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THE MISSION OF THE JET GAZETTE
IS TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE EVENTS
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TO UNIT MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND RETIREES
AND TO RECOGNIZE PERSONAL AND UNIT
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NOTES FROM THE TOP

I spent a lot of time considering what to write, what topic might strike a chord, or what deserves attention. As I contemplated a topic, I thought I would write about “Guard Culture”, and what this means to me. Since our Total Force Association, you’ve heard people talk about Guard Culture in one context or another, often how we have either lost our culture, or how our Guard Culture has been diminished. I do not buy into that rhetoric, a Guard unit is a family, it is a community, and something higher and more complex than an active duty unit.

The official birthdate of the National Guard is December 13, 1636, when the first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts. Townspeople, ready to put down the tools of their trade, gather their equipment and head toward disaster or war. This is represented in the emblem of the Guard, the Minuteman lowering his plow and raising his rifle, duty to one’s family, one’s community, and one’s country. This still stands true today – 385 years later!

It’s this common commitment that bonds us together, and truly makes us a family. Right or wrong, I have always viewed my fellow Guardsmen as brothers and sisters. I endeavor to treat every member of our wing just as I would my own family; with the same determination to be there when needed, to protect them with everything I have, and provide my unconditional support. I witness these same actions every day in our unit, not always on a large scale, but it occurs none the less. As the MXG Commander, my focus is AIRMEN – make a difference in the life of one of your airmen every day; MISSION – Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do; CULTURE – Guard Family. You simply cannot only

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talk the talk; you must walk the walk – treat every member of our unit as your family, your brother or sister. This is where the true strength of our unit lies – what keeps us going even through the toughest of times.

I had the opportunity to learn this from the best, CMSgt Mary “Mama” Crofoot. Always there, always putting the members of the unit before herself, going out of her way to ensure that members and their loved ones are taken care of. It was her mentorship that helped me solidify my definition of “Guard Culture.” It was never more evident than when we deployed together. I had the opportunity to deploy with Chief, and many other members of our unit to Afghanistan Nov 19 – Jan 20. This was during the heightened tensions with Iran, and Kandahar Air Base was under constant threat of a ground attack, as well as a Theater Ballistic Missile attack from Iran.

Intelligence had us wearing our battle rattle every day, and forced us to develop evacuation plans to survive as many USAF

personnel and assets as possible. It goes without saying, this was an extraordinary, yet stressful leadership opportunity for me. Living that experience with members of my Guard family, having their support, while reassuring them made it the most memorable experience of my career. To witness their dedication to the mission, to each other, to be able to talk to them and help them cope with the stress and fear of the situation; I then realized my purpose, why I come to work every day, and why I serve my country. I have never been as proud of the members of the 141st as I was during that deployment.

So, why did I choose this topic – we cannot allow Total Force Association to hinder who we are as a Guard family here at home station. Though we may be geographically separated, we are still the 141st Air Refueling Family. It is of the utmost importance that we remember who we are, who we support, and understand what our individual part of the mission is. Ensuring our brothers and

sisters, who selflessly head toward disaster or war, are thoroughly prepared, supported, and welcomed home. This includes the extended family, the loved ones of our brothers and sisters; they are just as much a part of our family as the Guardsmen themselves. Without their love and support, our members would not be able to dedicate the additional time beyond their 40-hour work week to put on the uniform when duty calls.

The stronger we are as a unit (family) – the stronger the Total Force Association and Team Fairchild will be!

