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(COVER PHOTO) AIRMEN ATTACHED TO THE ONLY ALL AIR FORCE SEARCH AND EXTRACTION TEAM LEARN ABOUT ROPE RESCUE DURING THE 10TH HRF'S SUSTAINMENT YEAR COLLECTIVE TRAINING EXERCISE (SYCTE). THE SYCTE IS A MULTI-DAY EVALUATION THAT CONSIST OF ALL ELEMENTS ASSIGNED TO THE 10TH HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE PERFORMING THEIR INDIVIDUAL TASK DURING A MOCK REAL-WORLD OPERATION SIMULATING EITHER A MAN MADE OR NATURAL DISASTER TO MEASURE THE READINESS OF THE CERFP UNITS.

(U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY SPC. RYAN DUNN)



NOTES FROM THE TOP

LT. COLONEL BRIAN GLINIAK
116TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON COMMANDER

A phrase that has dominated the 141 ARW over the past two years is that we're returning to "the old guard." After the 2005 BRAC realignment, there was a push to make us look more like the Active Duty, and we lost a bit of our identity along the way. We have pivoted back: We're (mostly) back on guard campus, the new minuteman statue looks amazing, and the fight continues to get unit equipped. This is exciting, however it may be confusing to the roughly 90% of members who were not in this unit in 2004. So, I would like to take this time to shed light on what "the old guard" means to me. Although equipment to call our own helps, history reveals it has less to do with equipment and more to do with people.

Our DSG volunteer force has been our strength from the very beginning!

The 116th origin story is full of DSGs doing incredible things. The initial cadre of the 116th were a hodgepodge of 64 farmers, WWI veterans, and machinists. Maj. Fancher, the first commander of the 116th and prior WWI pilot, was a wheat farmer. Three enlisted members received the first aircraft in crates aboard a train without any means of transporting or assembling them. Their experience

in outside fields allowed them to deliver, assemble, and service these first aircraft. The 116th didn't even have a full-time guardsman for the first year of existence and operated solely on part-time or unpaid members' volunteerism. Our strength for creative thinking and problem solving stems from the very fact that we are a chiefly part-time organization.

We proactively find solutions and support each other!

The acronym NGRQ (National Guard Resourcefulness Quotient) was coined in 1926 by the 116th maintainers for having the uncanny ability to make something out of nothing. This has resurfaced again and again, and often the solution comes from experience outside of the members' military career field. I've had a boom operator (civilian electrician) help troubleshoot equipment that "doesn't work for some reason" to a faulty capacitor so that it could be fixed. When Mt. St. Helens erupted, stranded guard members used their new-found idle time to support in whatever community they found themselves. Our folks were instrumental in getting Guam on the road to recovery after Typhoon Mawar. Closer to home, our members

supported local wildfire relief efforts; we offered up our homes, and trailers were ready to transport animals and livestock - tremendous, awe-inspiring support! The greatness of this unit is that when things go bad in a hurry, we are an organized militia with vast, diverse experience and resources that are willing to leap into action.

So, what is "the old guard?"

We are always striving to make things better, but our strength is simply not tied to the highs and lows of circumstance. I firmly believe "the old guard" is you, the DSG force. You're here sometimes at personal expense or sacrifice just like our founding members because you want to be part of something great and bigger than yourselves. "The old guard" is our collective understanding that, besides the irritations and hurt feelings that may come our way, we are a team that will sprint at the opportunity to help each other; this is a cornerstone to our 141st heritage. Instead of saying, "It could be worse," you're using your outside life experiences to say, "It could be better, here's how, let's get to work." We're continuing this guard heritage and I'm proud to celebrate this 100th year anniversary with you all.

Have a great drill, take care of each other, and enjoy solving the challenges that come your way!

