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## NOTES FROM THE TOP

### COLONEL CHUCK RILEY COMMANDER, 141ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

here is nothing Guard
Airmen can't accomplish.
If provided even basic
resources, point us in the right
direction, empower us and
there is no mission we can't
perform. I've long held this
belief and watched it play out
on a daily, if not hourly basis for
over six months at a deployed
CENTCOM location central to
our national defense.

At one of the most challenging proving grounds in our Air Force, Guard Airmen from all over the country came together and with our friends in the active duty, reserves, Army, and Navy, we led a combat wing. Leading with what will be my lifelong brothers and sisters in the 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota, we learned about the fighter community, and we taught them about air mobility and what it means to

an airfield. We leveraged our talents ranging from decades of military service mastering multiple AFSCs to ownership in construction businesses to civilian law enforcement to groundbreaking work in Fortune 500 IT companies.

In doing so, we ensured the combat mission never failed. I'm filled with pride thinking about Defenders like Sierra Sandmann and Mike Spall keeping the base safe 24/7 against Unmanned Aerial System threats in the Base Air Defense Center. It brings a smile to my face thinking about how Nii Acquaye, not deterred by his status as an A1C, became the base "Commissioner of World Football" (A.K.A. soccer) and in doing so, forged a personal friendship with a partner nation commander, who was also an exceptional

"footballer" and an important coalition partner. Mike Johnson infused the Combat Intel Center with his quiet brilliance, helping to produce exceptional analysis and briefings for warfighters going into harm's way with historic and strategic consequences on the line.

Everyone I've listed here shares the common experience of serving Nation and Neighbor as a Drill Status Guardsman. Whether DSG or full-time back home, this Guard talent was all over the base, from wings across our nation. I could enthusiastically go on about it for longer than anyone wants to read at this point!

Please know I am incredibly grateful for the challenge and opportunity we had together over there. I'm also equally thankful for everyone who kept things moving here and for those of you who deployed just as we got home. With the fuse lit on my upcoming retirement, I confidently tell you we serve in an awesome Wing—it's so very rewarding to be a part of it all!

With Gratitude, Chuck Riley



## CHIEF'S CORNER

## CHIEF MASTER SGT. JEFFREY BARTON 141ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER





evolve to meet the demands of modern warfare, it is more critical than ever that we remain agile, informed, and committed to embracing change. With tensions in the Indo-Pacific region continuing to rise, particularly with strategic concerns involving China, our posture and mindset must reflect the realities of a potential near-peer conflict.

The "Road to War" is not just a concept: it is a call for readiness, unity, and adaptability. We as guardsmen must be willing to embrace the fast-paced changes that continue to evolve. With upcoming changes in force structure, joint training emphasis, and modernization efforts are not just updates to policy. They are deliberate moves to ensure that we, as Airmen, are fully equipped to respond decisively if called upon.

This means embracing new tactics, leveraging innovative technology, and fostering a culture of operational excellence

and learning. As we rise to meet these challenges, and I transition to retirement, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible honor it has been to serve alongside each of you. Over the years, I've done my best to lead with integrity, stay grounded in our core values, remain dedicated to the mission and the people who make it possible.

It's been the privilege of a lifetime to serve the Washington Air National Guard over the years. To each of you: thank you for your sacrifice, resilience, and continued commitment to excellence. Our strength lies in our people, and there is no doubt that with Airmen like you, we will be ready for whatever comes next. Stay strong, be ready, and keep looking out for each other.

Chief Barton

## CIVIL ENGINEERS DEPLOYMENT FOR TRAINING



A irmen of the 141st Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Seward, Alaska for a deployment for training to increase Airmen readiness and improve morale welfare recreation sites here, renovating a boathouse and building a yurt at the Seward Military Resort, June 1 to 16, 2025.

A deployment for training is a shortterm mission designed to simulate the operational environment Airmen could encounter in a real-world deployment. For Civil Engineer Squadrons, that means building, repairing, and managing construction projects in unfamiliar locations under time constraints—all while applying learned skills in a team-driven setting.

The training is intended to sharpen technical abilities, reinforce contingency readiness and build cohesion at every level of the squadron.

"Deployments for training are a great opportunity to enhance unit readiness, collaborate as a team, and learn more about each other's specialties," said Lt. Col. Jason Kesler, 141st Civil Engineer squadron commander. "My goal is always for us to do a great job and leave a lasting

impression. In 25 years of experience, I've never been disappointed—my Airmen consistently overperform, and we've always set a high standard for those who follow."

