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Colonel Larry Gardner, 141st Air Refueling Wing commander, prepares to board a KC-135 Stratotanker for his final flight in the Air National Guard, April 26, 2022. (L to R) Mission Pilot/ 141ARW ONE Commander, Lt. Colonel Brett D. Bollinger, COLONEL LARRY GARDNER, 141ST Wing Commander, Aircraft Commander, Lt. Colonel Tyson Frost, Mission Pilot, Major Clay Bird and Chief Boom Operator, Chief Master Sgt. Walt Hinton.

PHOTOS USED FOR ILLUSTRATION BY TSGT. MICHAEL BROWN





# NOTES FROM THE TOP

PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. MICHAEL STEWART



I could never be so lucky again...

**W**hen young Airman Larry Gardner graduated Basic Military Training in the Summer of '93, ripped through a short admin technical school in Keesler, and rushed home to Montana just in time for football two-a-days and his Junior year of college... he would have never imagined nor believed what the next 29 years of life would have in store.

I was one of those quintessential Air National Guard recruits that joined this organization for some much-needed job experience (Civil Engineering at the time) and a little extra scratch to help get through those very lean college years. I had no idea that what I thought I was gaining by joining the ANG (\$\$ and job knowledge) would end up being essentially two of the least important items that I was going to gain over a 30-year Guard career.

Anyone that has been around me for a few minutes or has had to attend my gatherings (Aeries, Stand-ups, All-Calls, etc.) has definitely heard me utter two

very important words that carry the most weight in my life – **"Family and Team."**

The foundation of my life was built upon team sports early as a youth where emphasizing individual contributions towards a team goal was where I found the most joy in each day. I thoroughly enjoyed the competitive nature of sports and the natural byproducts – some immediate, others delayed and present in moments of reflection when the competition was long over.

Those moments of reflection are when the true beauty of sport (and life) start to present themselves. You start reflecting on your team, your shared sacrifices, the spirit of competition, the individual efforts required, and given at all times. With reflection, you're able to realize the **"Family"** and the **"Team"** aspects far outweigh any competition, any victory, or any loss. Sports taught me that at an early age...the Air National Guard...well, that reinforced it and took it to an entirely different level and importance in my life.

Midway through my Sophomore year of college, I

had my second epiphany in life (my bride, Kelli, was the first. The moment I saw her in 1992 I knew I had met my future wife). I decided to ask my step-father, CMSgt Roger Larsen, if he would mind showing me around the Montana Air National Guard and inquired if they had any civil engineering opportunities.

He embraced me like the prodigal son, smile beaming from ear-to-ear, and walked me directly to the Base Civil Engineer's office making sure I didn't leave the Guard campus until I had signed enlistment papers. That day was November 15, 1992. Little did I know that I was about to swear into the best family organization possible and compete in the greatest team sport my life would ever know.

My photos around base along with my bio on SharePoint will soon be taken down and relegated to distant memory. I won't tire you here with all of my career details but I'd like to highlight a couple of lessons I've learned along the way that perhaps will assist you in your career or journey in life...



Colonel Larry Gardner, 141st Air Refueling Wing commander, prepares to board a KC-135 Stratotanker for his final flight in the Air National Guard, April 26, 2022. The crew consisted of Aircraft Commander, Lt. Colonel Tyson Frost, Mission Pilot/ 141 ARW ONE Commander, Lt. Colonel Brett D. Bollinger, Mission Pilot, Major Clay Bird and Chief Boom, Chief Master Sgt. Walt Hinton.



### 1. HAVE FAITH. BOTH IN YOURSELF AND OTHERS YOU SERVE ALONGSIDE IN YOUR CAREER.

- After 30 years I'm still amazed and thankful that so many people along my journey believed in me, perhaps even when I didn't necessarily believe in myself. Do that for others and let them know their value and importance to our team. You often times never truly know your influence and impact on others in life and people tend to rise to the occasion when they have someone that truly believes in them.