Lt. Colonel Brian Gliniak

1939, Jun 20 - Summer camp, observation section
Ellsworth French in middle with glasses



Juneteenth

celebrate freedom



“JUNETEENTH HAS NEVER BEEN A CELEBRATION OF VICTORY OR AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE WAY THINGS ARE. IT'S A CELEBRATION OF PROGRESS. IT'S AN AFFIRMATION THAT DESPITE THE MOST PAINFUL PARTS OF OUR HISTORY, CHANGE IS POSSIBLE—AND THERE IS STILL SO MUCH WORK TO DO.”

- BARACK OBAMA

CHIEF'S CORNER

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. KERRY SMITH
116TH OPERATIONS GROUP CHIEF**



A YEAR OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION

As the upcoming year approaches, I have been reflecting on the immense challenges we face in the 141st Air Refueling Wing. With half of our Wing deployed and the other half undergoing a national nuclear inspection, the road ahead will undoubtedly be difficult. All this during a very busy year celebrating 100 years of the 116th. The combination of these significant commitments demands unparalleled dedication and resilience from every member of our wing.

The strain of these responsibilities will require the wing to have a higher level of focus and to work harder than ever. Ensuring the safety and success of our operations is paramount, and it will take our collective effort to meet these high standards. This period will test our limits, but it is also an opportunity to demonstrate our strength and commitment to our mission, just as the wing has historically done for over 100 years.

By prioritizing safety and maintaining a relentless work ethic, we can rise to the occasion and fulfill our Nations duties with excellence. Despite the intense workload, it is crucial that we do not lose sight of the importance of family time. Balancing

professional demands with personal responsibilities is never easy, but it is essential for our well-being and the well-being of our loved ones. Making time for family, even amidst our busiest periods, provides the support and motivation we need to keep going. The strength we draw from our families can help us navigate the toughest of times. In these challenging times, we must also remember the importance of taking care of our brothers and sisters in arms.

The bonds we share with our fellow Guardsmen are our greatest strength. By looking out for one another, offering support, and ensuring no one faces these challenges alone, we reinforce the unity and camaraderie that have defined us for over 100 years. Together, we can make this coming year one of our best yet. By embracing the hard work ahead, supporting one another, and strengthening the bonds that make us a formidable force, we will not only meet our obligations but also create a legacy of dedication and unity. Let's make 2025 testament to our commitment to each other and our unit mission.

AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

STORY & PHOTO BY: SENIOR AIRMAN ANNELIESE KAISER

“I’ve been a climber my whole life.

When I first joined the unit, I had to put together a slide show and, in that slide show, I put some pictures of me hanging upside-down from cell towers. Some of the leadership from the Search and Extraction team were there and apparently the story is they looked at each other and said they need that guy. That’s how I got recruited but I’m sure glad I did because it’s a heck of a team to be a part of.”

Reynolds is one of the newest members of the 141st crew and has hit the ground “climbing”.

“I’m new to the team. I just finished the search and extract course, and this is the first time I get to apply it in a training scenario. I haven’t gotten to use it to get anyone out of a bad situation yet, but I’ll be ready when the time comes.”

Reynolds had the opportunity to train with his S&E teammates in an exercise scenario for the first time at Camp Rilea, Ore.

“I joined for the opportunity to serve my nation and give back. I was in the scouts, and we learned to do a good thing daily and help out in the community, so it’s kind of a continuation of how I grew up.”

Community and family values are some of the many benefits that exist within the Guard.

“I think anytime there’s been an issue in my life, whether it’s work related or outside of work, there’s a whole line of people ready to help you

and people genuinely care. This is a heck of a place to work.”

Reynolds unfortunately was caught up in a family emergency that fell on a drill weekend.

“A few years back my dad had a major seizure, and we thought for sure he wasn’t going to make it.” The leadership at the 141st recognized the gravity of the situation and pulled some strings to get Reynolds out to see his dad.

“My bosses and everybody bent over backwards to get me out of there so I could go be with my dad.”