At the Seward Military Resort, the squadron tackled two key projects. Adding finish carpentry, plumbing and siding to a boathouse renovation and the construction of a yurt structure for the resort to rent out in the future.

The boathouse is used as a support facility for the military resort and will now be a vacation rental at the port with the



potential to bring in a steady flow of income to the resort. CE Airmen installed new doors, applied fresh paint, textured drywall, and laid both luxury vinyl plank and tile flooring. They also installed new cabinetry, countertops, a water heater, toilet, sinks and dishwasher.

Simultaneously, another team of Airmen constructed a yurt. The yurt will add a unique and practical lodging option for the resort to rent out.

"This deployment gave our team real hands-on experience in problem solving and teamwork in a remote environment," said Senior Airman Ryan Lara, 141st Civil Engineer project manager. "We worked hard to sharpen our skills and finish the project on time."

"Our deployments for training are more than just technical training, its leadership in action," said Chief Master Sgt. Caleb Guthimiller 141st Civil Engineer Squadron senior enlisted leader. "By assigning junior Airmen as project managers, we build their skills in critical thinking and how to plan ahead to keep projects moving efficiently. It's how we develop confident leaders ready to manage real-world challenges."













# ACE FURY



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The June 2025 drill weekend kicked off Thursday with the start of exercise Agile Combat Employment (ACE) Fury, following a Wednesday recall of the 141st Air Refueling Wing.

This in-garrison exercise brought together Airmen from across the wing and was conducted at multiple locations across Washington and Montana. It was designed to develop multi-capable Airmen who are prepared to deploy rapidly and adapt to a wide range of mission sets. By mimicking the chaos expected during conflict with a nearpeer competitor, trainings like these support the Department of Defense's focus on readiness and lethality for Great Power Competition.

Col. James McGovern, 141st ARW commander, addressed the wing following the initial security and intelligence briefing, setting the tone for the exercise.

"This exercise is meant to create chaos and induce stress," McGovern said. "We want you uncomfortable."

He encouraged Airmen to stay focused under pressure, think critically, and act quickly.



"Own your part of the mission," he added. "It's going to feel like war."

Following the briefing, Airmen began their assigned tasks. Those selected to "deploy" completed out-processing through the Personnel Deployment Function line and prepared for transport. At the same time, the wing's Air Staff, or A-Staff, deployed to establish the Wing Operations Center (WOC), which served as the central hub for command and control of simulated operations. The remainder of the wing staff formed the "home team" and stood up Camp

Marmaduke, providing support from the main installation.

Led by Col. Michael Hart, 141st ARW executive officer, the A-Staff transformed a basic office space into a fully functioning operations center in under two hours, following the exercise's operational order.

"We've got 45 minutes! Let's get this done!" directed Maj. Jonathan Daniels, the wing's A6, energizing the team during the buildout.

Despite time constraints and technical challenges, the team met the deadline. The WOC enabled A-Staff members to practice mission planning, communication, and decision-making in a fast-paced, high-stress environment.

Once systems were operational, Hart addressed the team with enthusiasm:

"I love this stuff! Let's have fun with it."

Over the next three days, Airmen executed a variety of mission tasks, including weapons loading, cargo transport, aircraft maintenance, and the refueling of F-15 fighter jets. Simulated base attacks evaluated



their ability to sustain operations under pressure.

Airmen also trained in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defense procedures, operating under Alarm Blue conditions while wearing Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear.

The training also included Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) scenarios and two mock evacuations conducted under simulated attack conditions.

Upon completing the exercise, deployed teams returned and conducted post-deployment inprocessing. Col. Charles Riley, 141st Mission Support Group commander, praised the wing's performance.

"It is immensely rewarding to see our personnel embrace this exercise with such dedication," Riley said. "Our deliberate effort to build in real-world lessons has paid off. I believe this is the first time in our wing's history we've simulated a full deployment from start to finish." ACE Fury marked a major step forward in the 141st ARW's readiness and ability to operate in joint and contested environments. While the exercise was intentionally challenging, it provided valuable insights, validated critical procedures, and revealed areas for improvement. By preparing for the unexpected, Airmen demonstrated the resilience and adaptability necessary to support the U.S. Air Force mission in today's evolving global landscape.



