### 2. BE PRESENT.

- No day is guaranteed, no breath entitled, no promise of life given. Value your present situation and take no one or nothing for granted. You have had an immeasurable impact on my life and my sincerest hope is that I perhaps had at least a small one on yours and was truly present for you when you needed me.

### 3. BE READY.

- We know not what tomorrow brings but I can promise you it will try to take what is yours. Evil is in this world

and it must be acknowledged and dealt with at all times. You are the protectors of our freedoms and the warriors that will preserve these liberties and our way of life. Don't let your guard down because your (National) Guard will never let you down.

### 4. ENJOY THE RIDE.

- We are pretty blessed to be able to do what we do in service to Neighbor and Nation. You are unique, you are amazing, and you are selfless. You've made sacrifices and commitments that over 99% of our country hasn't, won't, and, quite honestly, can't. So enjoy your service, your career – whether it's 6-years or 30+, and make the most out of every opportunity.

As the clock ticks down through the final seconds of my 30-year journey and I extend my gear for one final full-stop landing, I do so with eternal gratitude and reverence for a career I never deserved, for teams that fought through the toughest of battles, and for the gift of family and friends I could have never imagined would be a part of in my life.

I love each and everyone one of you. Thank you for believing in me and trusting me with this incredible Wing. Thank you for the letting me be a small part of your Team. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve alongside you as we navigated challenges never before seen in the 386-year history of the National Guard. Thank you for giving me hope and inspiration. Thank you for being part of my family and allowing me the honor of being part of yours.

As **Jimmy Doolittle** said in the twilight of his career when asked if he would change or relive any part of his life, he simply responded **"I could never be so lucky again."**

*"May the sun shine warm on your face  
and may God hold you in the palm of His hand until  
we meet again."*

Your friend in humble service,

Colonel Larry "Joker" Gardner





58-0128— Dedicated Crew Chief  
Master Sgt. Jack McKinley

59-1471— Wing Commander  
Colonel Larry Gardner

58-0128— Assist. Dedicated Crew Chief  
Tech Sgt. Mikhail (Mike) Vaynshteyn

59-1471— Dedicated Crew Chief  
Master Sgt. Jesse Williams





Chief Master Sgt. Walt Hinton, Chief Boom, shows Colonel Larry Gardner, 141st Air Refueling Wing commander, what it's like to be a boom operator during the Colonel's "Finny" flight, April 26, 2022.





# AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

## SENIOR MASTER SGT. JESS PETERSON

**UNIT:** 141ST AIR REFUELING WING

**JOB:** Safety Senior Enlisted Leader

**WHY YOU JOINED THE GUARD:** "I joined the Guard because when I was young the government helped my family and I felt that I needed to give something back to the nation. The Guard has been a home away from home. It is the family I wanted to be a part of - welcoming, inclusive and fun. It provided me opportunities that I never knew were available professionally and within the local community."



# HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE

COLLECTIVE TRAINING EXERCISE AT THE SPOKANE FIRE TRAINING CENTER

STORY BY TECH. SGT. MICHAEL BROWN

PHOTOS BY ARMY SGT. ADELIN WITHERSPOON





**T**he 10th Homeland Response Force conducted a collective training event at the Spokane Fire Training Center April 8-10, 2022. The objective of the training was to rapidly deploy and establish a multifunctional decontamination facility in response to a hypothetical chemical, radiological, nuclear disaster.

### **What exactly is a "HRF"?**

The 10th HRF is a Washington National Guard joint program, comprised of Airmen and Soldiers from across the Washington National Guard, designed to quickly alert, assemble and deploy a domestic response asset to assist civilian authorities in Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Washington. 10th Homeland Response Force elements can conduct search and rescue, medical treatment, decontamination, supply and logistics, and security as needed

to mitigate suffering and loss of life as quickly as possible after a tragic event.

There is also a command and control element with the commander, special staff and liaisons to help translate civilian needs to the military. The collective training exercise saw these elements rapidly respond to the event within 24 hours. After inprocessing, each of the elements received a brief on the situation and got to work setting up. The elements moved efficiently and quickly to get to work on the tasks ahead.