“My dad ended up making a recovery, but I’ll never forget how hard so many people worked to make sure I could be there for him.”

To Reynolds, climbing serves as a metaphor for life and always overcoming the next challenge.

“You climb through a lot of adversity in life. It’s always the next step, the next ladder rung, the next rock. Whatever it is, you just keep going up. You know life throws its challenges and it’s hiccups at you but I think that’s a cool part of this job.”

Reynolds lives by the Neighbor and Nation moto.

“I spent my whole life living by those values [neighbor and nation] it’s an honor to work for a place that shares the same values try at I grew up with. Every workplace seems to have a family, I think these guys really embody it.”



SENIOR AIRMAN NICHOLAS REYNOLDS
141ST MXS GUIDANCE & CONTROL TECHNICIAN (AVIONICS ON THE KC-135)

DIAMONDS & DREAMS

STORY BY: SENIOR AIRMAN ANNELIESE KAISER
PHOTOS BY: MASTER SGT. MICHAEL STEWART

The 141st Air National Guard joined forces with the Diamonds and Dreams Program and the Extreme Team to revamp an old baseball field behind Garry Middle School in North Spokane May 21, 2024.

Every year, the Diamonds and Dreams Program and the Extreme Team choose a local baseball field to remodel with the support of sponsors and the hard work of volunteers.

"I'm so grateful our wing members got the opportunity to help rebuild this baseball field," said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Webster, 141st Command Chief. "This field was one I used to play on as a kid, and standing on this field today, brings back a lot of memories. This is a fantastic community filled with amazing folks and I'm thrilled to see so many members of our team here, helping pull this project together."

It was a long process to get a once forgotten field turned into a shiny new space in just one day.

"We ripped up the sod, flattened out the dirt and laid the sod back down, redid the dugout with the new cement and repainted the splash pad," said Staff Sgt. Adrienne Christian, 116th Air Refueling Squadron Boom Operator.

"It was really rewarding to know that the kids are going to use the baseball field again and play games on it."

Camaraderie took the lead making the day worth it for the participants.

"My glass felt full afterwards and I felt a sense of purpose. It was great being a part of the team and seeing everyone work together," Christian said. "We were all out there rolling sod and getting dirty. There was a lot of laughs to be had and memories were made."

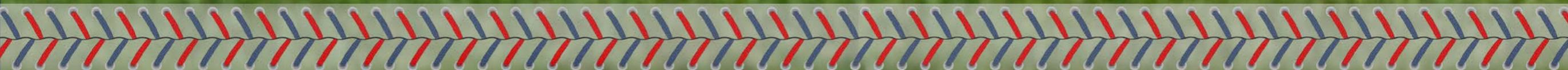
Having a federal mission, as well as a state mission allows the 141st to be involved in community activities. The wing continues to strive for opportunities to enhance and show appreciation for their neighbors.

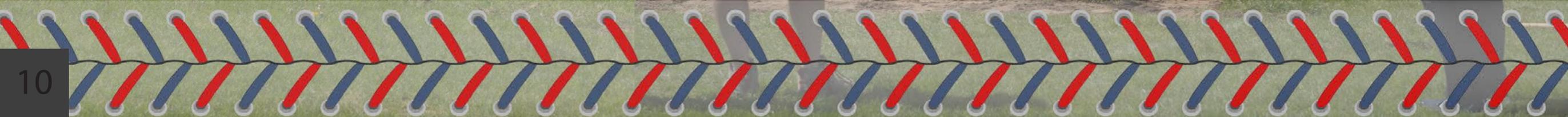
"I think it's super important, not only are we getting the mission done and supporting the nation and our state, but we are doing things locally like redoing a baseball field," Christian said. "We get to show the community what the guard is and what we're about."

