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F-16 Vipers from the 138th Fighter Wing participate in an elephant walk, June 4, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. The elephant walk, or taxiing of military aircraft prior to takeoff, was part of a large-scale readiness exercise that was conducted to test the wing's ability to rapidly deploy combat-ready forces around the globe. (Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)

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Ready to answer the Call - at home and abroad. It's who we are and what we do... always! This issue is all about recognizing how we, the Citizen Airmen of the 138th Fighter Wing have demonstrated the agility, readiness and lethality of our Domestic Operations, Mission Support and Combat Air Power over recent months.

This includes providing security support to local and state law enforcement agencies, building relationships and communities through Innovative Readiness Training construction projects, serving and protecting the people and property of Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida as well as welcoming, serving and protecting the people of Afghanistan as they reached American soil as part of OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME.

In addition to these and the other Calls we have answered here at home in the United States, our readiness to answer the Call abroad was successfully demonstrated through a Large Scale Readiness Exercise in June 2021. We proved our ability to deploy, employ and sustain Tulsa Vipers while providing agile Combat Air Power anytime, anywhere in the world - a Call we can answer in hours, not days... and sustain for weeks and months!

As you continue to move forward through 2022 and beyond, the landscape of today and tomorrow requires the 138th Fighter Wing to remain ready - with the same resilience, resourcefulness and resolve I've witnessed for the last 12.5 years that I've been a member of this great Wing! I am most confident in You, the Airmen of the 138th, your leadership and the Calling each of you answer daily on behalf of our Nation, Oklahoma and our communities to remain ready, in Tulsa Standard fashion - with Strength and Honor!



Col. Mike "Mouse" Meason





BRAVE ONE

SMSGT. TERRY D. LAMAR 138TH FIGHTER WING INTELLIGENCE



Almost before the ink dries on their high school diploma, young adults are thrust into the next chapter of their lives. Some may choose to continue their education or resume their current career paths. Some forge ahead on a different route all together; immediately seeking to make an impact on the world.

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At the age of 18, Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lamar, intelligence superintendent, 138th Fighter Wing, chose to begin his path as an Airman in the United States Air Force; a career that has now spanned over four decades.

In 1980, Lamar began his military career as a law enforcement specialist in the active duty Air Force. At that time, the career field was known as security police. Security police had the mission of defending air bases and military assets through law enforcement but ultimately, their primary assignment was protecting the many Airmen that work on base. In 1984 Lamar's four-year contract with the Air Force expired. He continued his military career by reenlisting with the Oklahoma Air National Guard in Tulsa. After several years of security police work as a traditional guardsman, Lamar became the first Airman from the unit selected to go to military police investigator school.

By 1991, Lamar was ready for a change of pace. He was interested in the intelligence career field and finally decided to cross-train. After a few years in his new job, he was promoted to non-commissioned officer in charge of the 138 FW intelligence shop. In 2001 he was hired as a full-time technician. After almost thirty years, Lamar has become an expert at analyzing raw data, continuously scanning for usable intelligence to document and disseminate, and empowering Airmen to successfully accomplish their missions safely.

"I feel fortunate to be in a career like intelligence," said Lamar. "Supporting the aircrew is one of the most important and rewarding jobs there is on base and it's very satisfying to be a member of the Operations family."

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When not providing Airmen with vital intel, Lamar has volunteered nearly every Friday over the past 20 years in the public library of his hometown, Pryor, Okla., where he researches Mayes County history. For countless hours he sifts through microfilm dating back to 1901, building a complete picture of the past to share with the city. In 2015 he compiled all that historical documentation by authoring a book titled "Images of America: Pryor Creek," that was released in 2016.

"I've been interested in history since the seventh grade," said Lamar. "I believe it's important to preserve our past and provide an educational tool for everyone now and into the future."

After 41 exceptional years, Lamar's military career is coming to a bittersweet end and the time has arrived that he must decide which chapter to write next. If the past tells us anything, we can be sure his passion for documenting history will continue well into the years ahead. With history being written and collected every day, maybe there is another entire book ahead.

