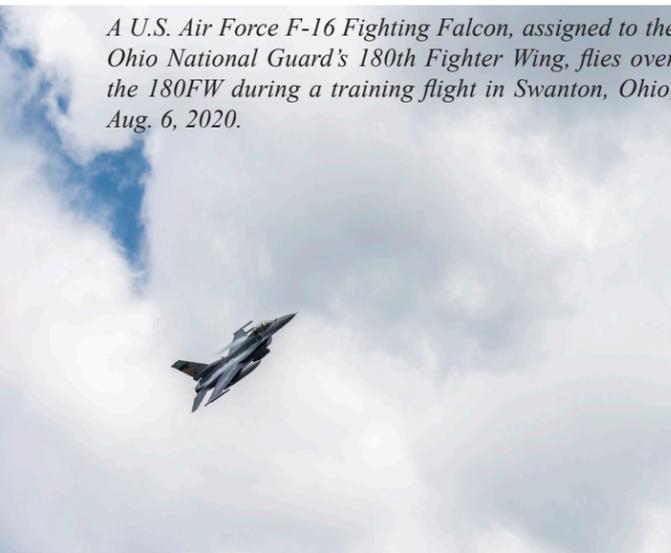
U.S. Air Force Captain William Ross, an F-16 Fighter Pilot assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, conducts a pre-flight inspection of an F-16 Fighting Falcon before a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, July 30, 2020.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon, assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, takes off during a training flight at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, July 30, 2020.



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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Catherine Moses, a crew chief assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, prepares an F-16 Fighting Falcon for launch at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, July 30, 2020.

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Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Beth Holliker



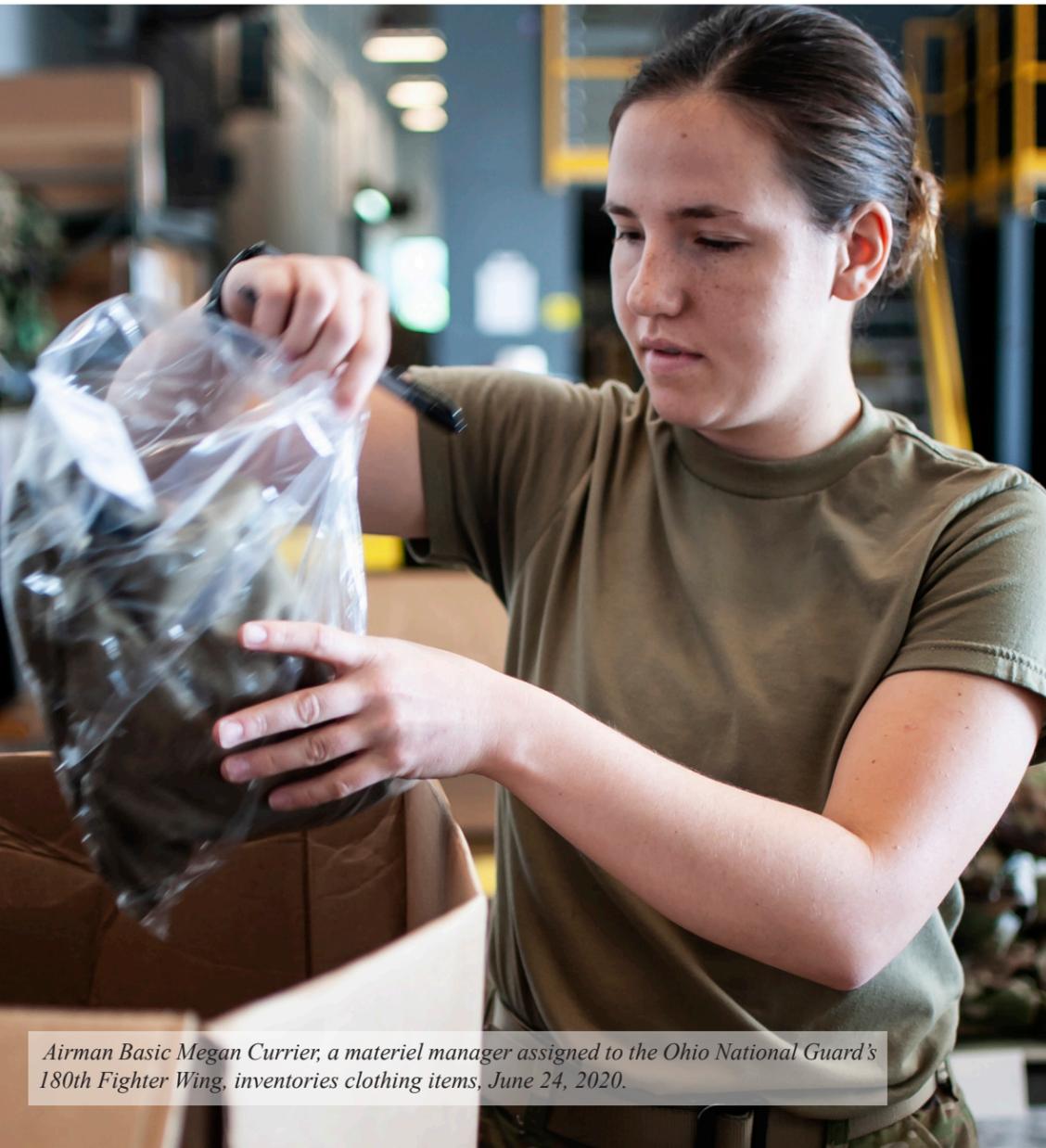
U.S. Air National Guard Airmen, Airman Basic Megan Currier (left) and Airman First Class Sophia Lombardo, materiel managers assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, inventory clothing items, June 24, 2020. The clothing items will be issued to 180FW members preparing to deploy in support of contingency operations around the world. The 180FW continues to support world-wide contingencies, deploying Airmen to support world-wide contingencies, both overseas and in-garrison. Over the years, the aviation package has deployed in support of Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm and Desert Shield; Operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch and Southern Watch, Iraqi and Enduring Freedom; and most recently, Amari Air Base, Estonia to promote stability and security throughout the Eastern European region and ensure national interests abroad by providing influence and deterrence through force presence.