Lt. Colonel
James “J-MAC” McGovern

Public Affairs Gain Skills

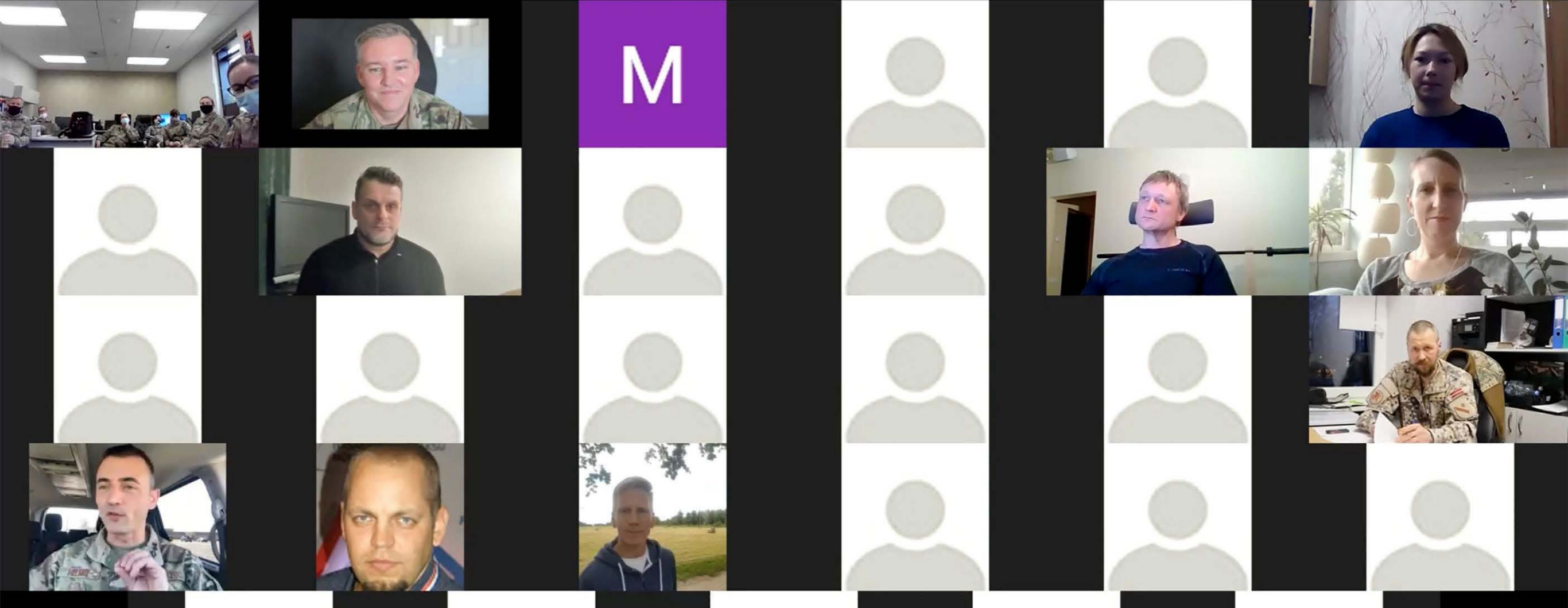
Story by Capt. Andrew Layton

VISUAL

STORYTELLING

AND MUCH MUCH MORE





Screen shot of the zoom meeting call with the Public Affairs participants from all over the world.

U.S. military Public Affairs professionals from Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey, and Washington recently joined with counterparts from the Republic of Latvia to sharpen their skills as media content creators during a military storytelling workshop held virtually March 15-19, 2021.

A total of more than 40 personnel participated in the event, designed to build on a series of in-person workshops led in 2019 by Michigan and Latvia through their link under the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program (SPP). Michigan and Latvia have been partnered since the program's inception in 1993.

"The Coronavirus pandemic has really limited the opportunities for us to travel, but we wanted to keep the relationships and momentum going that we had worked so hard to build," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Scott Thompson, a public affairs specialist with the 110th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, and a key facilitator of the event. "This event was a test to see if a meaningful exchange of skills could be held virtually and it proved to be tremendously successful."

Thompson, the 2010 National Guard photographer of the year, ensured that participants did not require high-end video editing equipment to gain something from the experience. As long as they had a way to record and edit video – even on a cell phone – the objectives could be met. Discussion topics included blocks on the foundational elements of storytelling, shot sequencing, transitions, audio, interviewing techniques, and other methods to create and tell a compelling story.