VISUAL: During his military career, Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lamar has provided first responder duties to the Challenger Space Shuttle explosion and the Tulsa Flood of 1986. Lamar has deployed in support of: OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE.



BREAKING NEW GROUND

138 FW FUEL STORAGE COMPLEX ADDS JOINT CAPABILITIES

THE FUEL STORAGE COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE FUEL FOR THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S F-16 VIPERS AND GROUND VEHICLES. THE NEW FACILITY WILL ALSO SERVE AS A PRIMARY FUEL DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR THE OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S UH-60 AND LUH-72 HELICOPTERS STATIONED ACROSS THE RAMP FROM THE 138TH AT ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY 2.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$19.7 MILLION COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY OF 2023.



VISUAL: It is the job of Fuels specialists to manage every aspect of the refueling of every aircraft on the flight line. More than handling jet fuel, these professionals are also responsible for operating the vehicles, equipment and storage facilities that are essential to the refueling operation while also ensuring the compliance of all safety regulations while handling these volatile liquids.



“THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THIS FUEL STORAGE FACILITY, BUT WE ARE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A JOINT CAPABILITY OF THE OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ROTARY AIRCRAFT BEING ABLE TO COME HERE AND REFUEL,” SAID MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL C. THOMPSON, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA.



“CURRENTLY FOR ONE FUEL TRUCK TO REPLENISH, IT’S ABOUT A ONE-HOUR ROUND TRIP,” SAID COL. MICHAEL MEASON, COMMANDER, 138TH FIGHTER WING. “NOW THAT TRIP COULD BE 15 MINUTES. SO IT ACTUALLY INCREASES THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR MANPOWER.”



A CALL TO ACTION

138 FW AIRMAN PROVIDE HURRICANE IDA & OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME RELIEF

Since its conception in 1636, the National Guard has been ready to answer the call. The standard of "Always Ready, Always There" has defined the guard mission to continuously prepare for any situation that may arise. In the past year especially, members of the 138th Fighter Wing (FW) have embodied this standard.

The summer of 2021 was a great showing of the 138th FW's readiness capabilities. Events such as Hurricane Ida and Operation Allies Welcome, which occurred in August and September 2021, called the Wing to action.

On August 29th, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana. For Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Eraker, 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron ground transportation technician, and 35 other Oklahoma National Guardsmen, the official call to duty came on short notice. Upon being notified that support was needed, volunteers were gathered from the Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard, rosters were finalized and the members left to provide assistance in under 48 hours.