Search and Extraction worked through casualty processing, CBRNE worked through decontamination, and finally medical triaged and got patients the care that they needed.

Finally, after a long day the Airmen and Soldiers of the 10th Homeland Response Force completed an after-action report to assist in making the process better for when it comes time to deploy in support of any significant event within the FEMA region.









# CHIEF'S CORNER

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. SHANE SWEENEY**

**141ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER**



I was one of four friends from a small area of upper state New York that joined the military and took the oath of enlistment. We all served in our own ways and would come to understand the value of our commitment for family, friends and community. My initial understanding of the oath of enlistment would begin in April 1990. I would follow in the footsteps of others in taking the oath and in doing so could show my respect to their commitment.

On a spring day in New York, I stood in what could roughly be called a “formation” with seven other fellow recruits in the Syracuse MEPS and recited the oath of enlistment. This was a true life changing experience that has affected the lives of family, friends and myself significantly. My understanding of the oath began that day and would continue to further strengthen my resolve and love for our nation through the years. I remember the excitement and nerves about where I was going as I stood there. As we waited wondering what would be next for us, an officer entered the room. He provided a brief overview of what we were about to accomplish. He then asked us to raise our right hands and repeat after hearing the words he spoke.

I do solemnly swear, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic—what a powerful statement! My heart swelled as I repeated the words. I saw the direct emphasis

and personal commitment I was entering from that moment forward. I would be directly supporting one of the greatest documents and ideals in human history. My service would support the communities, families and the people of the United States. I was standing there realizing what my grandfather, father, several other family members and friends had all made the same commitment.

Wow! That was a lot to comprehend. I was nervous, excited and very humbled in this thought. Therein, as I spoke those words, I saw what this new beginning in training and preparation would require of me. How would I stand up and become a capable member of our military? I would stay vigilant and work hard to better understand my role and responsibilities. This also meant that I could sacrifice my well-being for my country. Could I do that? Yes, I knew in my heart that if it came to that I could.

That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; I know that what our nation stands for, what was defined in founding documents is true. I have faith in God and the freedom of choice. Based on these building blocks, I knew in my heart that I could stand in faith and allegiance to this oath. The opening statement of the Constitution directly emphasizes what my selfless service was meant to protect and why this solemn promise means so much to me. We the People of the United States, in order to





form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

It was awe-inspiring that a boy from a small town could stand with brothers and sisters of our community and become sworn defenders of our nation's basis. Swearing my oath to the true building blocks of our nation, our freedoms and liberties.

And that I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Knowing the history of our nation and what our military members and leaders have upheld and defended before me, this statement showed me the meaning of trust.

I would obey orders given to me and I would have guidelines to ensure what I accomplished was proper and just. I did not yet understand what the full scope of the Uniform Code of

Military Justice was that day, but would better understand in the coming months and years.

So help me God. Just as our forefathers had faith in God, I also do. Standing there before neighbor, nation and God, I humbled myself and swore to uphold my oath. This was no small matter and I was proud to be there with my fellow citizens, patriots and military recruits. We had just taken the first step on a road of service to defend and protect those truths identified in the Declaration of Independence.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. On that day I began a new chapter of service in my life. From that day on I would carry the true meaning of my oath of enlistment through my actions. Respecting my fellow Airmen, our nation's flag and our community members.

Several years later I would join the Washington Air National Guard and the 141st Air Refueling Wing. Then I would see the inclusion of the state

constitution as well as the governor in our oath of enlistment. Becoming a member of the 141st family brought further meaning to my commitment and understanding. Serving alongside our wing members who provided assistance on AEF deployments, State Partnership Program activities, during natural disasters, fires, civil disturbance and a pandemic magnified what the oath means. It reflects patriotism, commitment, honor, trust and respect to my family, friends, community and nation. Each time I have taken the oath I reflect on what it means to me and I am always humbled. As others before me, I will always hold the weight and strength of the oath in my heart.