The Washington Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing also supported coordination for the event as a low-cost, high-return annual training opportunity for their entire Public Affairs office.

"We took part in this opportunity because we wanted to generate enthusiasm for storytelling among our team, and make the process of telling a story through video exciting and tangible – we definitely achieved the results we hoped for," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Francine St. Laurent, public affairs officer for the 141st ARW.



MASTER SGT. SCOTT THOMPSON
VISUAL STORY TELLING INSTRUCTOR

“We really enjoyed the international layer and I think it helped our junior Airmen to see that we do the same work that public affairs professionals in NATO partner militaries do.”

The event culminated with a final hands-on assignment to produce a 60-second video. Opportunities for one-on-one feedback and mentorship helped sharpen skillsets during the entire process.

“Picking up a book or an article – or even watching a video online – is nothing compared to getting this kind of mentorship on an assignment you worked on yourself,” said Pfc. Margarita Bunkše, a public affairs specialist with the Latvian National Armed Forces Headquarters Battalion.

“This workshop taught me how to visualize my story, my scenes, my character and then shoot accordingly so that I can tell a better and more meaningful story; it has given me some basic tools to create much better videos that become representative stories about my battalion.”

Also participating in the workshop were members of the 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., 182d Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, 225th Air Defense Group, Washington Air National Guard, Michigan National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters and the New Jersey National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, as well as observers from U.S. European Command.

Though Thompson says he hopes to get back to events like the in-person public affairs workshops previously held in Michigan during exercise Northern Strike, the virtual format marks an innovative way to keep relationships at the forefront of cooperation when circumstances like the Coronavirus pandemic present unforeseen challenges.

“Nothing can replace the value of working together in-person when it comes to building partnerships,” said Thompson, “but even a virtual event like this has proven its value in keeping us focused on the fact that we can never stop working together to get better at we do, and to get stronger in our bond.”

CHIEF'S CORNER

CHIEF MASTER SGT. SHANE MILLER
141ST MAINTENANCE GROUP



Reflecting on Col Gardner's article from last January's Jet Gazette and how demanding 2020 was, it seems like every year (and I'm on my 35th) brings a new set of challenges, demands and expectations as a Guardsman. Whether you're a student, off-base employee, full-time technician/AGR, new member or old, balancing your Guard membership with everyday life stressors can be a challenge that most civilians will never understand. With that said, it is still a very rewarding career that I am honored to be a part of, along with the added bonus of so many awesome people to work with.

The challenge at times is how to balance it all, regardless of your AFSC or level. Every month and every year will have their own demands on each person. Staying focused and not allowing yourself to feel a sense of burnout, all while feeling a sense of purpose, pride and fun can be different for everybody. I offer a helpful tip, suggestion, advice or reminder on what can energize the soul, while tackling what's in front of you. Take the time! What I mean by that is to take the time for family, friends, coworkers, and most importantly yourself.

I realize that means something different to everyone. Whether it's a hobby, activity, travel, relationship or simply down time, it can help keep things in perspective and make you an even more valuable person at work or home.

We can all get caught up in the daily grind (and I can be just as guilty) and not catch a breath or walk away when really needed, which can at times be counterproductive. On the flip side, watch out for one another (up, down or across) and be aware of those that may need a nudge to do the same. We are not healthy as a unit without the people having a sound mind and body.

Guard family is a strong valuable resource and is all around us. Some of you may not know it yet early on in your careers, but it lasts a lifetime. You have been there for me when I needed it most, and I will always be there for you! We are all in this together and just need to remind each other to take the time and make it fun.

Enjoy your weekend!