## ARTIFICIAL INTELIGENCE

#### WHAT TO KNOW AS A MILITARY MEMBER

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rtificial intelligence (AI) can create art and music, judge beauty contests, identify emotions by analyzing facial expressions and body language. Al can write your resume, flip burgers, generate a custom spreadsheet on demand, write a proposal, negotiate your salary, and even give relationship counseling. This same technology is now reconstructing the battlefield and how the warfighter operates within a multitude of different domains. While AI can be a valuable tool, it can be equally dangerous when not used with discipline, sound judgment, and recognition of the perimeters in which it functions.

Al is far from perfect. It doesn't understand context, morality, or the value of life. A flawed dataset or algorithm can produce dangerous recommendations in your personal life or key decision makers in the battlefield. Without disciplined human oversight and understanding, these errors can jeopardize a mission and the safety of human lives. The ultimate safeguard when utilizing Al are your critical thinking skills and training.

DODI 3000.09, Autonomy in Weapon Systems, stipulates that those authorized to operate autonomous or semi-autonomous weapon systems will do so in accordance with the law of war, applicable treaties, weapon system safety rules, and applicable Rules of Engagement (ROE). Furthermore, this policy explicitly excludes giving machines sole decision-making authority, clearly putting humans at the forefront of decision making and accountability at every stage.

For Air Force personnel, it is imperative you utilize these tools in accordance with a variety of Air Force regulations. AFI 17-130, Air Force Cyber Security Program Management obligates users to ensure tools are approved on a network or platform. AFI 33-332, Air Force Privacy and Civil Liberties Program, prohibits entry of

PII into unapproved AI programs. While these regulations don't specifically address the usage of AI, these rules and regulations are relevant and enforceable. Depending on the context, other regulations may apply.

Conversations with large language model platforms like ChatGPT are stored and retrievable. As you use AI, it is important to understand that AI is not a lawyer; therefore, it has no attorney-client privilege. Information and data derived from those conversations can be used in investigations or criminal or civil proceedings in a court of law. You should assume that nothing you submit is private.

Al is a developing field and its role in military operations will continue to evolve. As it evolves, laws, rules, and regulations will evolve with it. Understand the rules, stay informed, and apply disciplined decision-making. Service members can and should utilized tools that their disposal. Be sure to maintain control over those tools and ensure that technology supports mission integrity.



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# Community Events

## Spokane Indians Baseball

Washington Air National Guard Appreciation Night































# ADUTY OF HONOR STORY BY: SENIOR AIRMAN TRAVIS MILLER PHOTOS BY: MASTER SGT. MICHAEL STEWART

he first time I understood what true honor looked like, I was standing at my grandfather's funeral. He was a Korean War veteran, and I was just a young man experiencing the rifles firing, the bugle playing taps, and the perfectly folded American flag being handed to my family. What should have been one of the saddest days of my life became one of the most unforgettable. That was the moment I realized that military service never truly ends—and that even decades later, this country still remembers.

My name is Senior Airman Miller, and I just completed two intense and humbling weeks of training with the Fairchild Honor Guard. It's hard to put into words what it means to be part of something so sacred. The honor guard doesn't just exist for ceremony—it exists because it's demanded by the American people and mandated by Congress. It's a visible promise that we will never forget our fallen, that no service member's sacrifice goes unnoticed.

That promise is why I stepped forward. That moment at my grandfather's funeral has stayed with me for the last 15 years. And now, here I am—serving in the Washington Air National Guard, working alongside the incredible men and women of the 141st Air Refueling Wing. Without question, this is the best job I've ever had. So when the call went out for volunteers to join the honor guard, I didn't hesitate. I knew exactly what I had to do.

What made this experience even more unique was the opportunity to train alongside the active-duty Airmen of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing. For two straight weeks, we trained non-stop. It was intense—every bit as demanding as basic training. Every drill, every command, every movement had to be exact. Mistakes weren't just remembered—they were corrected, and repetition became the foundation for perfection.

The first week focused entirely on rifle drill. We used M14 rifles—solid steel and wood, relics from before the Vietnam War. At first, nothing came easy. The weight, the precision of the movements, the muscle memory we didn't yet have—it all added up. By the middle of the week, most of us



had blisters and cuts on our hands and started wearing gloves just to make it through the day. There were moments of frustration, where it felt like I wasn't going to get any of it right. But slowly, with time and relentless effort, it started to click. And when we finally moved in sync—every step, every turn, every rifle motion as one—that feeling was incredible. Like being part of a single living unit with one purpose.