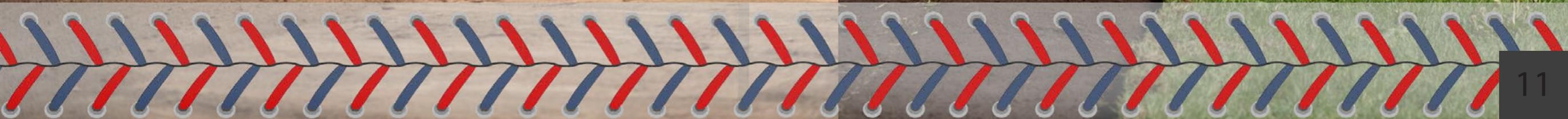




SERVING NEIGHBOR AND NATION







141ST SFS FLEXES CAPABILITIES WITH AIRFIELD RECAPTURE EXERCISE

STORY BY: MAJOR JEREMY JACOBSON
PHOTOS BY: SENIOR AIRMAN ANNELIESE KAISER

141st Security Forces Squadron executed an airfield recapture mission and a base setup during an exercise on April 12, 2024, at the 7 Mile Military Training Area in Spokane, Wash.

The first call to action was a Warning Order (WARNO) for the local 7 Mile Military Training Area, on the day before. The report was a simulated airfield recapture mission and base setup. Using the WARNO as reference, squad leaders and squad members proceeded to create a five paragraph Operation Order (OPORD), a detailed plan for the airfield recapture mission.

Upon arrival, security forces members were met with hostile fire. They quickly reacted to contact and eliminated the enemy; then secured the area to create the base of operations.

In order to form a base of operations, a fully capable entry control point, multiple defensive fighting positions with heavy and semi-automatic weapons, and an active Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) were established.

Multiple teams were assembled and tasked with an array of missions. The tasks included intelligence gathering with a dismounted patrol to the last known enemy, securing the base of operations, and protecting personnel and the simulated aircraft from enemies.

Staff Sgt. Erinaldo Vazquez-Villanueva, 141st Recruiting Squadron keeps his eyes trained on the “adversary” during a training mission at 7-Mile Training Area, April 12, 2024. The training mission had the goals of practicing airbase recapture, defense, operations, and key leader engagement.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Anneliese Kaiser)

Throughout the day multiple enemy attacks were successfully thwarted. This led to multiple dismounted missions being conducted to defeat the enemy in the area and to help the locals take back control of their island and regain order to the area.

After a long and treacherous day, the mission was successful, the enemy was wiped out, and order was restored.

The exercise facilitated hands on readiness training for more than 50 required tasks in an array of different areas needed in security forces. Some of these readiness tasks included air base ground defense, base security, land navigation, troop leading procedures, entry control point operations, dismounted operations, tactical combat casualty care, basic communication, and weapon procedures.

The readiness training was developed and executed expertly by Tech. Sgt. Tyler Haynes, and provided necessary skills for members to use in future endeavors and deployment situations. Throughout the training we developed teamwork, leadership skills, creativity, and group cohesion.



A 141st Security Forces Squadron National Guard Airman gets his eyes trained on his target during a training mission at 7-Mile Training Area, April 12, 2024. The training mission had the goals of practicing airbase recapture, defense, operations, and key leader engagement.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Anneliese Kaiser)

MESSAGE FROM THE JAG



It's election season again and it is important to know what kinds of political activities are acceptable for military members and are not acceptable in accordance with DODD 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Executive Branch and DAFI 51-508, Political Activities, Free Speech and Freedom of Assembly of Air Force Personnel. While there are a lot of "mays" and "may nots", here are some basic rules to follow regardless of status, followed by rules specific to status:

You may, regardless of status:

- Register and vote; Sign petitions for specific legislative actions;
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces;
- Make monetary contributions to a political organization or party;
- Display a political bumper sticker on your private vehicle;
- Attend partisan and nonpartisan political activities as a spectator when not in uniform and when no inference or appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or endorsement can reasonably be drawn; and
- "Follow" "friend" or "like" a political party or candidate running for partisan office.