Chief Miller

EXTREMISM

141 ARW LEGAL OFFICE

In light of the upcoming extremism stand-down, it is important to know in what activities military members must not engage in accordance with AFI 51-508, Political Activities, Free Speech and Freedom of Assembly of Air Force Personnel. These lines are fixed and enforceable under the Washington Code of Military Justice. You will find these rules are directly in line with the Air Force Core Values. Military personnel must not actively advocate supremacist, extremist, or criminal gang doctrine, ideology, or causes, including those that advance, encourage, or advocate illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, ethnicity, or national origin or those that advance, encourage, or advocate the use of force, violence, or criminal activity or otherwise advance efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

Military personnel must reject active participation in criminal gangs and in other organizations that:

1. Advocate supremacist, extremist, or criminal gang doctrine, ideology, or causes;
2. Attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, ethnicity, or national origin;
3. Advocate the use of force, violence, or criminal activity; or
4. Otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

Active participation includes:

1. Fundraising for, donating money to the organization;
2. Demonstrations or rallying;

3. Recruiting, training, organizing, or leading members;
 4. Distribution of material to include on-line posts;
 5. Knowingly wearing gang colors or clothing;
 6. Having tattoos or body markings associated with such gangs or organizations; or
 7. Engaging in activities in furtherance of the objective of such gangs organizations that are detrimental to good order, discipline, or mission accomplishment or are incompatible with military service.
- An extremist doctrine, ideology, or cause is characterized by, but is not limited to, a common belief which might otherwise be politically or socially acceptable, but that espouse the use or threat of force or violence to obtain their goals.

While mere membership, possession of literature or visiting such websites on a non-Government computer normally is not prohibited, it may merit further investigation and possibly counseling to emphasize the importance of adherence to the AF values and to ensure that the Service member understands what activities are prohibited.

If you have any questions regarding this article, please engage with your chain-of-command.

Month of the Military Child



Each year, communities worldwide look to April as an important month for children who have one or both parents or guardians serving in uniform.

Considered the military's youngest heroes, in many ways children serve too. That's why they're honored during the observance of Month of the Military Child.

Established in 1986 by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the Department of Defense continues the Month of the Military Child initiative today. Sponsored by DoD Military Community and Family Policy, the month-long observance acknowledges the important role military children play in their communities and honors their strength, bravery and resilience.

The month is a nationally-recognized celebration honoring military service members' children with an ever-increasing number of awareness campaigns to celebrate them worldwide. On both military installations and local military-connected communities, activities take place and everyone can participate.

The highly mobile, military lifestyle impacts every member of the family with frequent relocations, and a life of uncertainty and change being the norm. Children sacrifice close relationships and endure deployments or separations along with their loved ones in uniform. Recognition for our youngest heroes is deserved because being part of a military family is something they were born into.

"When we sign on the dotted line to serve our nation, we understand that it comes with great sacrifice and long hours," said Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center commander. "But we need to also remember when we go on a temporary duty assignment, deploy or start the process to pack up to move to another installation, our kids are dealing with it too."

Military children face countless and difficult goodbyes, transferring to far-off places, and learning to bloom where they are planted in new schools and communities. Military children didn't choose a life of service, but they live it commendably and come out of their experiences stronger, more resilient and courageous.

As commander of a unit playing a large role in supporting families

at installations with youth and recreation programs, child development centers, school liaison offices and quality housing, Wilcox said the month is special to a large part of his team, but it's also a year-round endeavor to take care of military children and appreciate all they bring to the military family.

"We see or hear every day about how strong and resilient our military kids are and we're proud of them and proud to support them with the many programs and services we deliver around the globe," Wilcox said.

In conjunction with Month of the Military Child, Purple Up! is a specific day when people and communities show support for military children.

"Military children find their circle of friends wherever they may be," said Col. Christopher Parrish, Air Force Services Center commander.

"Understanding and acknowledging our unique culture helps military children feel more accepted and comfortable. Nearly two million U.S. military-connected children live at home and abroad, supporting their mom, dad, or both. April is our chance to show them we've got their wing and know they are serving too."