U.S. Air National Guard Airmen, Airman Basic Megan Currier (left) and Airman First Class Sophia Lombardo, materiel managers assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, inventory clothing items, June 24, 2020.



Airman First Class Sophia Lombardo and Senior Master Sgt. Nick Whiteman, materiel managers assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, inventory clothing items, June 24, 2020.



Airman Basic Megan Currier, a materiel manager assigned to the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing, inventories clothing items, June 24, 2020.



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180FW Participates in Folds of Honor Supporting Fallen and Disabled Service Members

Story by Staff Sgt. Hope Geiger



Members of the 180th Fighter Wing, along with other golfers, participate in a tournament during the third annual Folds of Honor Northern Ohio Patriot Golf Day Fundraiser at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 10, 2020. Patriot Golf Day honors the legacy of fallen and disabled service members and helps raise money to support the education of the spouses and children they leave behind. (photo provided)

Members of the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing participated in the third annual Folds of Honor Northern Ohio Patriot Golf Day Fundraiser, to help raise money for the children and spouses of America's fallen and disabled armed forces, at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio on Aug. 10, 2020.

Patriot Golf Day honors the legacy of fallen and disabled service members and helps raise money to support the education of the spouses and children they leave behind.

Guest speakers headlined the event including retired Ohio State University

football coach, Urban Meyer, and Purple Heart recipient, Ed Pulido. The event also included a live auction that raised more than \$235,000, which will be divided equally into 47 educational scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each.

The day continued with 130 donors and players, split into four-person teams, who participated in a golf tournament.

Among the 32 teams, two included members from the 180FW, of which one team played with Coach Meyer, and the other with golf pro, J.J. Weaver.

The ceremony ended with a Color Guard

presentation, consisting of members from the 180FW, the Toledo Police Department and the American Legion Post 468, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

Since 2007, the National Folds of Honor has awarded approximately 24,500 educational scholarships, totaling more than \$122 million in educational support.

There are more than one million disabled and fallen service members affected by war and nearly two million dependents of military members who are adversely affected by war. 🇺🇸

The Inspiration of a Military Career

Story provided by Terra State Community College

When Chief Master Sgt. Brian Rozick was in high school, he was not quite certain on what he wanted to do after graduation. One thing he was certain of was that taking College Credit Plus (CCP) classes at Terra State would set him up for any path he chose. As a dual enrollment CCP student from Woodmore High School, he was full time at Terra State during his junior and senior years at Woodmore.

Without a driver's license, Rozick's friend was also attending Terra State and became his means of transportation to campus. Although the carpool was an added bonus, Rozick would have chosen Terra State either way.

In 1996, Rozick graduated from Terra State with an Associate of Arts in English Literature on the same weekend as his high school graduation. After graduating and still unclear of the path to take, he decided to enlist into the Air Force.

"I didn't know what I wanted to be when I grew up, I still kind of don't," said Rozick, "I knew that the military was something I wanted to do."