You may not, regardless of status:

- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, or require or solicit political contributions from others;
- Display a large political sign, banner, or poster (as distinguished from a bumper sticker) on a private vehicle; and
- Post links to, "share" or "re-tweet" comments or tweets from Facebook pages or Twitter accounts of a political party or candidate running for partisan office. These activities constitute participation in political activities.

You may not in Military Status:

- Participate in any radio, television, or other program or group discussion as an advocate for or against a partisan political party, candidate, or cause;
- Serve in any official capacity with or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club;
- Speak before a partisan political gathering, including any gathering that promotes a partisan political party, candidate, or cause; and
- Participate in partisan political fund-raising activities (exceptions may apply), rallies, conventions (includes making speeches) management of campaigns, or debates, either on one's own behalf or on that of another. You must be off duty, out of uniform and not have an appearance of official endorsement to participate in such activities. Participation includes more than mere attendance as a spectator.

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS:



WEAR PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE MUSTT ACCOUNT



BE MENTALLY PREPARED TO RIDE



MOTORCYCLE MUST BE MECHANICALLY SOUND



BE SITUATIONALLY AWARE FOR THE RIDE



HAVE THE SKILLS TO COMPLETE THE RIDE

May is motorcycle safety month. The second Tuesday of June is “Ride to Work” day, to help bring some awareness to the number of motorcyclists out there from different walks of life. Motorcycles can reduce traffic congestion in cities, as well as provide riders with a solid mode of transportation for longer trips or for recreation.



ALWAYS READY.

STORY & PHOTOS BY: SPC. RYAN DUNN



Last month, more than 350 Army and Air National Guardsmen from Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and Oregon—traveled to Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton, Ore., to conduct a Sustainment Year Collective Training Exercise (SYCTE).

The SYCTE is multi-day evaluation that helps commanders collectively assess the readiness of all HRF elements while they perform their specialized tasks during a mock disaster scenario.

Collective training events allow service members from units tasked with the Homeland Response Force Mission to put a years' worth of training into a cumulative exercise to put their skills to the test as a complete asset.

The HRF is comprised of the CBRN Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) CBRNE Assistance Support Element (CASE) and the HRF Command and Control Element (C2).

During the seven-day event, HRF elements were evaluated on every phase of response, from planning to execution, by Observer Coach/Trainers (OC/T) from AITEC CBRNE Battalion, West Virginia National Guard.

Prior to the start of the exercise, the HRF C2 staff conducted two days of classroom refresher training on a new information sharing system

