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## BOMBER TASK FORCE

45 WING PERSONNEL RETURN  
FROM GUAM DEPLOYMENT

APPLIED SUICIDE  
INTERVENTION SKILLS  
TRAINING COMING THIS MONTH

## HUMBLING AND SOBERING

LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON  
SENIOR NCO RENDERS AID TO  
ACCIDENT VICTIM

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YOU CAN RESOLVE AT THE  
LOCAL UNIT LEVEL

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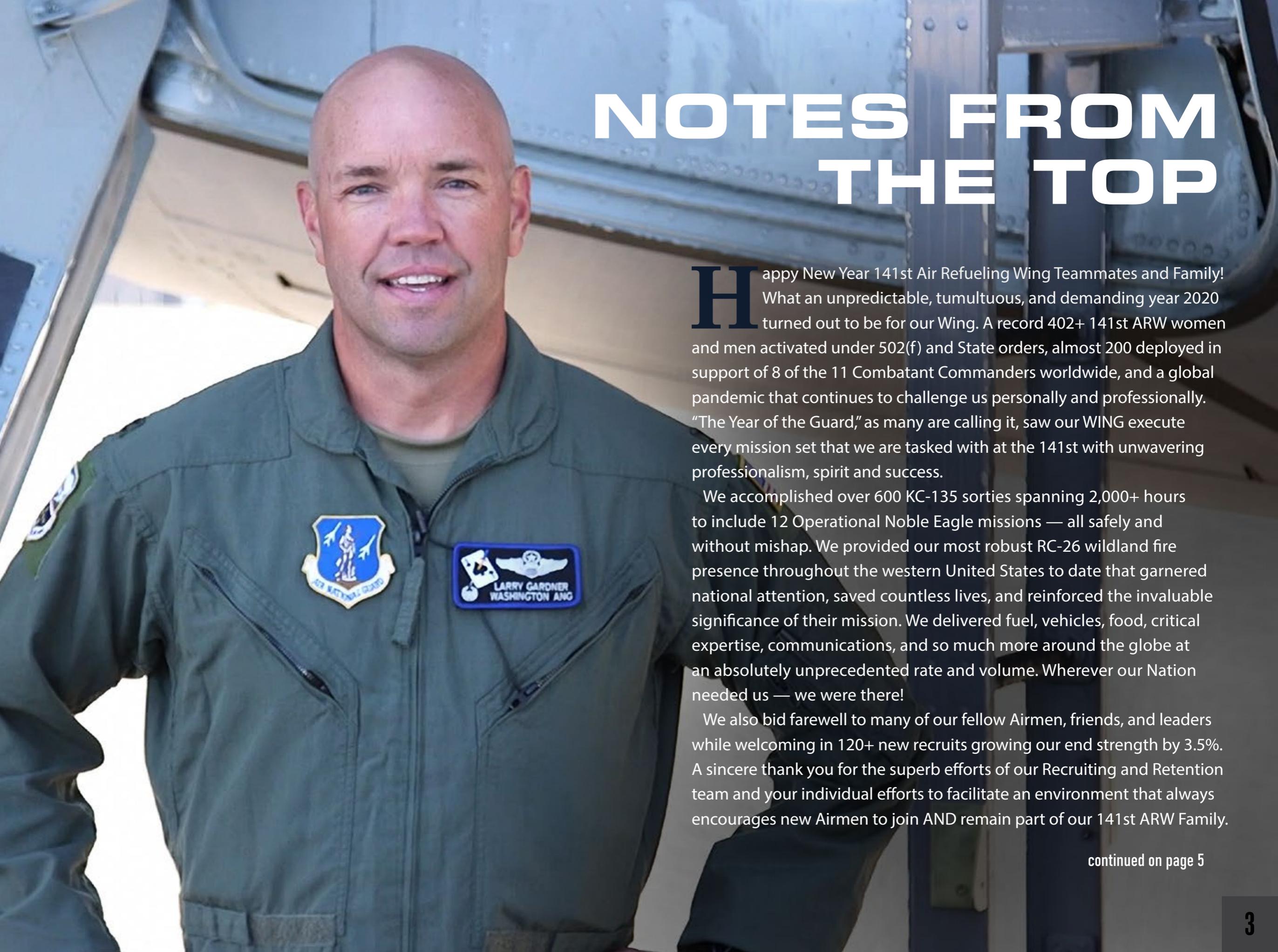
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AND TO RECOGNIZE PERSONAL AND UNIT  
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# NOTES FROM THE TOP