The second week shifted focus to ceremonial flag duties—parade flag bearing and flag folding at funerals. Compared to rifle training, these tasks felt less physically grueling, but they came with

their own kind of weight. Folding the flag isn't hard because of the steps involved—it's hard because of the context. It's hard because of the people you're handing that flag to.

One of our instructors told us a story that has stayed with me. He had once performed a funeral detail where the recipient of the flag was a seven-year-old boy. His father, a pilot, had died in a plane crash. As the instructor presented the flag, the boy broke down in tears, came up, and hugged him tightly. He wouldn't let go. His mother had to gently pull him away. The instructor told us he had to take a break

from funerals after that. I think about that story often—not because I'm afraid of moments like that, but because I know one day I'll be in that position. And I'll need to be strong enough to carry that weight without breaking, no matter how heavy it feels.

Graduation was our final test. Everything we had learned over the two weeks came down to that single moment—our chance to show leadership that we were ready. And we nailed it. No missteps. No missed cues. Just pride, precision, and a team moving together with one mission. Looking back, those two weeks were some of the most









## AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

## SRA AVERY JOHNSON

**UNIT: 141st Operations Support Squadron** 

**JOB:** Aircrew Flight Equipment

WHY YOU JOINED THE GUARD: I was active duty and wanted a change— a more family oriented and focused environment. I'm proud to be in the guard and to be an Ace HOBBIES: Golf, snowboard, boating, singing

HUBBILS: Golf, snowboard, boating, singing in church

**COALS:** Focusing on joining the Spokane County Sheriff's Office SWAT team this fall and working as a patrol deputy and Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) operator for the sheriff's office

Hosted by: Brad Bonar Jr.







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Drinking impairs judgment and reaction time, making boating much more dangerous.

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Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.

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Ensure your boat is in good working order and that you have all necessary safety equipment.

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Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.

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Always be aware of your surroundings and other boats.

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Overloading your boat can lead to instability and accidents.

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A boating safety course is crucial for anyone operating a boat, as it equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to navigate safely, handle emergencies, and prevent accidents.

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Spokane would be the location of the country's most northern military air base and the only National Guard aviation unit in the for the unit looked much like the entire Northwest.

As far as who would lead this new arm of the Washington National Guard, there was no doubt in the Adjutant General's mind, Maurice Thompson ordered Capt. John T. Fancher to forward all his military and flying records to state headquarters for immediate consideration to take command of the squadron.

Final federal recognition was given on Aug. 6, 1924, as the 116th Observation Squadron, 41st Division Air Service at Parkwater Field, Wash. (later renamed Felts Field in 1927) The men recruited commander himself, mostly local and World War I aviation veterans.

Fancher was made Major upon appointment as commander and his first orders detailed 1st Lt. Robert W. Owen as adjutant, Capt. Laurence E. Albert as operations officer, and 2nd Lt. Frank Davies as Supply Officer. Drill was to be held every Sunday morning at the armory from 9am to 11am.31 Privates would be paid \$1 and Master Sergeants were paid \$4.50 per drill period.

> **Maurice Thompson** Adjutant General

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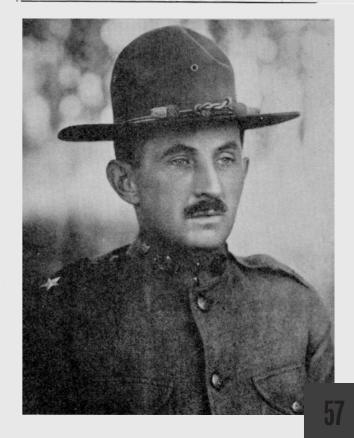
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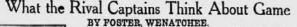
Spokane now is definitely assured two steel hangars and six airplanes by the war department. The only condtiion is that citizens here raise the remaining \$5000 of the \$10,000 fund.

A telegram announcing the award was received today by Colonel Thomas G. Aston from Adjutant Gen-

eral Maurice Thompson.

With definite assurance of the award, the moneyraising campaign will be begun early next week and sholud go over in one week, according to those inter-





and we will be satisfied to win.