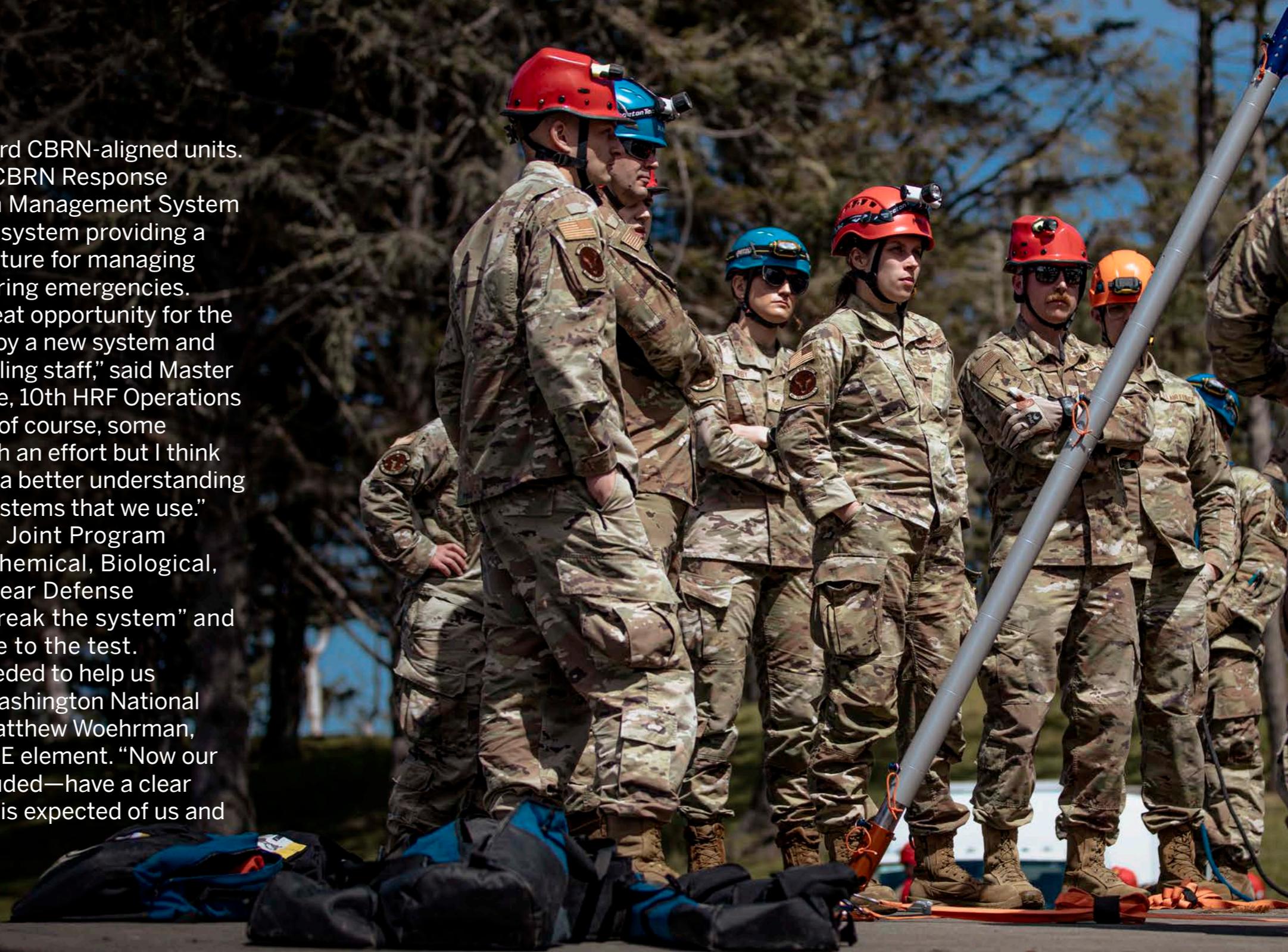
fielded to National Guard CBRN-aligned units.

The National Guard CBRN Response Enterprise Information Management System (NG-CIMS) is a record system providing a common operating picture for managing mission operations during emergencies.

“The SYCTE was a great opportunity for the 10th HRF to both employ a new system and engage most of the drilling staff,” said Master Sgt. Christopher Pearce, 10th HRF Operations Sgt. Maj., “There were, of course, some growing pains with such an effort but I think that everyone now has a better understanding of the operation and systems that we use.”

Instructors from the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense challenged staff to “break the system” and really put the software to the test.

“This training was needed to help us learn and grow,” said Washington National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Woehrman, team leader of the CASE element. “Now our company—myself included—have a clear understanding of what is expected of us and what our role is.”





PRACTICE LIKE WE PLAY

STORY BY: SENIOR AIRMAN ANNELIESE KAISER

PHOTOS BY: MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL STEWART & SENIOR AIRMAN ANNELIESE KAISER

National Guard Airmen from the 141st Medical Group and Mission Support Group participated in this year's Sustainment Year Collective Training Event (SYCTE), here at Camp Rilea, Ore, April 22, to April 27, to train with their Army National Guard counterparts.

The 10th Homeland Response Force (HRF) sponsors the SYCTE

to bring Pacific Northwest Air Force and Army National Guard together to train, ensuring readiness in the case of a mass casualty scenario.