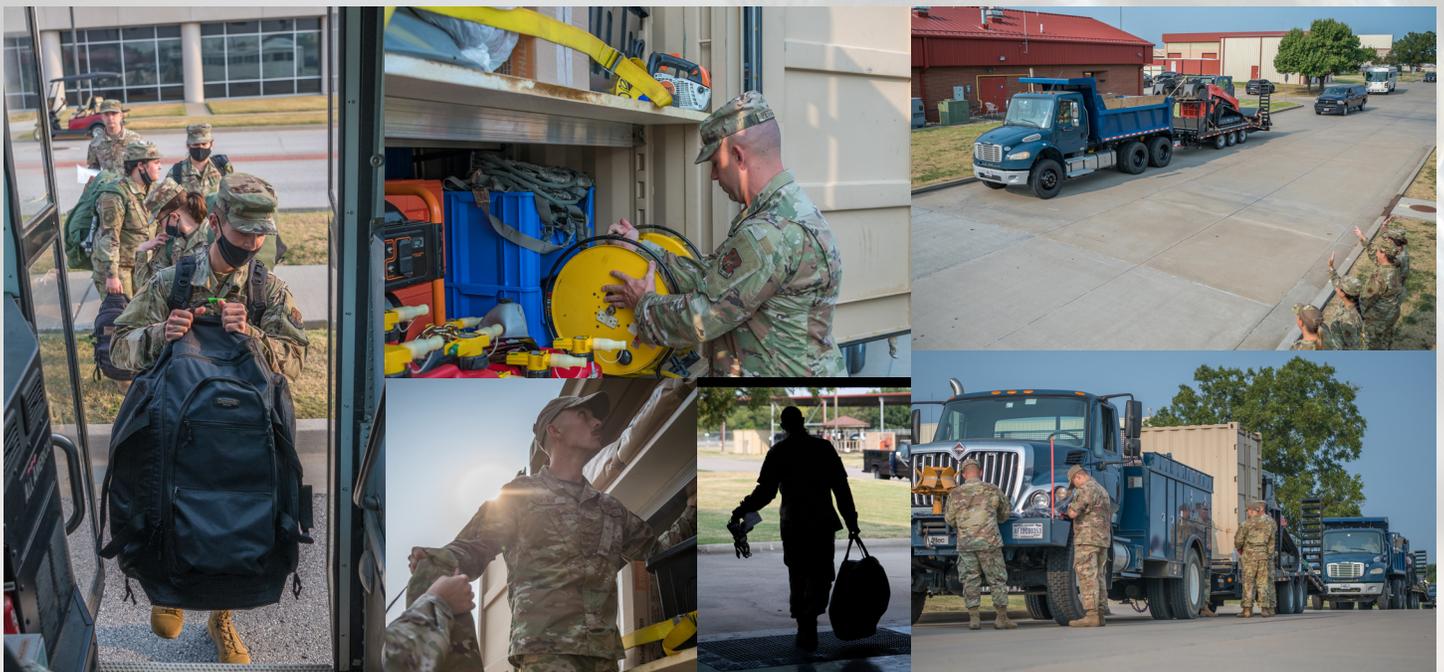
According to Eraker, one of the most challenging parts of hurricane relief missions is the uncertainty. With the question of lodging, supplies, logistics, and the mission requirements, many things can be "up in the air" when preparing to leave for this kind of support.

"We usually have a 72-hour time frame goal of being completely ready and we deployed well under that," Eraker said. "The National Guard mission is 'Always Ready, Always There,' and if we can lend 500 people to go down there, it is a rewarding and beneficial experience."

In addition to providing food, water, ice, and tarps to those in need, Eraker and his team also paid their respect to their country and the state of Louisiana. They did this by providing new American and state flags while retiring old ones that had been destroyed due to the hurricane.

"It was a very good mission to go on because everyone had a good attitude and we did a lot of good work for great communities that needed a lot of help," Eraker said. "If you got into the military to help people, there is no better opportunity to do that than a humanitarian mission."

The relief the OKNG provided brought help to nearly 2,000 families with 14,602 meals, 11,832 liters of water, 39,600 pounds of ice, and 956 tarps for roofing repairs.



Assisting with hurricane relief was not the only humanitarian mission the 138th FW participated in throughout the year.

In August of 2021, the Wing began its involvement with Operation Allies Welcome, where Airmen provided support to Afghan people who recently relocated to the United States. Lt. Col. Christine Hidy, 138th FW chief of staff, and Major Jamie Underwood, 138th Force Support Squadron commander, and many Airmen of the 138th were heavily involved in the OAW mission. At the time of the 138th FW taking on the mission, approximately 9,500 Afghan people had been transported to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey from Afghanistan due to recent events in the area.



Upon their arrival, they were given what they needed to assist in their transition to American life. During the mission, Hidy helped organize people and resources, ensuring people were taken care of during their time on base. This was no simple task and was a real test of not only her abilities as a leader, but for the Airmen performing their duties in an efficient and effective manner.

"I was responsible for about 4,500 Afghan people and 200 Airmen within Village 3," Hidy said. "We were really hustling to make our guests as comfortable as possible. It is important to note that we were dealing with a traumatized population, there were a lot of emotions going around, so we were not only making sure they were clothed, housed, taken care of medically, but also understanding what was going on with them on a personal level."

Flexibility is an important factor when it comes to multi-faceted missions like this. Underwood noted that the ability to work on the fly would've been much harder if she didn't have the guard experience she had.

"It was such an advantage being in the guard because we are used to being transplanted into other bases and branches and keeping up with last minute changes," Underwood said. "The ability to be flexible with that structure helps to ensure mission success."

