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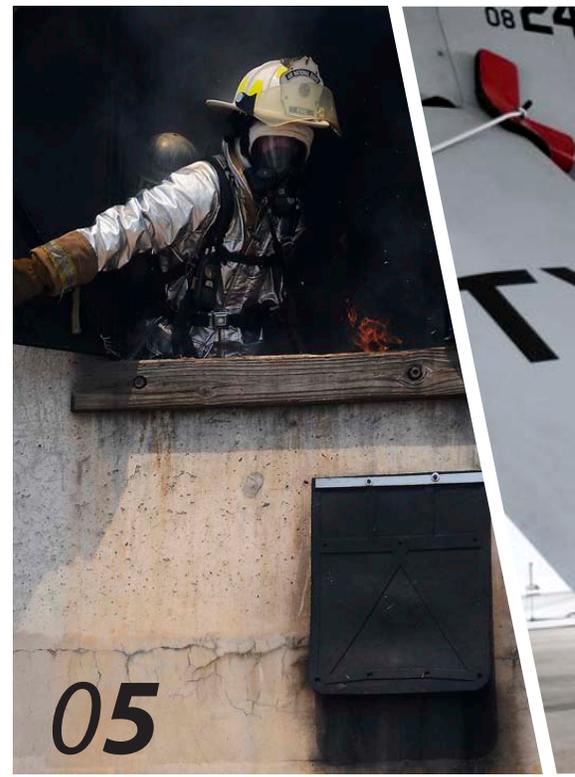
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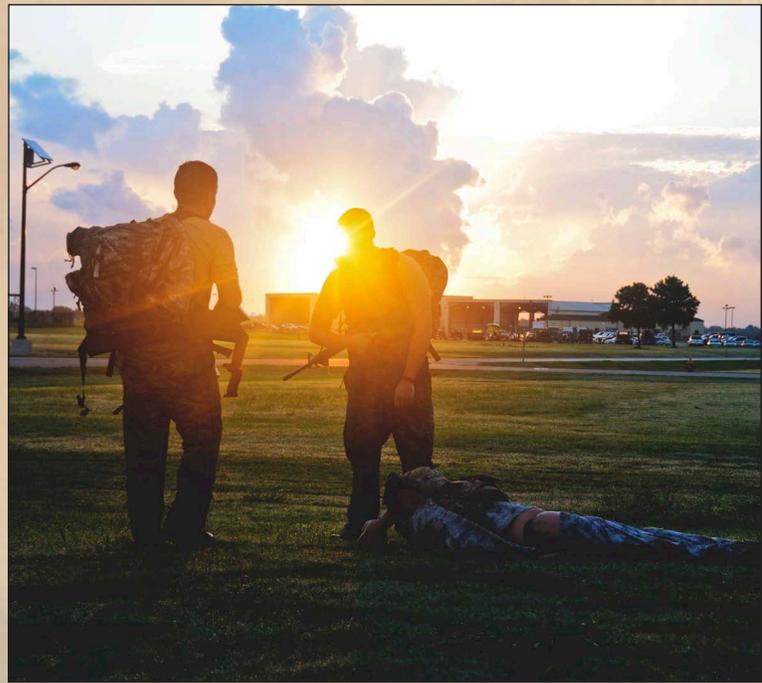
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Col. Terence Winkler, 147th Reconnaissance Wing Commander poses in front of an MQ-1B Predator at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. Col Winkler is retiring in June after 27 years of service in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Sean Cowher

147TH RECONNAISSANCE WING



FROM THE WING COMMANDER

“I am proud to be part of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing.”

The 147th Reconnaissance Wing started off this year with a mission—to provide expertly trained, combat-mission ready airmen to support state and worldwide taskings. I am proud to say that the men and women of the 147th did exactly that. Total MQ-1 Predator flight hours surpassed the 90,000-hour mark. The Security Forces Squadron, Air Support Operations Squadron, and Maintenance Group all had very successful deployments overseas. More than 30 wing members volunteered to deploy to the Southwest border in support of Operation Strong Safety. We had a goal to be 100 percent manned by the end of the year. Through some outstanding work by our recruiters and by 147th members making this unit a place where folks want to stay, we achieved more than 100 percent manning for the first time in my 16 years here. We had a goal of more than 85 percent medical Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) rate and more than 90 percent ready to deploy. That goal was far exceeded and the 147RW was No. 1 in the state of Texas the entire year. We had a goal to stand up the Wing Inspection Team (WIT) and to conduct initial evaluations of Maintenance Group and our Phase I process. The results were outstanding! It was no surprise to me that through the hard work of the men and women of the 147th, the unit was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. I am proud to be part of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing family and look forward to its continued success!



Photo by: Senior Airman Chasity Lollis

Maintenance Group



Mission Statement:

Provide critical real-time intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, and precision strike capabilities to the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard, and the state. Defending freedom around the world, the MQ-1 Predator deployments provide support to combatant commanders, the Department of Homeland Security, and the governor of Texas.