Rozick served in the Air Force as an Airborne Communications Systems Operator. He served with the 8th Special Operations Squadron, where he flew on MC-130E Combat Talon aircraft and was able to travel all over the world.

Terra State Community College

During his first eight years in the military, he received two associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force. After four years of active duty service, Rozick came back home to join the Air National Guard at the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio. He served as a firefighter on monthly drill weekends while also working and attending school.

Rozick went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati in 2011 and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Toledo in 2015.

He was offered a position as a fulltime firefighter at the 180th Fighter Wing in a dual position as a civilian and a military firefighter. Rozick worked through the military ranks and in 2012, was named Fire Chief (civilian side) and was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant (military side) in 2018.

On a day-to-day basis, Rozick manages many duties, as he operates the civilian and military sides of his department. As Fire Chief, he is responsible for emergency response at both the Toledo Air National Guard base and Toledo Express Airport.

"As the military Fire Chief [Chief Master Sergeant], I am responsible for preparing my military personnel to provide fire protection at deployed locations, while operating in a contested environment [war zone]. I am also responsible for training my personnel for the homeland response mission of urban search and rescue [USAR]. We train to integrate our USAR teams with FEMA teams in the event of catastrophic events such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornados," said Rozick.



Brian Rozick, 180th Fighter Wing Fire Chief, poses for a photo in front of a fire engine at the 180FW in Swanton, Ohio, Sept. 9, 2020. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Gregg York)

Even though he has had opportunities to travel all over the world, Rozick will never forget where he grew up and how Terra State set him up for years of future success.

Rozick gives credit to two Terra State classes that lead him to choose a public service career and fire service specifically. He took a scuba diving class and a rope rescue class, both of which had class components in Fremont but also experiences outside of the community. While both classes were fun and entertaining skills for students, they also taught life lessons. The scuba class completed their open dive training in Florida and the ropes rescue course was able to utilize climbing courses in Hocking Hills and even repelled off the sides of buildings on Terra State's campus.

Rozick encourages students to always have an open mindset when working with others, inside and outside of the classroom.

Terra State Community College

"Work hard and stay focused. Learn to think critically, and see opposing viewpoints from their point of view," he said, "Do everything you can to prepare yourself for the future, but have some fun as well."

The Terra State family is full of community members and alumni who go on to impact communities nationwide. Rozick, like many others, gained a sense of appreciation for opportunities outside of Northwest Ohio. Terra State gave him a starting boost of confidence to go on and help save lives.

"The world is a big place. I grew up in the same town my whole life before Terra State. Even though we travelled a lot as a family in the US and Canada for vacations, I never really connected with a community beyond my town until coming to Terra," he said, "I think I really just realized some of my own potential and how many things were out in the world to be done." 🇺🇸



Political Activity & Social Media Quick Guide

Civilians+DSG not on duty

Can: (non-uniformed/paid status)

- Generally engage in partisan political activities, as long as they do not give the appearance of inference or appearance of official DoD, U.S. Air Force or Ohio Air National Guard sponsorship, approval or endorsement

Active+DSG's on duty Can:

- Register and vote as you choose
- Assist in voter registration drives
- Express opinions about candidates and issues
- Contribute money to political organizations or attend political fund-raising functions (except when in uniform)
- Attend political rallies and meetings (except when in uniform)
- Join political clubs or parties
- Sign nominating petitions
- Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments and municipal ordinance (in non-official capacity)

Social Media - All members Can:

- Post, share or link to material from a candidate, when off-duty and not in a government building, but not to subordinates. Disclaimer if profile identifies as DoD employee.

Can't:

- Post partisan political articles, websites or political cartoons, memes or gifs while on-duty, in a federal building or use a government computer, or a personal device, during your duty hours
- Refer to your official title or position while engaged in political activity
- Suggest or ask anyone to make financial contributions, whether on or off duty and whether or not you use an alias.
- Solicit funds or link to the political campaign contribution page of any partisan group, or like, share or retweet a solicitation, including an invitation to a fundraising event
- Engage in political activity on an account that is used for official business

Active+DSG's on duty

Can't: (in-uniform/paid status)

- Campaign for or against a candidate or slate of candidates (including themselves)
- Make campaign speeches or engage in other campaign activities to elect partisan candidates
- Solicit or collect contributions or sell tickets to political fund raising functions
- Distribute campaign material in partisan elections
- Organize or manage political rallies or meetings
- Circulate nominating petitions
- Work to register voters for one party only
- Wear or display political badges, buttons or stickers
- Run for the nomination or as a candidate for election to a partisan political office

All members Can't:

- Engage in any political activity while on duty or while wearing a uniform or official insignia identifying the office or position of the employee
- Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election

The Hatch Act, a federal law passed in 1939, limits certain political activities of federal employees, as well as some state, D.C. and local government employees who work in connection with federally funded programs. The law's purposes are to ensure that federal programs are administered in a nonpartisan fashion, to protect federal employees from political coercion in the workplace, and to ensure that federal employees are advanced based on merit and not based on political affiliation. 🗳️



Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 4 -10, 2020

According to the National Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half of reported home fires started in the kitchen. As Fire Prevention Week is approaching, please read the following tips and facts to prevent a home fire or how to protect yourself if one was to happen.