From providing hurricane relief to those in need to lending a hand during Operation Allies Welcome, the members of the 138th FW have proven time and time again that they are ready for the call, should it come. When it does, they will be always ready and always there.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

138 CES PROVIDES MANPOWER TO REPAIR SHOOTING RANGE

The 138th Fighter Wing has long-standing partnerships with the wing's surrounding communities. Those relationships are one way that differentiate members of the Air National Guard from their active duty counterparts.

In 2021, the 138th Civil Engineering Squadron provided manpower to repair the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) shooting range as part of the Air National Guard Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program.

IRT is a Department of Defense (DoD) military training opportunity, exclusive to the United States and its territories, that delivers joint training opportunities to increase deployment readiness. Simultaneously, IRT provides key services (health care, construction, transportation, and cybersecurity) with lasting benefits for American communities.

The initiative is geared to provide a joint annual training opportunity for service members. The IRT matches up military training requirements with assistance requests from the community. The partnership multiplies training efforts and the value of services resulting in taxpayer efficiency. The Tulsa County Sheriff's office was awarded the IRT mission because their application for assistance fulfilled military training requirements that 138th Civil Engineer Squadron members needed for effective war-time missions.

Lt Col Kurt Stephens, 138th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, believes projects such as these, provide Airmen a sense of community. "The Projects like the TCSO range reconstruction and other IRT projects allow our Airmen to exercise hands on skills that they don't get to use every day and also give back to the communities that they all live in. This type of work is the basis of what the National Guard is founded upon with citizen Airmen working to better the lives of the communities they are from. These projects allow our community integration and also increased job skills for our airmen and the look on the Face of the TCSO Staff when the saw the reconstructed facilities was priceless."

Although the 138th Civil Engineer Squadron is proficient in IRT projects, this was the first IRT project that Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Powell, 138th Civil Engineer Squadron structures technician, has participated in. "There is a sense of pride in knowing that we are helping not only the sheriff's office, but many others who will also utilize the area. Members from the base will come out to qualify, so every time we step foot out here, we'll know we had a part in it."

Additionally, training requirements were met that Airmen needed to ensure readiness. According to Powell, he got to "brush up" on skills that he doesn't frequently use like "staircase math" where "they really focus on the younger enlisted; to train and teach them so they're more familiar with their job when they deploy."

Airman 1st Class Justin Perry, 138th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment technician, described his training opportunities during the project. "Throughout the last three weeks, we tore down a 15-foot berm, made a ramp and re-installed the berm to make a fully functional backstop for the shooting range. Having a solid backstop allows for proper safety measures to be taken."

Perry continued by describing the sense of pride this community project afforded him. "A lot of people will be using this range; the base is just a small fraction of it. Now when we come out here to qualify with our weapons, we kind of have our name on it. It will be a cool experience to know that we were a part of building this, and that everyone who comes out to shoot will have an appreciation for it."

The 138th Civil Engineer Squadron is no stranger to projects such as this one, it provided a unique opportunity for 138th Airmen to combine training with community outreach right here at home.



MERGE

(Oklahoma Air National Guard photos and story by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)

Several members of the 138th Fighter Wing participated in a marathon to honor and remember the sacrifices of service members. Tech. Sgt. Krissy Roberts, 138th Force Support Squadron, participated to honor her husband who was killed in action in 2020.

"As I held and read each ribbon on the guidon I carried, I thought of the sacrifices made by our deployed military members and their families," Roberts said. "I doubted my ability to run the first relay of the marathon. I was unconditioned, mentally fatigued, and emotional; however, I was carrying a significant piece of the 219th EIS history."

Roberts noted that she was also reminded of the value of support systems and teamwork during the relay. In addition to the relay, Tech. Sgt. Cory Shaw, 138th Fighter Wing recruiter, participated in the marathon for the seventh year. This year, he organized a ruck to honor the 13 military members killed in action in Afghanistan, with participants carrying not only the American Flag, but also the Marine Corps, Army, and Navy flags.

Roberts said that running with the team kept her grounded in confidence to push through the pain and provided her with insight to "why we run."