In retirement this coming month, I will pass the banner of service to an outstanding family of NCOs and Airmen of this great wing. To each of you this day I am humbled by all of your accomplishments, talents, dreams and goals. I respect you for taking the Oath of Enlistment and continuing your service in defense of our Constitution. Be always vigilant and Ready to Serve — Neighbor and Nation.

Thank you.



# HISTORY



**2-19 June 2000**

Two KC-135E air refueling tankers of the 116th Air Refueling Squadron and 31 members of the unit participated in the Rim of the Pacific Exercise or RIMPAC. Altogether, over the course of the international maritime exercise, 20 sorties were flown and 750,000 lbs. of fuel were off-loaded. Pictured below the unit's Stratotanker is the USS Abraham Lincoln.



# DDRP

## DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM MANAGER INSIGHTS! BY ROBERT FLETCHER

**D**o you know the meaning behind certain emojis? Emojis were originally designed to represent an emotion, event, or activity, but have recently taken on a language of their own. Criminal organizations, including drug traffickers, have noticed and are using emojis to buy and sell counterfeit pills and other illicit drugs on social media and through e-commerce.

This reference guide is intended to give parents, caregivers and influencers a better sense of how this language is being used in conjunction

with illegal drugs. It is important to note, this list is not all-inclusive and the images contained below are a representative sample.

Emojis, on their own, should not be indicative of illegal activity, but coupled with a change in behavior; change in appearance; or significant loss/increase in income should be a reason to start an important conversation. We understand initiating those conversations can be difficult so we have resources available at **DEA.gov/onepill**.

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Percocet — 💊🌀📦 P Package Arrived — 📦💡

Xanax — 💊🏠🚌 Adderall — 💊🚂

Oxycodone — 🏠🐧📱🍷🏈🏠🚗🛒📦❄️💤💤💤💯🚰





# RACIAL DISPARITY TRACKING

## 141ST LEGAL OFFICE



In light of the recent Racial Disparity report published by the Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General (SAFIG), there is now a new requirement for all legal offices across the Air Force to track demographic data regarding the following types of adverse actions:

- **Letters of Counseling;**
- **Letters of Admonishment; and**
- **Letters of Reprimand.**

The 141 ARW Legal Office will be tracking the demographic data for both the service member issuing the action (e.g. supervisor, commander, etc.) and the service member receiving the actions, to include: (1) name; (2) rank; (3) age; (4) gender; (5) race; (6) ethnicity; and (7) type of adverse action.

In order for the legal office to track this information, it will be on the person issuing the adverse action to

fill out a Memorandum for Record (MFR) located on the 141st Legal Office SharePoint and submit it to the legal office via email or via hand delivery. Here are the instructions on where to find the MFR and where to send it:

1. Access the 141st Legal Office SharePoint.
2. On the left hand side, click on the "Military Justice" tab.
3. Find the "Template – Record of Demographic Data" under the documents section.
4. Fill out the yellow highlighted portions of the MFR and attach a copy of the adverse action. A wet or digital signature is required. Your CSS will be able to assist you in finding the demographic data if you do not know it.
5. Email the MFR to the "141 ARW/JA" email list. For convenience, you can find this list by

searching the Global Address List in your email. You are also welcome to hand deliver the MFR and attached adverse action to the legal office.

*\* This or any other article provided by the legal office should not be considered legal advice. If you have any questions regarding this or any other article, please do not hesitate to stop by the legal office or call at (509) 247-7035.*



# Wake



# Island

Story: Tech. Sgt. Kayleigh Phillips  
Photos provided by: Maj. Matt Fisk

**B**lue as far as the eye can see. A never-ending sky meets the ocean. No phones, no internet, no communication with the outside world. Wake Island is isolated. So remote in fact, the nearest city is thousands of miles away.

Airmen from the 141st Washington Air National Guard Regional Command Post conducted a field test of communications with mobile command and control equipment at Wake Island Airfield during an off-station training, February 4, 2022.

Often known as the hub of the base, the command post's mission runs 24/7. Aircraft communication, emergency management, mass notifications—leadership relies on the command post team to relay and disseminate important information to those who need it.