**H**appy New Year 141st Air Refueling Wing Teammates and Family! What an unpredictable, tumultuous, and demanding year 2020 turned out to be for our Wing. A record 402+ 141st ARW women and men activated under 502(f) and State orders, almost 200 deployed in support of 8 of the 11 Combatant Commanders worldwide, and a global pandemic that continues to challenge us personally and professionally. “The Year of the Guard,” as many are calling it, saw our WING execute every mission set that we are tasked with at the 141st with unwavering professionalism, spirit and success.

We accomplished over 600 KC-135 sorties spanning 2,000+ hours to include 12 Operational Noble Eagle missions — all safely and without mishap. We provided our most robust RC-26 wildland fire presence throughout the western United States to date that garnered national attention, saved countless lives, and reinforced the invaluable significance of their mission. We delivered fuel, vehicles, food, critical expertise, communications, and so much more around the globe at an absolutely unprecedented rate and volume. Wherever our Nation needed us — we were there!

We also bid farewell to many of our fellow Airmen, friends, and leaders while welcoming in 120+ new recruits growing our end strength by 3.5%. A sincere thank you for the superb efforts of our Recruiting and Retention team and your individual efforts to facilitate an environment that always encourages new Airmen to join AND remain part of our 141st ARW Family.

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# CREW "4"

MASTER SGT. THOMAS "LEGEND" NANCE

COL. LARRY "JOKER" GARDNER

LT. COL. TYSON "FROSTY" FROST





## YAKOTA AFB, JAPAN (Crew “4” Forward Located Ground Team)

(LEFT TO RIGHT) STAFF SGT. ALEXIS FRANK (CC) • STAFF SGT. BRITTANY BLOCH (128TH WISCONSIN CC) • STAFF SGT. JONATHON GILLIS (128TH CC) • SENIOR AIRMAN TY KONWENT (128TH ENGINE) • TECH. SGT. ANDREW THATCHER (AVIONICS)

Our goal of 100%+ end strength must continue to be on everyone’s radar — daily! Our mission and national defense relevance will continue to be re-evaluated or, worse, re-purposed if we are not operating at our authorized and effective strength. Furthermore, we grew our Total Force Association and community partnerships at all levels strengthening the bonds of Team Fairchild while ensuring our mission needs were always met.

We immersed ourselves in clinics, prisons, food banks, empty stadiums, forests, fairgrounds,

and more without hesitation to serve our fellow neighbors in these trying times. We met every challenge, remained flexible and innovative in a rapidly-changing environment, and ensured mission success at every level. Words alone cannot thank each of you enough.

From September 28 – December 3, I had the unique honor and pleasure to deploy with 44 of our 141st teammates as part of the 506 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron in support of the Bomber Task Force and our

allied partner air forces in the United States INDO-PACOM theater. True to form, our maintainers, aircrew, mission support and medical professionals crushed this deployment as they successfully executed 85 KC-135 sorties and 475 flight hours while offloading 2.5 million pounds of jet fuel.

Together, with the 128th ARW (Wisconsin ANG – 68 deployers/2x KC-135s) and the 168th Wing (Alaska ANG – 15 deployers/1x KC-135), your 141st Airmen executed multiple mission sets supporting Air

Tasking Orders and overseas training missions for B-1s, B-52s, F-16s, F-18s (USS Reagan), F-22s, P-8s, and RC-135S (Cobra Ball) aircraft throughout the Pacific theater. All 128 ANG deployers were challenged by the COVID crisis on the island causing both stress and time delays on mission effectiveness.

Regardless, we safely mitigated all threats and achieved 100% mission execution 24/7 for the entire deployment. In fact, Maintenance achieved an impressive 97% effectiveness rate throughout the deployment while repairing over 886 unscheduled maintenance deficiencies.