Cooking

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.
- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages. Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.



Focus on the food! Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen. Learn how to prevent cooking fires at fpw.org.

Home Fire Escape Planning and Practice

Home fire escape planning should include the following:

- Drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows
- Going to each room and pointing to the two ways out
- Making sure someone will help children, older adults, and people with disabilities wake up and get out
- Teaching children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them
- Establishing a meeting place outside and away from the home where everyone can meet after exiting
- Having properly installed and maintained smoke alarms
- Pushing the smoke alarm button to start the drill
- Practicing what to do in case there is smoke: Get low and go. Get out fast.
- Practicing using different ways out and closing doors behind you as you leave
- Never going back for people, pets, or things
- Going to your outdoor meeting place
- Calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone

Heating

- Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.
- Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires.
- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet (1-meter) away from heating equipment.
- Have a 3-foot (1-metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Purchase and use only portable space heaters listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Have a qualified professional install heating equipment.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional at least once a year. 🗳️



Keep kids safe from burns and scalds. Have a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around hot things in the kitchen. Learn how to keep your family safe at fpw.org!

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to the 180FW, Mr. Patrick Trejchel, assigned to the Northwest Hospital Coalition, Ms. Tammy Feehan, assigned to the Ohio Emergency Management Association, Mr. Layth Istefan, assigned to the Ohio Department of Transportation, and Maj. Paul Estrada and Maj. Brett Green, both assigned to the Ohio Army National Guard. All were amazing individuals who played an integral role of meeting Maj. Gen. Harris' commander's intent of meeting the needs of the citizens for the state of Ohio.

As time moved forward, the mobilization of the healthcare community was impressive. The conditions they had to operate under were extraordinary and they stepped up to the challenge. The efforts of the whole government response, enabled a comprehensive insurance policy for the citizens of Ohio, and in a time of uncertainty, we came together as a community to work under a common operating environment for the betterment of society as a whole. Each and every one of us were honored to be a part of the solution.

Ultimately, the Seagate Convention Center, in Toledo, was selected as the Regional ACF, and, fortunately, we have not had to activate it so far. However all the contractual instruments are in place in the event it is ever needed.

Naturally, we as humans adapt quickly to our new environments, and just like everyone else, we were introduced to Zoom and Teams meetings and seemingly endless teleconferences, all in an effort to communicate across the entire state to meet mission objectives. All the while, the 180FW had its own challenges; maintaining the Homeland Defense mission, keeping our pilots mission ready, fixing F-16's, juggling teleworking schedules, virtual training, ongoing construction, quarantining Airmen before deployments to various locations throughout the world, in support of Agile Combat Support taskings, and most recently having school start up, some virtual - some in-person.

One of the things I most admire about the military is our ability to be nimble and flexible when the situation requires it. In this case, we are adjusting to our new normal and our Airmen have shown such great resiliency, not only to get the mission done, but also to care for their families.

I will admit this has been a challenging year so far, but overall, we as an organization have stepped up and kept the mission relevant, working with our Airmen to address their needs, and continuing to innovate new and better ways to accomplish the mission!

As leaders, we have the responsibility in uncertain times to create stability, have faith in our Airmen, apply common sense and work to keep some semblance of normalcy. I think Col. DiDio, 180FW commander, has done an admirable job of empowering the flexibility to address the needs of the wing in relation to keeping the mission at the forefront, while addressing concerns of the Airmen.

Lastly, as I wind down my 39 years in the U.S. Air Force, thank you and your families for your service and your sacrifice. Thanks for your dedication and for everything you do and making the 180FW relevant and an awesome place to be. I appreciate having the opportunity to come from active duty as a Senior Airman, join the 180FW, make it to Master Sgt., get commissioned and then being promoted to Colonel, it has truly been a great experience.

To stay relevant, never take anything for granted, and always leave the place better than when you found it. Best of luck to each of you in your future endeavors, Stinger's will always hold a special place in my heart. 🇺🇸

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