"I had the opportunity to not only honor my husband, Tech. Sgt. Marshal D. Roberts, but every E1 member committed to duty before self," She noted. "I was blessed to participate in running the relay with my brothers and sisters in arms in an effort to honor the service members who have made the most precious sacrifices."



138 FW COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



138 FW DETACHMENT I, HOUSTON, TX



Over the past few months, several squadron and flight guidons have been transferred from one commander to another at change-of-command ceremonies.

With each passing of the colors, these officers assume the responsibility over their section, providing leadership and building strong relationships with the Airmen under their command.

Lt. Col. James D. Cheatham, commander, CF
 Lt. Col. Blake A. Cook, commander, Det 1
 Maj. Jamie L. Underwood, commander, FSS
 Lt. Col. Carl A. Friend, commander, OSS

Congratulations to all!



138 FW FORCE SUPPORT SQ.



138 FW OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ.



We lost Tech. Sgt. Ethan Cooper unexpectedly on 23 August 2021. Cooper had an extensive and effective career in both the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.

Cooper first joined the Air National Guard in January 1988 where he served as a crew chief on the F-4 Phantom with the 152nd Maintenance Squadron, Nevada ANG until December 1990. He transferred to the 163rd Maintenance Squadron, California ANG maintaining the F-4 Phantom from December 1990 to December 1991. Cooper stepped back for a few years until the attack on 9/11 occurred. Ethan, being a man of admirable service, rejoined at the Tulsa Army Aviation Battalion Oklahoma Army National Guard as a refueler on the UH-60 Blackhawk from July 2002 to April 2004 to serve the country he loved so much. In April 2004 he found his ultimate military family after joining the 138th Fighter Wing, where he was a valuable team member for Maintenance Squadron as a Inspection Section crew chief. During his time with the 138FW, he deployed to several Contingency Operations including OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in 2005; OIF at Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2007 and in 2008; OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in 2013, Theater Security Package at Kadena Air Base, Japan in 2015 and OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE at Savannah, Ga. in 2020.

Tech. Sgt. Cooper was posthumously promoted to Master Sgt. Sept. 16, 2021.



THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL

LT. COL. MIKE "FIST" COLONEY



Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III retired, director of the Air National Guard, awards Lt. Col. Mike Coloney, F-16 pilot, with the Distinguished Flying Cross medal, Dec. 5, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. The Distinguished Flying Cross medal is awarded to any officer or enlisted person of the armed forces of the United States for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. The heroism or achievement must be entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine. (Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)



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VISUAL: Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III entered the Air Force in 1971 and graduated from undergraduate pilot training at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas, in 1973. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the A-7, C-28, F-16, F-100, F-108, T-33, T-37 and T-38 aircraft. Wyatt also served as the Director, Air National Guard, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. from 2009-2013, the Adjutant General of Oklahoma from 2003-2009 and 138th Fighter Wing commander from 1998-2001.

THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD HELD A CEREMONY DEC. 5 TO CELEBRATE THE HEROIC AIRBORNE ACTS OF LT. COL. MICHAEL COLONEY DURING A TALIBAN ATTACK ON U.S. AND AFGHAN SPECIAL FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN IN 2018.

ORIGINALLY FROM GEORGIA, COLONEY JOINED THE OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN OCTOBER 2005, MARRIED HIS WIFE, COURTNEY, IN 2010 AND STARTED A FAMILY, CALLING TULSA HOME. WITH A LEGACY OF VALOR AND TWO PREVIOUS GENERATIONS OF AIR FORCE FIGHTER PILOTS, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL FOR COLONEY TO CHOOSE THE LIFE OF A FIGHTER PILOT.

IN 2018, COLONEY DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN WITH THE 125TH EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTER SQUADRON. ON APRIL 30, 2018, DURING A MISSION TO CLEAR A VILLAGE IN THE KAPISA PROVINCE OF AFGHANISTAN, FRIENDLY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TROOPS WERE ENGAGED BY OVER 80 SPECIALLY TRAINED TALIBAN FIGHTERS USING SMALL ARMS, HIGH-POWERED MACHINE GUNS, SNIPER UNITS, ROCKETS AND GRENADES. THE ATTACK RESULTED IN 11 CASUALTIES, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN KILLED IN ACTION.