Random deployment highlights included: a “1 Ton Challenge” consisting of a three-week food drive that netted 2,017 pounds of food for the local Salvation Army just prior to Thanksgiving; forward operating missions to Misawa, Kadena, Yakota, and Eielson Air Force Bases; and multiple search and rescue missions around the islands of Saipan and Tinian (WWII base for Enola Gay / Little Boy / USS Indianapolis history).

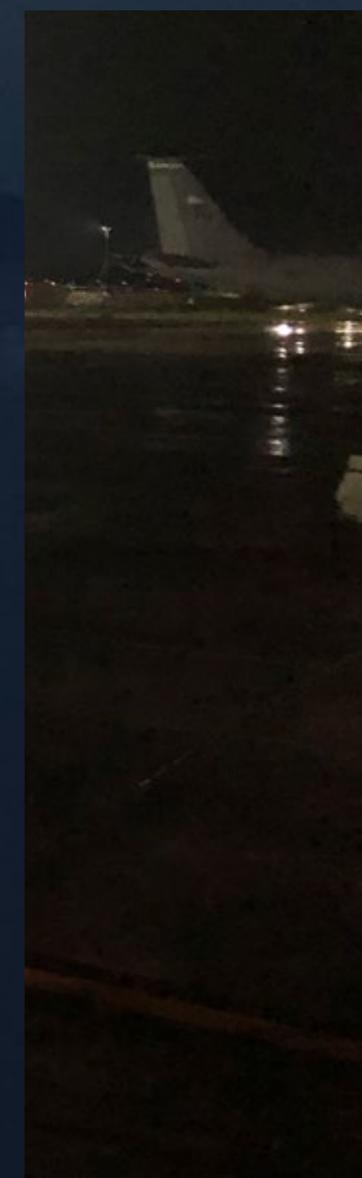
All told, the opportunity to fly, deploy and respond was ever-present in a peer-threat environment many believe will be our next major theater of engagement. Your teammates truly

achieved camaraderie, unity of purpose and mission success. Well done and welcome home! As we begin anew in 2021, I want to personally thank you for your tremendous efforts, Team.

I pray this Jet Gazette finds you in great health and spirits ready to take on the challenges and opportunities that 2021 will certainly provide each of us. As always, be accountable, be respectful, and be ready, for we know not what tomorrow may bring.

Col. G

From left-to-right, Tech. Sgt. Rachel Crofoot (CC), Airman First Class Justin Shirley (CC), Crew 4 Aircraft Commander, Lt. Col. Tyson “Frosty” Frost, Master Sgt. Thomas Nance (Boom), Master Sgt. Jack McKinley (Guam Deployment Production Superintendent), perform a Preflight before a night P-8 refueling sortie in October, 2020.





A Navy F-18 Hornet assigned to the USS Reagan waiting to be refueled over the South Pacific. The 141st deployed in support of Bomber Task Force missions designed to demonstrate the United States' unwavering commitment to the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region.

A B-1B Lancer assigned to the 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., taxis at Andersen AFB, Guam, after arriving for a Bomber Task Force deployment, Sept. 10, 2020. 45 personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing deployed to the Pacific in support of the Bomber Task Force employment model. The BTF is deployed to Andersen AFB to support Pacific Air Forces' training efforts with allies, partners and joint forces; and strategic deterrence missions to reinforce the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicolas Z. Erwin)



# CHIEF'S CORNER

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. BRANDON IVES  
141ST ARW COMMAND CHIEF**



In April, Col. Gardner and I will have been here at the 141st for 2 years. It's been said that "time flies when you are having fun." I concur! Although it has been sometimes hectic, always high-speed and many times a 24/7 endeavor, it's always been FUN! When we first arrived, I spoke a lot about expectations and the importance of feedback going both ways in the chain of command. I fully realize that sometimes feedback going up the chain can be stifled by someone's rank or position.

I know I've spoken of this before, but it bears repeating. While I can sit and dictate expectations to every enlisted member of this wing, it's just as valuable that every member of this wing let me know what they have for expectations of their senior leadership team. Are we meeting your expectations? Are we responsive to the needs of the wing? Do we have a blind spot? I need to know how we can help.