Purple has a special meaning in the military, representing anything joint in nature where all branches of the nation's military services work together for a common goal. States and community stakeholders pick a day to celebrate. Everyone can show their appreciation for military children by wearing purple, posting signs and showing commitment to and camaraderie with these young heroes.

Showing support for Purple Up! and Month of the Military Child activities is a visual encouragement for military-connected students and families. The connection allows them to understand others' efforts to recognize their unique lifestyle.

For more information about Month of the Military Child activities, visit your installation's school liaison office, military and family readiness center, DoD Dependent School administration office, public affairs, or child and youth programs.

VICTIM ADVOCATES

Who are they? And how can they help?

**Story by Lt. Col. Dawn Crews-Seams
512th Operations Group Executive Officer
(Dover Air Force Base, Del.)**



A quick internet search shows a legal definition of the term victim advocate "according to 42 USCS § 13925, the term "victim advocate" means a person, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence under the auspices or supervision of a victim services program."

So, we know what a volunteer advocate is, but what do they do and why do they do it? Volunteer Victim Advocates (VAs) provide immediate and ongoing support to victims by providing resources and information. VAs support victims by explaining confidentiality

reporting options, determining victim's immediate needs, encouraging them to seek medical attention and/or forensic rape exam (they will accompany victim to medical facility if appropriate), explaining options regarding resources, medical care and support systems and notifying the installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the incident.

VAs also support victims by providing information so they are aware of available options, accompanying victims to appointments as appropriate until the victim indicates that they no longer need or require the support. VAs may also assist victims by providing referral information to collateral victims such as family members, co-workers and friends.

141 ARW VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATES



Amanda McNamara

Now, we know what VAs are and what they do; why do they do it? As a VA, I can only speak for myself; throughout all the jobs I've had during my Air Force career; regardless of duty title, the resounding theme has been caring for Airmen.

I know I can't turn back time and undo what has happened to the victim, I can however, be there to provide support, assurance and information so that they know what their options are, that medical care is available and what resources can help them begin



Brooke Wright

their journey to recovery. Most importantly, I can assure them that they are not alone and that someone cares.

I do it because I truly care about our Airmen and want to make sure that if anyone is sexually assaulted there is someone to support and help them. In addition to being a wingman to my Air Force brethren, I am also a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, friend and co-worker; if anyone I care about were sexually assaulted, I would want them to have the help and support of a caring, compassionate



Madison Edwards

victim advocate to help them navigate through the challenges of their recovery.



Stefanie Modderman

Click below to hear why they became a Victim Advocates



DVIDS



YouTube

VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Schedule your appointment now and have a volunteer Tax Assistant do your taxes for FREE.

Tax Aid will be available every **Monday** from **0900-1200** starting **February 8 through April 12** at the base education center room **204**.

One additional day has been added on **May 1, 2021** and will be the last day to get tax assistance.

Due to **COVID**, only one taxpayer can be at the appointment but don't forget all of the documentation listed to the left.

Bring the following items with you to your appointment:

1. All of your tax documents W-2's 1099, 1098, etc.
Photo ID's for everyone filing
2. Social Security Cards for everyone filing and all dependants claimed on your taxes

To Schedule an appointment please contact the 141st Airman & Family Readiness by Phone (509) 247-7009 Tuesday through Friday



DTS

DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM

Hello fellow Guard peeps, today's monthly finance did you know delves into the subject of receipts for travel claims.