COLONEY WAS AIRBORNE IN THE AREA AND WAS DIRECTED TO PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT TO ENABLE FRIENDLY FORCES TO BREAK CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS, COLONEY WORKED WITH THE COMBAT CONTROLLER ON THE GROUND TO EMPLOY GPS-GUIDED BOMBS AND HIGH-ANGLE STRAFE ATTACKS ON ENEMY COMBATANTS, AT TIMES LESS THAN 30 METERS FROM FRIENDLY POSITIONS.

COLONEY'S EFFORTS ALLOWED FRIENDLY FORCES TO DISENGAGE WITH THE ENEMY WITHOUT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE. HIS EXEMPLARY SKILL, OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP AND DEVOTION TO DUTY UNDER EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS SAVED THE LIVES OF MANY U.S. AND AFGHAN SPECIAL FORCES TROOPS AND EARNED HIM THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS IS AWARDED TO AN OFFICER OR ENLISTED PERSON OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR HEROISM OR EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT. THE HEROISM OR ACHIEVEMENT MUST BE ENTIRELY DISTINCTIVE, INVOLVING OPERATIONS THAT ARE NOT ROUTINE.



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	<p>CAPT ERIC COLONEY</p> <p>NUCLEAR ALERT, HAHN AB, GERMANY F-4 URBANTS</p> <p>ROYAL AIR FORCE, ALCONBURY, ENG F-5</p>
	<p>LT COL MIKE COLONEY</p> <p>OPERATION NEW DAWN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT</p> <p>F-16C DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS</p>

F A M I L Y

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

138FW EM SUPPORTS OSU HOMECOMING WEEKEND



Emergency management technicians from the Oklahoma Air National Guard joined members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 63rd civil support team (CST) to support Oklahoma State University 2021 Homecoming events.

The teams ran three separate missions over a two-day period providing passive and active monitoring. This ensured that if any hazardous items were brought into the area, they would be detected, identified and responded to within minutes.

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Enyart, 138th Civil Engineer Squadron installation emergency manager, was one of three Guardsmen from the 138th Fighter Wing that participated in the events and explained that the main goal was to ensure a safe environment for all attendees, which was estimated to be 150,000 people throughout the weekend.

"One of the major focus areas over the past few years has been to develop and build stronger relationships with our local and state counterparts," Enyart explained. So, when the 63rd CST reached out to see if we could assist with this event, we jumped at the opportunity. A lot of the training for our team mirrors the training that the CST's do. This allows us to integrate and work alongside their team for some of these larger events."

This was the fourth year that the Oklahoma National Guard was asked to provide support to the Stillwater Police Dept. in their efforts to create and maintain a safe environment for the community to gather.

"Anytime that we are able to get out of the office and work with our counterparts in the community it is a huge win for us," Enyart said. "Not only does it allow us to validate our training, but it also allows us to provide a much-needed resource to the state. Plus, we all live and work in this community, so anytime we can make things safer and better, we try to take full advantage."

In addition to the Oklahoma Guardsmen who provided support, Stillwater Police Chief Jeff Watts commended the multitude of organizations who came together to support these missions. More than ten agencies such as local sheriff's and fire departments, bomb squads, and health departments all participated.

"We are grateful for the collaborative efforts of nearly 130 first responders who served to protect attendees and participants of the Homecoming Walk Around," Watts said. "These men and women are the epitome of proactive public safety. They spent countless hours to prepare, plan, and execute every possible safeguard for this event and other Homecoming festivities."

VISUAL: Whether it's a natural disaster (tornados, hurricanes, etc.) or man-made as a result of a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incident, Emergency Management specialists are trained for response and recovery operations anywhere in the world. Additionally, these professionals develop plans to ensure all other Air Force personnel are trained to meet mission needs and to minimize casualties and damage in the event of any disaster situation.