I could fill the space below with paragraphs, pages, even volumes of the ways that the members of the 141st are exceeding the expectations of not just your senior leaders, but your fellow citizens. Although I could do that, as there's plenty of material, the point of this article is to solicit feedback and expectations FROM the Airmen of the 141st. I realize that a young Airman or young officer might not be inclined to engage with the Command

Chief or the Wing Commander when they see that there's something either wrong or just in need of improvement. Let's get this straight before I go any further: I'm a firm believer in first going through your chain of command to have a problem addressed. But I also realize that, very rarely, your individual chain of command may be the source of the issues.

Please keep an eye in your email, text messages, Jet Gazette and social media outlets for a new and anonymous way to communicate with me. We are creating a virtual Command Chief's "suggestion box." I know that many of you already have my personal cell phone, but I also know that sometimes it's easier to convey something from under the cloak of anonymity. I completely understand that. I think back to the days when I had one or two stripes on my sleeve ... any thought of reaching out to the old gray-haired Chief would have never happened.

Col. Gardner and I want to continue the upward trajectory of this wing. We know we can't do that without input, suggestions and innovative ideas from our entire force. This anonymous virtual suggestion box is an attempt to get that input from every member. Even the ones with one or two stripes or a lone gold bar. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

**CHIEF**

# GUARDSMAN RENDERS AID IN OFF-BASE COLLISION

STORY BY TECH. SGT. ROSE LUST

It was nearly 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10. Just about the start of the duty day for Master Sgt. Kelly Long, an asset management supervisor with the 141st Logistics Readiness Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. Long was on his way to work the final night shift of a weeklong exercise Team Fairchild was conducting.

It was about a mile east of the base when Long saw red brake lights flash before him and taillights scatter left and right across the highway shortly after turning the roundabout near Craig Road. Long couldn't see what was happening initially, but as he approached the scene it was clear there had been a serious accident.

According to local news sources, a sedan-style passenger vehicle had pulled out of the Spokofuel gas station on Highway 2 and was struck by a privately-owned 5-ton military surplus truck travelling westbound toward Fairchild AFB.

Pulling up to the scene, Long realized the passenger vehicle that was struck had a woman seat belted in the driver's seat who needed immediate medical attention. Long, who has been a volunteer firefighter with Spokane County District 4 for the last four years, pulled up to block

the scene with the help of another man who had also come upon the accident. They began to render assistance right away as they waited for first responders to arrive.

"It seemed like it took forever for the fire department to show up," Long said. "We just effectively did what we could while we were there. People kind of came in and out and jumped in to help."

Not long after police were on scene, the Airway Heights Fire Department arrived and shortly thereafter the Fairchild AFB Fire Department followed to assist. Emerging from the wreckage, Long was overcome seeing the amount of people, including many Airmen, who had stopped to help.

Despite efforts to provide emergency medical care, the driver of the vehicle that was struck was pronounced dead upon arrival at a local hospital.

"There were so many people that stopped to help, and military personnel as well," said Long. "This wasn't the outcome that we were hoping for; there were a lot of things learned. It was humbling and sobering."

Guardsmen in the 141st ARW are always ready to serve their neighbors and nation.

# ASIST

## APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING



### WHAT

- ASIST is a 2 day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public
- Participants will also be able to identify resources available to help a person who is a suicide risk, and provide a warm hand-off to a professional if needed

### WHY

- 72% of military members turn to a peer for support when feeling overwhelmed.
- Most of us know someone who suicided or had thoughts of suicide, but few are comfortable providing the help that is needed
- Participants will feel confident and ready to help, support and guide someone in distress
- Your fellow Airmen need you

### WHEN

- 141 ARW has four training seats available each month at Fairchild
- Facilitated by Marcia Richard, SERE First Sergeant and the 92d Suicide Prevention Program Manager. All of us have recently completed the training for trainers
- Dates for future training will be posted on SharePoint and can be obtained from Marcia Richard

## TRAINING DATES

**JAN 26-27**

**FEB 10-11**

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# CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

## 141ST LEGAL OFFICE

If you are like most members, you have had challenges with purchases you have made. Maybe you have purchased something on-line or in person only to discover it was not what you thought it would be or it was represented to you inaccurately. Here are some options you should consider when addressing your unwanted purchase.