As the center of communication for the base, the command post must always be prepared for any emergency event and command post Airmen must be equipped with the skills to establish communication anywhere.

"The Agile Combat Employment version of our mission is almost completely opposite from home station. We need to be able to function independent of support and remain highly mobile," said Master Sgt. Patrick Clendenning, 141st Command Post and NCOIC of the Maneuver Team.

"The ability for forward-deployed aircraft to maintain strategic and tactical communications depends on the command post having versatile equipment and the knowledge to maintain it."



**Master Sgt. Patrick Clendenning, 141st Air Refueling Wing command post controller, uses an anemometer to measure wind speed in Wake Island on, Feb. 4, 2022. The 141st command post deployed to wake island to demonstrate the ability to operate in an austere environment.**



The training tested the team's ability to "make it happen" when there is nothing and no one. The strategic location of Wake Island was chosen for this very reason. The coral island is very isolated, with only 2.5 square miles of land mass and no permanent residence or existing communication methods.

"The Wake Island training was 95% preparation," said Clendenning, "and the success of the trip relied heavily on home station familiarization with our gear."

The team arrived on the island with a full suite of mobile communications equipment. The

equipment was rucksack portable and didn't rely on external power sources— an excellent simulation of continuity of operations. The various methods of communication included Very High Frequency, Ultra High Frequency, High Frequency, satellite communications and secure internet.

After assembling their basecamp, the team deployed a 48-foot collapsible antenna mast with a 250-foot-high frequency wire. They used a high frequency radio to communicate back home to Fairchild Air Force Base, more than 4,500 miles away.

The team ran into some trouble with the transmissions at first and were able to troubleshoot to find an issue with the power output of the battery packs and eventually found a way to work around it. Data transmissions were successfully received. Voice receipt was loud and clear.

"The opportunity to train off-station was invaluable to our team," said Clendenning. "Our team was fully prepared and flexible for any eventualities, making the mission an overall success."