LINE-OF-SIGHT



Maj. Christopher Broeker, chaplain, and 138th Fighter Wing Airmen take a moment of silence near the wing's flagpole to remember the lives lost 20 years ago in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Sept. 11, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. The events of 9/11 was a main reason Broeker enlisted in the military.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Airman Alyssa Smalley)



Col. Robin Cavanaugh, vice commander, 138th Fighter Wing, flips a coin to start a local football game, Oct. 22, 2020, at Collinsville, Okla. Cavanaugh was given the privilege of a coin toss at a military appreciation night, honoring those serving in the military, as well as those who have died during service.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by MSgt. C.T. Michael)



Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Dipiazza, command chief, greets families during a 138th Fighter Wing trunk-or-treat event, Oct. 23, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard, Okla. Trunk-or-treat is hosted by the Wing's Family Readiness office to support Airmen families by building morale.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



Maj. Christopher Broeker, chaplain, 138th Fighter Wing, spins music during a family day event, Nov. 7, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. Family day was an annual event that gives back by thanking Airmen families for their sacrifices and support.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



138th Fighter Wing leadership attend a strategic planning conference, Nov. 11, 2021, at Tulsa Tech College, Tulsa, Okla. The conference brought leadership together to plan 138th Fighter Wing priorities and goals, setting a clear path for Wing Airmen to follow in the future.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)



Mrs. Claus greets 138th Fighter Wing families and hands out gifts during a children's Christmas party, Dec. 5, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. Local businesses donated gifts to the children's Christmas party and benefits military children during the holiday season.
(Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Imwalle)



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HOURS



Lt. Col. David S. Gritsavage, F-16 pilot, 138th Fighter Wing, achieves 5,000 hours of flight time in an F-16, Sept. 21, 2021, at Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Okla. Gritsavage is the ninth pilot in the world on record to accomplish this feat in an F-16, and the first to cross that threshold at the 138th Fighter Wing. (Oklahoma Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. C.T. Michael)



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LARGE SCALE READINESS EXERCISE

Every few years, sirens sound and the big voice echoes across base signaling the beginning of a readiness exercise. These exercises are designed to give Airmen a chance to hone skills and practice operating in environments much like they would face while deployed overseas.

Lt. Col. Carl Friend, inspector general, 138th Fighter Wing, worked alongside the IG team to create a large scale readiness exercise (LSRE) designed to do just that.

"We started several months ago working with the Wing commander to get his intent," Friend explained. "We gathered the basic idea and we worked together to get to a cohesive exercise that meets the intent."

The LSRE covered three phases; to generate, employ, and sustain. During all of these phases, the intent is for Airmen to continue working their primary mission but successfully doing that mission while in a contested environment. Throughout the exercise they experience injects, which are simulated events designed to test the response capabilities, including ground attacks, air attacks, detecting unexploded ordnances and more.