**FIRST**, try to return the item or product. If you are unsure of a return policy, check the website of the business or contact a representative of the business. You may want to try with a store affiliated with the initial store from which you purchased the product or a different customer service representative. Getting different answers from different people is common. Try a few people first and work your way up the management chain. Read your receipts and try websites of the businesses to find return policies. Return policies change all of the time. Ensure you have the most accurate or if you relied on an old version, raise that up as an issue. Read any contracts and know their terms. There is likely a return or remedy section in a contract.

**SECOND**, contact the corporate office of the business. They have different capabilities to address consumer complaints. Put everything down in writing and keep copies of records. Be sure to be responsive to requests for additional information. Everyone has a boss, engage as high up the chain as you can if you need.

**THIRD**, many states and the Federal Government have laws that protect consumers.

These laws can include an implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability. If the vendor promised you something or guaranteed you something, that might create an enforceable deal or involve other areas of law that may provide you with a solution.

**FOURTH**, read the relevant state's website from the Office of the Attorney General, the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, or even the Better Business Bureau. There is a lot of information on consumer protection available on these websites and you can file a complaint with any of them or all of them if you believed you have been wronged.

Always, Use the right tone for the right situation. Start with being nice even if you are frustrated. Be familiar with the relevant laws, rules, regulations, or contract terms. Be concise and say what you want, why you want it, and the reason you are making that request. Remember, it is a business transaction, so be professional.

The majority of consumer issues can be solved if you follow the above process. However, you can always seek the assistance of an attorney at any time in the process. The greater the amount of money involved, the sooner legal consultation should be sought.

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# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

## TECH. SGT. HEATHER SPALL

**UNIT:** 141 ARW/Wing Staff

**JOB:** Wing Personnelist

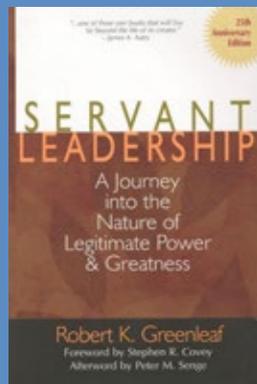
**WHY YOU JOINED THE GUARD:** I joined to help get funding for college. I grew up in a military family and wanted to continue the tradition.

**HOBBIES:** I like to read a lot, play video games and go on a lot of hikes

**GOALS:** To get a license in forensic accounting and continue to serve in the Washington Air National Guard. I would also like to hike the entire Centennial Trail with my dog Charlotte!