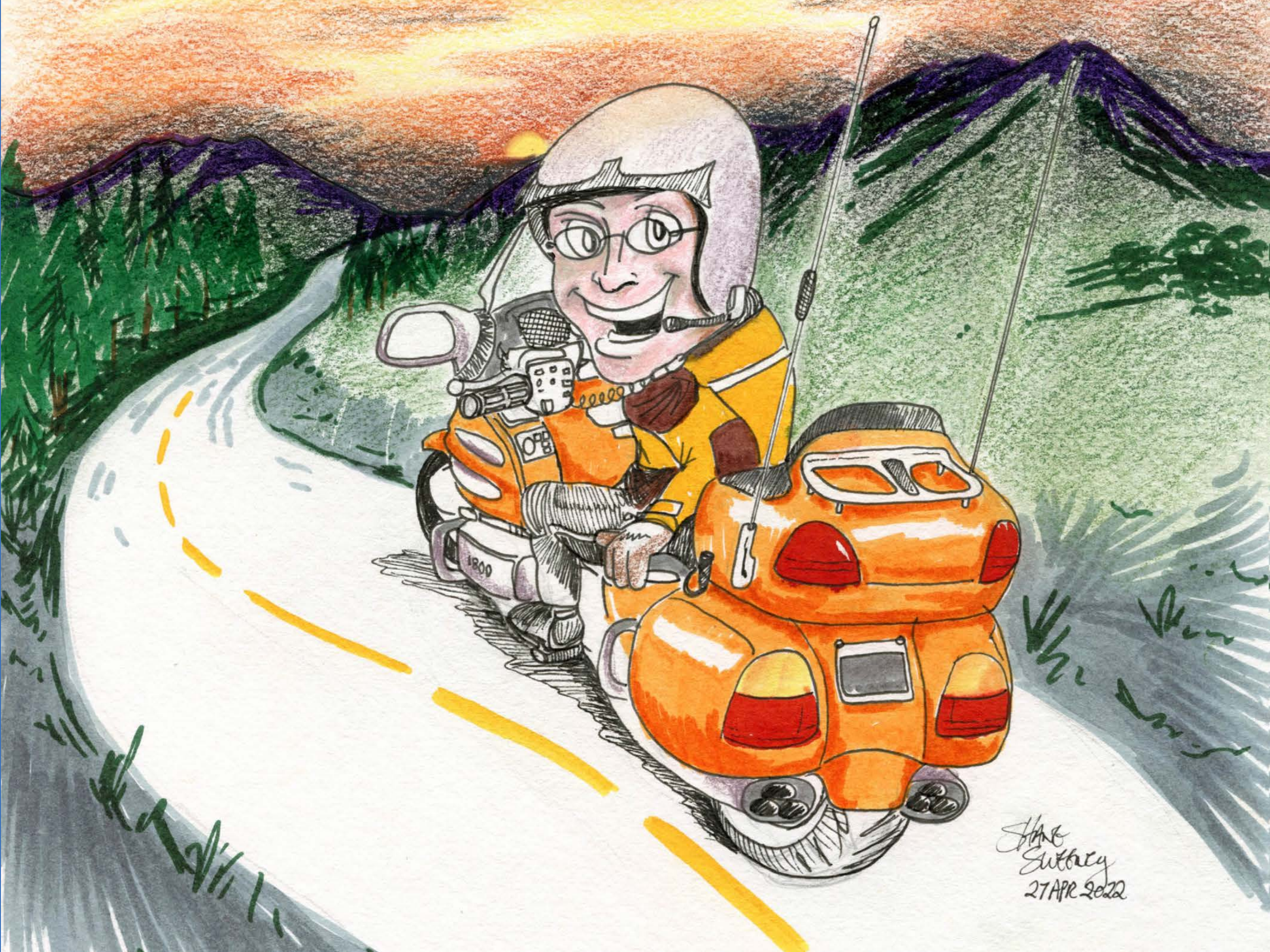


# PROMOTIONS

**Lt. Col. PRICE PARAMORE 141 MDG**  
**Maj. HUNG BUI 141 MDG DET. 1**  
**Capt. TREVOR BLAND 116 ARS**  
**Capt. ANDREW CONDON 256 IS**  
**Capt. JOSHUA LINK 116 ARS**  
**Capt. BRIAN GREGORY 141 LRS**  
**SMSgt. DUSTIN JENNE 141 LRS**  
**SMSgt. JAMES BAXTER 141 AMXS**  
**MSgt. DEREK REESE 141 CES**  
**MSgt. BRITTANY CORR 141 ARW**  
**MSgt. DENNIS LEE 116 MXS**  
**MSgt. DARCY BEEBE 141 LRS**  
**TSgt. CATHERINE BIRK 141 MXG**  
**TSgt. DAVID SENTER 141 MXS**  
**TSgt. MITCHELL GOLDMAN 141 FSS**  
**TSgt. ROBERT MATTHEWS 141 MXS**  
**TSgt. SWEDEN HAKALA 141 MOF**  
**TSgt. ALAN BELLWOOD 141 AMXS**

**TSgt. NATHANAEL DAVIS 141 AMXS**  
**TSgt. MEGAN MYERS 141 AMXS**  
**TSgt. ROBERTO TELLEZBARRIOS 141 AMXS**  
**TSgt. ALEX AQUIATAN 141 CES**  
**TSgt. MATTHEW SULLIVAN 141 AMXS**  
**SSgt. RILEY CRANE 141 MDG DET. 1**  
**SSgt. DAYTON DEKAM 256 IS**  
**SSgt. TYLER KOHLES 141 MXS**  
**SSgt. BRITTANY DAHL 141 FSS**  
**SSgt. BYRON JUDAH 242 CBCS**  
**SrA. MADISON MILES 256 IS**  
**SrA. CONNOR MCMURRAY 141 MDG DET. 1**  
**SrA. ISABELLE MILLER 141 OSS**  
**SrA. ISRAEL RIOS 141 MXS**  
**SrA. ANDREW KNUDTSON 141 AMXS**  
**SrA. JACOB LIENING 141 AMXS**  
**SrA. TRAVIS BROWNLEE 141 MXS**





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