"We know what we're doing, but to be in the scenario and put all the anxiety and adrenaline and everything all together makes it completely different," said Senior Airman

Madison Dillenbeck, 141st Medical Group Detachment 1 aerospace medic.

"To be able to run through this exercise helps to build confidence, so when it happens in the real world, we got this. We practice like we play."

There were many components to the SYCTE, for the medical side of the house, the focus was

on mass casualty patient care.

"The search and extraction team brings us a patient, we code that patient based on necessity, load them on to a litter, and then our team will move them to decontamination (DECON)," Dillenbeck said. "They are then cleaned from any contaminants, and then they can go back and get care from the providers."



"You hear about all the bits and pieces, and you can't always picture what that's going to look like, but once I saw how everything flows together it's amazing how we can pull it all together so quickly." Dillenbeck added.

Medical personnel tasks for SYCTE included taking vitals for every exercise "player", site set up, and running through realistic casualty scenarios.

"When we do medical monitoring, we evaluate the health and readiness for someone to be able to put their suit on and go out into the "footprint", respond, and come back," said Lt Col Kandace Kannberg 141st MDG

Det 1 commander. "One of the main priorities was to set up our area to meet and receive patients from our search and extraction team."

Like a well-oiled machine, the medical team triaged patients with the help of their Army counterparts.

"What brings me joy in this mission is just seeing all of our people coming together, both Army and Air," said Senior Master Sgt Adam Brunnemann 141st MDG Det1 Senior Enlisted Leader. "Training together to be able to serve our country and our nation is important to show our communities that we're here for them, we are them, we may be suffering at the same time, but we're still there to help."

In the event of a national emergency or disaster, National Guard members answer the call, each Airman and Soldier bringing their unique skill set to the fight.

"The skill set that Army brings is different than what Air brings," Brunnemann said. "It makes the mission that much more impactful when we come together. We are just that much more effective at taking care of the civilian population when they are experiencing the worst."

While meeting training objectives is at the forefront of any strategic event, connection and camaraderie is an added bonus.

"The medical team is always motivated and positive and ready to give more than 100 percent every time," Kannberg said. "At the end of the day our goal is the same and that's to take care of our community members and take care of each other. Just being able to work with each other and learn what another section does to become more understanding of the big picture is so rewarding."

Mighty medics lead the way caring for their own and for the nation. Joint exercises continue to keep our jets fueled and boots on the ground, ensuring readiness in a real-world scenario.





ENDURING PARTNERS 2024

STORY & PHOTOS BY: TECH. SGT. MICHAEL BROWN



This past month military members from the Royal Thai Air Force trained with the Washington Air National Guard as part of the exercise, Enduring Partners 2024. Royal Thai Air Force officers, Wg Cdr Khanthaman Devakul Na Ayudhya, Gp Capt Sithipol Pomtri, Gp Capt Nat Kamintra, Gp Capt Phubate Puraya, Gp Capt Bundit Burusanont, Gp Capt Pisan

Winaichartsak all visited the 141st as part of the exercise. The officers visited the Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape water survival course at the base pool. They were able to watch the “dunker” which is a mock aircraft fuselage that gets dunked into the pool simulating a water landing. Aircrew members evacuate the aircraft and swim to a

20-man life raft. The Thai officers were able to watch how the U.S. Air Force trains it's aircrew members in emergency situations. After water survival, the officers visited the Homeland Response force where they were able to witness ropes training and how our airmen help during times of disaster. The quick overnight trip allowed them to see the 141st Air Refueling

Wing portion of the Washington Air National Guard and on the flight home, see first-hand how we provide world class refueling around the world with a demonstration of in-flight refueling. The unit refueled some F-15's from Klamath Falls, Or., and then dropped into Joint Base Lewis-McChord to bring everyone home before returning to Spokane.



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