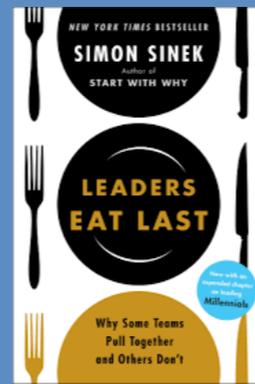


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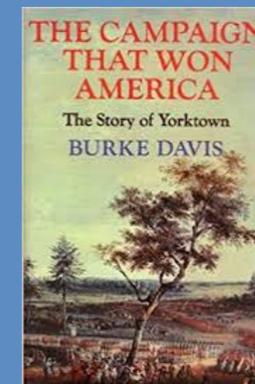
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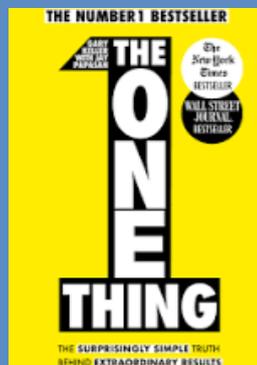
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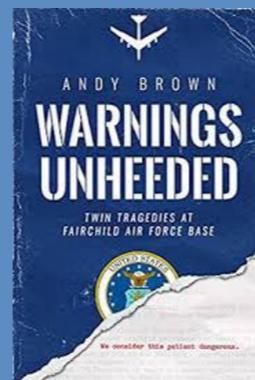
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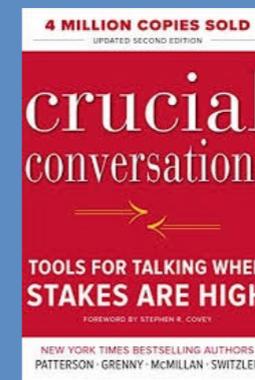
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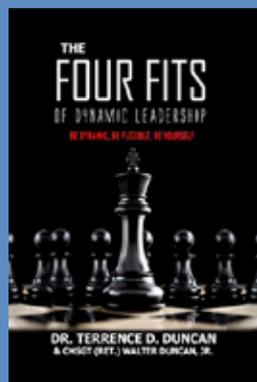
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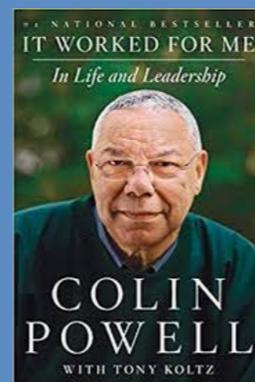
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CMSgt George Lynn



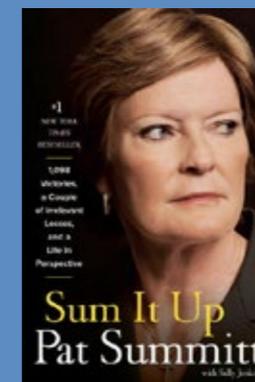
**The Four Fits Of Dynamic Leadership**  
Dr. Terrence Duncan, CMSGT (Ret.) Walter Duncan

CMSgt Yvonne Kriger



**It Worked For Me: In Life And Leadership**  
Colin Powell

CMSgt Denny Jutras



**Sum It Up**  
Pat Summitt

CMSgt Ed Pohl



# PAY ISSUES THAT CAN BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE UNIT

**1. Travel Related - Receipts-members ensure that your name is on all receipts (hotel; rental car; airline). Also ensure that the PAID receipt with \$0.00 balance is uploaded into the voucher.**

**2. Travel Related - Members/schedulers/CSS ensure that DTS authorizations have the correct location of where the member is going. This affects the Per Diem rate for the member.**

**3. Travel Related - Members/reviewers ensure that appropriate documents are uploaded prior to signing (AROWS orders/lodging-rental car receipts/reporting instructions.)**

**4. Travel Related - Members/reviewers QC the voucher prior to signing. Often times amounts claimed are different than what receipts show.**

**5. MILPAY Related - Members/supervisors wet sign the back page of AROWS orders for temp AGR / Deployment activation orders. For BMT/Tech School orders have the member sign an AF Form 458.**

**6. MILPAY Related - if you are not getting paid - ensure that you have signed your orders in AROWS prior to calling Finance.**

**7. MILPAY Related - BAH Forms turned in do not have the proper documentation that coincides with the form. (marriage/birth certificates)**

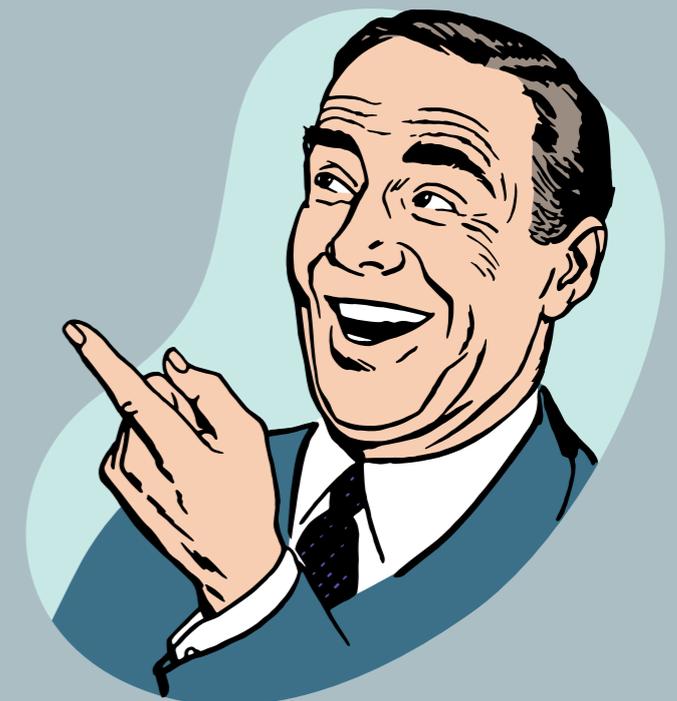
**8. MILPAY Related - Ensure that members out-process and then in-process with Finance prior to leaving/returning from training related TDYs.**