- 1. Members please ensure that your name is listed on each receipt (Lodging, Rental Car, and Airline). There has been an influx of receipts with either the scheduler's name on it or a general "Air National Guard hold" name.**
- 2. Prior to uploading the receipt into DTS, please take the time to look to see if you are uploading the estimated receipt or the paid receipt. Please upload the paid receipt and ensure it has a zero balance.**
- 3. The Travel Team will reach out to you or your CSS if these items are not loaded correctly and this may cause a slowdown in processing your voucher.**

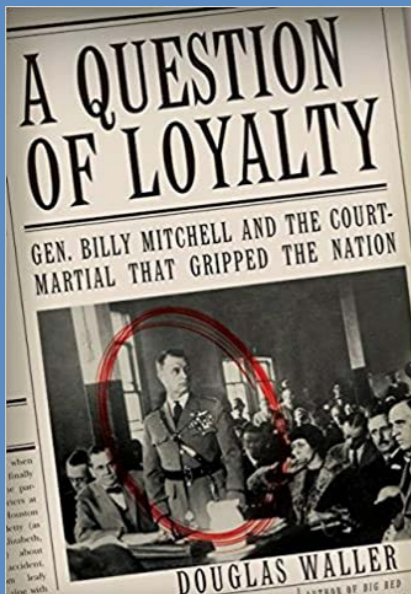
**Please also remember to send all inquiries for MIL or CIV Pay to:
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WHAT ARE THE CHIEF'S READING



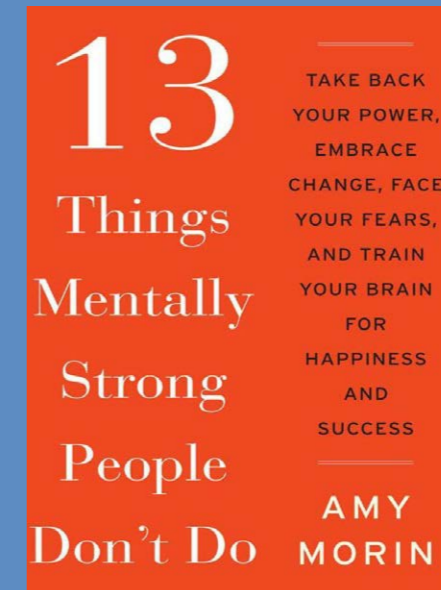
A QUESTION OF LOYALTY
DOUGLAS WALLER

CMSgt DENNY JUTRAS



PICARD THE DARK VEIL
JAMES SWALLOW

SMSgt MARVIN TUCKER



**13 THINGS MENTALLY
STRONG PEOPLE DON'T DO**
AMY MORIN

CMSgt ED POHL

*THESE BOOKS ARE WHAT THE CHIEFS ARE CURRENTLY READING, NOT NECCESARILY FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Spring Driving

Spring showers bring May flowers — and wet driving conditions, which can create a variety of driving hazards. Check out the various spring driving safety tips below:

Slow down on slick roads, and increase your following distance even when mist begins to fall. Just a small amount of water can mix with oil and grease on the road to create slippery conditions.

Share the road: Warm weather brings out motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Understand the impact of medications on driving: For many people, spring means seasonal allergies.

Over-the-counter allergy drugs can have side effects or interact with other medications to diminish your driving ability.

If possible, go around potholes: Deep potholes can throw your car out of alignment or worse, forcing you to buy a new wheel and a new tire.

Avoid driving through large puddles: Driving through water can impair your brakes, cloud your vision, or cause you to hydroplane.

Keep your tires properly inflated: Full tires can reduce the damage caused by potholes and other road hazards.

HISTORY



Sometime between 1941-1942 (During WWII)- 116th mechanics in overalls in front of a Douglas O-38E. The 116th was the first Washington National Guard unit restored to duty after World War II, seven officers and 13 enlisted men who served before the war in the 116th Observation Squadron returned to duty in their old outfit.

Have an Idea or Suggestion?

Use the Air Force Connect App to send feedback directly to Chief Master Sgt. Ives!

Click the Idea button on the directory bar, fill in atleast the comment field and submit.

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HOME IDEAS DIRECTORY VIDEOS FAVORITES

The Emails can be completely Anonymous, just leave the top fields blank and fill in the comments with your ideas!

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LUNCH MENU



1 100-1300

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



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