The 147th Maintenance Group tackled several missions and inspections in 2014. The group provides support to the wing's Predator Operations Center's fixed ground control stations that fly 24-hour combat support missions via advanced satellite communications that provide surveillance, reconnaissance and air support for U.S. and allied forces. Throughout the year, the group supported more than 9,600 flying hours, about 600 sorties and completed 720 ground control station basic post flight and pre-flight inspections.

In addition to the group's everyday support role, the maintenance group supported the Department of Defense Inter-agencies U.S. Africa Command Trans Sahara Counter-Terrorism Partnership mission that works to strengthen counter-terrorism and border security, promote democratic governance, and reinforce bilateral military ties. Through this, the group provided 13 personnel for 180 days each, supported about 2,600 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance flight hours.

In Green Flag East, the unit provided three MQ-1 Predators, 18 maintenance personnel, one Satellite Earth Terminal Sub-System, two ground data terminals, one dual control mobile ground control station and 70,000 short tons of equipment. The year-round exercise provides about 15,000 Army battalion-level soldiers with full-motion, real-time video with direct ISR. Additionally, the unit tested its capability to deploy troops and equipment in response to possible domestic operations in the state by processing 35,000 short tons of equipment and 21 personnel, in addition to assembling, operationally checking and setting up MQ-1 Predators and other satellite terminals and stations. The unit further executed its domestic operations ability by standing up a launch and recovery element, providing pilots with launch and recovery training.

2014 Achievements:

Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program – 0 Discrepancies

Information Assurance Assessment and Assistance Program Audit of Communications Security – 0 Major Findings; Satisfactory Rating

AFAA Time Compliance Technical Order Audit: 27 TCTOs; 0 Findings

AFAA Hand Tool Audit – 1,425 Inspected Items; 0 Discrepancies

Unit Effectiveness Inspection

2014 Missions:

Operation Juniper Shield – U.S. Africa Command

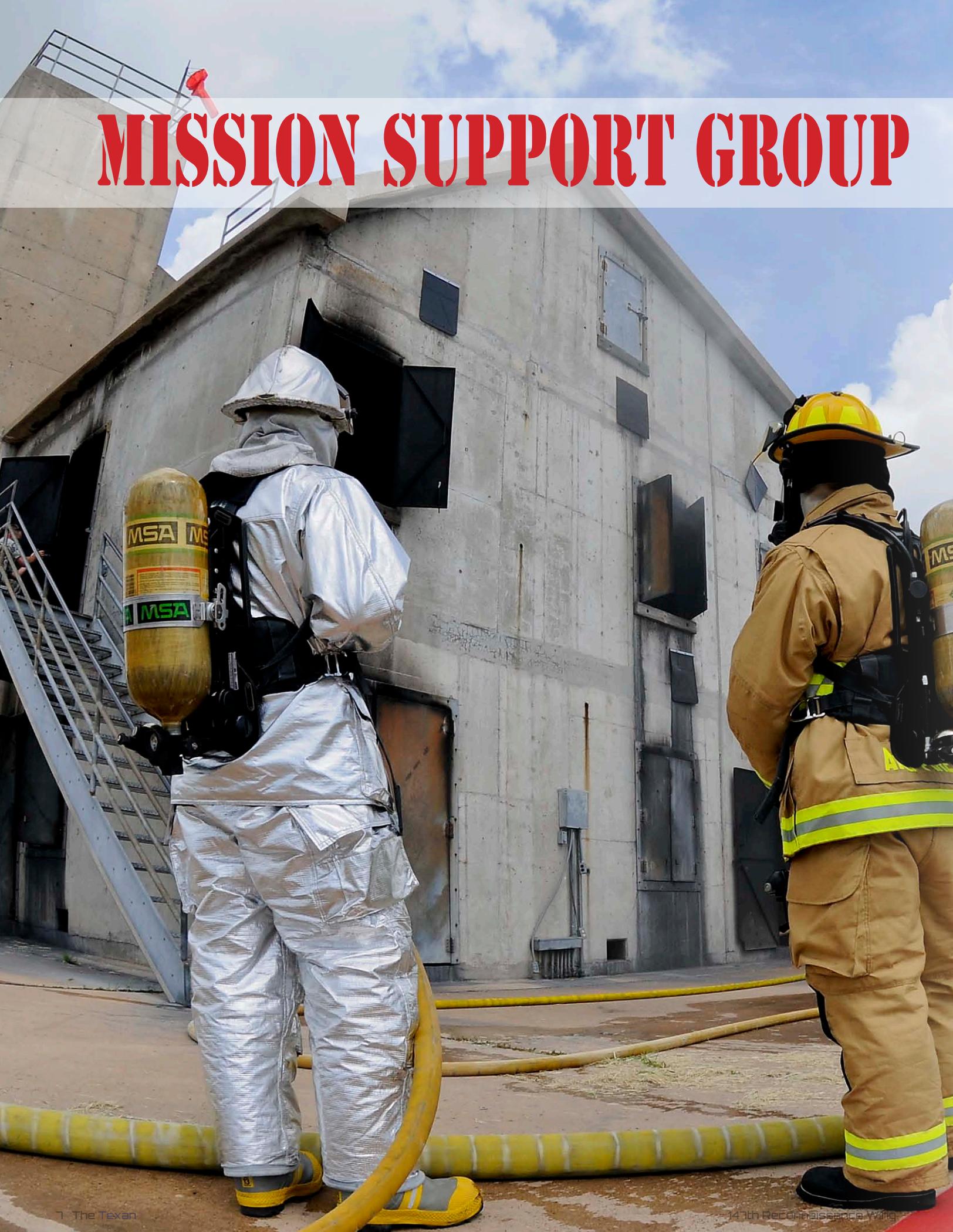
Green Flag East – Fort Polk, Louisiana

Rapid-X Deployment Exercise – Fort Polk, Louisiana to Ellington Field JRB, Texas

214RG Launch and Recovery Element Site Stand Up – Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Operation Strong Safety – U.S.-Mexico border