**9. MILPAY Related - Ensure when taking leave that members turn a signed copy of the Part III Leave Form.**

**10. CIVPAY Related - Certifiers sign timecards by noon on the last day of the pay period. Certifiers also need to re-sign retro timecards.**

**Please also remember to send all inquiries for MIL or CIV Pay to:  
[141arw.fmmilitaryandcivilianpay@us.af.mil](mailto:141arw.fmmilitaryandcivilianpay@us.af.mil)**

**For Travel related inquires, use the below Org Box:  
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# HISTORY



Three 116th Observation Squadrons Douglas O-38Es, with full canopy enclosures, lead the six open cockpit O-38Bs loaded with machine guns as they pass the base of Mount Rainier in August 1937. The Douglas O-38 was an observation airplane used by the United States Army Air Corps. Between 1931 and 1934, Douglas built 156 O-38s for the Air Corps, eight of which were O-38Fs. Some were still in service at the time of the Pearl Harbor Attack in 1941.

# ARC-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTERS (AFCIs)

## PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES

### What is an Arc-Fault?

An arc-fault is a dangerous electrical problem **caused by damaged, overheated, or stressed electrical wiring or devices**. Arc-faults can occur when older wires become frayed or cracked, when a nail or screw damages a wire behind a wall, or when outlets or circuits are compromised.



### Why do I need Arc-Fault Protection?

The National Fire Protection Association reported **47,700 home fires** involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction in 2011. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates **more than 50% of electrical fires that occur every year can be prevented by Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs)**.

Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters are available as:

#### Branch / Feeder AFCI Breaker

- First generation AFCI breaker protection. AFCI protection originally required by the 1999 NEC
- Moderate fire prevention
- Trips when a parallel arc between hot and neutral conductors is detected

#### Combination Type AFCI Breaker

- Branch / Feeder AFCI breakers were phased out as of January 2008 and replaced with Combination Type AFCIs
- Enhanced fire protection
- Provides the **same protection as Branch/Feeder AFCIs and detects lower level series arcing** in both branch circuits and power cords

#### AFCI Receptacle

- Provides protection from arc-faults beyond branch circuit wiring extending to appliances and cords plugged into the receptacle
- Enhanced Fire Protection
- Protects all downstream wire and appliances from both parallel and series arcs, and also protects from series arcs upstream in the wiring between the source of the circuit and the first outlet on the circuit.



AFCI breakers and receptacles should be tested **monthly**.

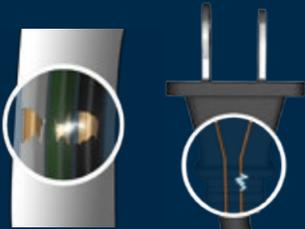


All electrical systems should have an electrical inspection if the home is older than **40 years** or has had a major addition, renovation, or large appliance added.



AFCIs should be installed by a **qualified electrician**.

**Parallel Arc:**  
Arc between **hot and neutral conductor** or between the **hot and ground conductor**



**Series Arc:**  
Arc along the **same conductor** or at **connections**



# DFAC

## LUNCH MENU



**1100-1300**

### SATURDAY

- Cranberry Glazed Pork Loin or Jalapeno Crusted Cod
- Side dishes

### SUNDAY

- Chili Garlic Shrimp or Beef Top Round
- Side dishes

\*Must wear a mask



# PROMOTIONS

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**MSgt. JARED LANDIN 141 CES**

**TSgt. MADELINE DANIELS 141 LRS**

**TSgt. HAYDEN LAMIE 141 LRS**

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