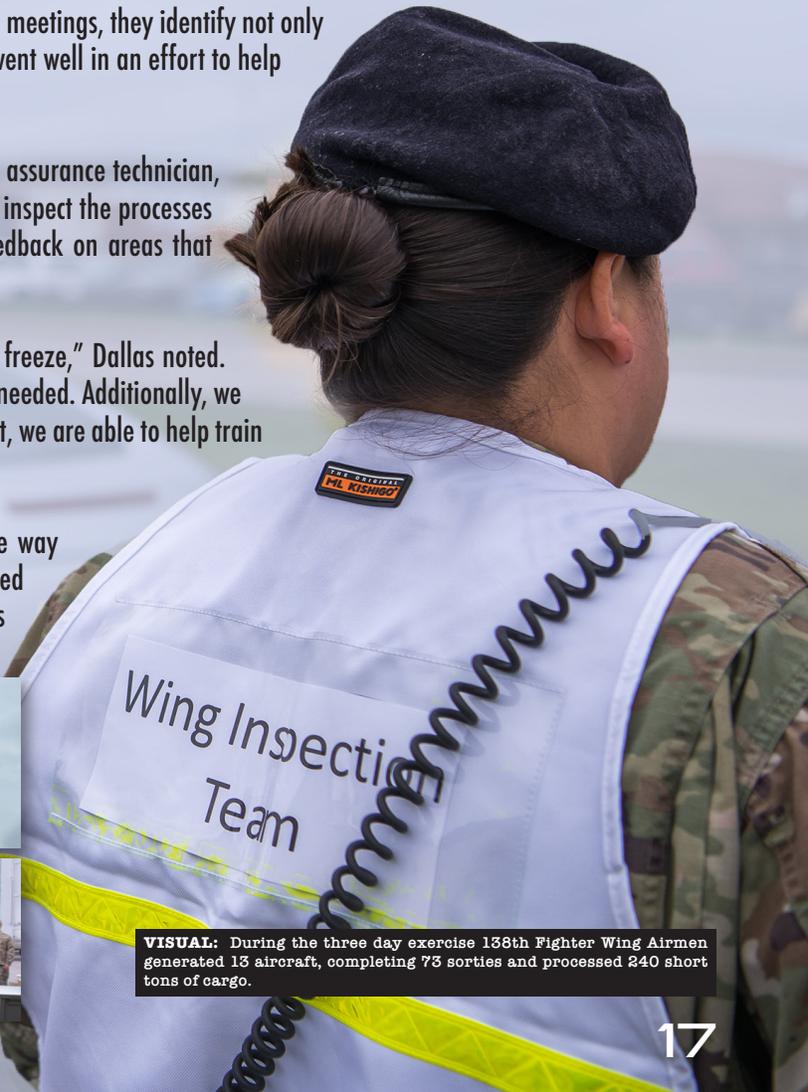
"The generate aspect is to simulate getting Airmen out the door," Friend said. "The employ stage is the getting aircraft airborne and the actual flying missions, and to sustain is to carry that out for an extended period of time."

The IG office works alongside a group of Wing Inspection Team (WIT) members to help evaluate the exercise. These members are identified by the commander as subject matter experts in their career fields. While assisting in exercise objectives and evaluations, WIT members also create and execute injects for their squadron. Following the LSRE, WIT members meet with the IG team to discuss the Wing's performance throughout all aspects of the exercise. During these meetings, they identify not only areas for improvement, but also superior performers and aspects that went well in an effort to help tailor future exercises for success.

Master Sgt. Chelsea Dallas, 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron quality assurance technician, is also a member of the WIT and explained that while it is their duty to inspect the processes and actions taken during the exercise, they also provide valuable feedback on areas that could use improvement.

"We're inspecting that moment they get an inject; that they don't just freeze," Dallas noted. "We want them to call up to their unit control center and ask for help if needed. Additionally, we are looking to see if they're doing the right steps in the right order. If not, we are able to help train them and give them good feedback on how to do it next time."

The process of self-inspecting during readiness exercises is a valuable way to test and evaluate a wing's ability to deploy and operate in a contested environment. Thee valuable training a readiness exercise provides helps ensure mission success anytime, anywhere.



VISUAL: During the three day exercise 138th Fighter Wing Airmen generated 13 aircraft, completing 73 sorties and processed 240 short tons of cargo.

A FOUR-MILE STRETCH

TSGT. MARSHAL D. ROBERTS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

A gathering of friends, family, community leaders, state dignitaries and service members attend a highway dedication ceremony in honor of Tech. Sgt. Marshal Roberts, who served with the 219th Engineering Installation Squadron, 138th Fighter Wing and who was killed in action during a rocket attack in Iraq while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve on March 11, 2020. The marked four-mile section of Highway 20 that links Owasso, OK and Claremore, OK will serve as an everlasting memorial of his sacrifice and bravery.



"This piece of road right here is perfect for Marshal because he has many friends in Owasso and just as many in Claremore," said Oklahoma State Sen. J.J. Dossett, who spoke at the event. "This is the road that links us; he's linking our two communities together."



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TSGT MARSHAL D. ROBERTS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

“On this highway, there’s a big sign so that in the decades ahead... people can tell the story to their children, and that their children would hear the story of the sacrifice of TSgt. Marshal Roberts bravery,” said U.S. Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma.



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