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP





Mission Statement: Manage people and resources in support of the warfighter to ensure that all personnel are ready and able to deploy in support of contingencies and exercises anywhere in the world.

The 147th Mission Support Group is comprised of the 147th Civil Engineer Squadron, 147th Communications Flight, 147th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 147th Mission Support Flight, 147th Security Forces Squadron and the 147th Services Flight.

Throughout the year, units with the group streamlined processes, renovated facilities throughout the wing, state and nation, and completed vital training for their respective career fields.

The 147th CES capped off 2014 with the completion of the wing's hangar and SFS' new, renovated facility, in addition to other renovation projects still in the works. The group's FSS spent the year adapting to new policy changes and became more efficient in the way personnel and information is processed. LRS supported the state border security mission as part of the Department of Public Safety's Operation Strong Safety.

2014 Notable Achievements:

FSS – Increase wing strength 102.4%; completed more than 550 DD214s; improved Backlog 75%; served more than 5,000 meals; oversaw 40 PFA with more than 800 passes

EIS – Engineered and installed 9 projects at 7 locations

LRS – Completed nearly 1,000 shipments through TMO

SFS – Deployed 13 personnel to UAE

CF – Completed more than 2,100 IT Work Orders and 12 Large-Scale Projects

CF – 3D1X1 Technical School Distinguished Honor Graduate

2014 Missions:

CES Silver Flag Exercise – Lead Team; 3 Superior Performers; Ramstein, Germany

CES EOD Range Clearing – Disposed 10 Tons Expended Ordnance; Yankee Target Range, Texas

FSS Operation Coronet Badger – Volk Field, Wisconsin

FSS USAFE Force Support Combat Training – Deployed 20 Personnel

EIS AFSPC Joint Space Operation Center Consolidation Project and AFSPC Western Range Operations Relocation Project – Lead Unit; Vandenberg, California

SFS Fighter Alert Force Evaluation – 2 Superior Performers

SFS FBI Special Emergency Response Team Active Shooter Exercise – Ellington Field

SFS Houston Airport PD and Houston SWAT Active Shooter Awareness – Ellington Field

LRS Operation Strong Safety – Rio Grande Valley, Texas

The 147th Operations Group includes the 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, the 111th Weather Flight and the 147th Air Support Operations Squadron.

The 147th ASOS kept busy throughout 2014, maintaining training, participating in exercises throughout the world, and working with joint partners from the Army and the Czech Republic. The squadron provides terminal control for weapons employment in a close air support scenario by integrating combat air and ground operations.

The 111th RS was able to support three Green Flag East exercises in 2014. The squadron's C-Flight accumulated more than 81 hours of exercise support through simulated combat operations to help prepare more than 9,000 soldiers for worldwide deployments. Crews from the squadron worked with ground forces in scenarios, culminating in more than 50 simulated AGM-114 Hellfire employments and more than 25 maritime interdiction missions. Additionally, the squadron flew 22 hours of continuation training to ensure crews remain proficient in short runway operations.

The 111th Weather Flight provides superior meteorological products to the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, The State of Texas, US Army North and Northern Command (NORTHCOM). In 2014 the weather flight supported several NORTHCOM exercises including Vibrant Shield, Ardent Sentry and Vigilant Shield all while supporting the 147th Reconnaissance Wing and its units with their real world missions.

The RC-26 Counter-drug Program provides critical real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) to the Joint Counter-Drug Task force to assist Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement with the prosecution of unlawful activity within the drug nexus. The Texas RC-26 has enjoyed unprecedented success with more drug seizures from 2014 and 2015 than in the previous 4 years combined.

2014 Awards:

ASOS Army Pathfinder Training Course: 3 of 5 Top Graduates

ASOS Airman Leadership School: Levitow Award

RC-26 11,731 Pounds of Marijuana valued at \$6,234,216

RC-26 396.18 Pounds of Cocaine valued at \$6,079,669

2014 Missions:

111LRE Green Flag Exercise – Fort Polk, Louisiana

ASOS Skills Training Exercise – Camp Swift, Texas

ASOS DOMOPS Exercise – Camp Mabry, Texas

ASOS Coronet Cactus Exercise – Gila Bend, Arizona

ASOS U.S. Coast Guard DOMOPS Training – Galveston, Texas

ASOS State Partnership Program – Czech Republic

ASOS Patriot Guard Exercise – Volk Field, Wisconsin

ASOS LeapFest International Jump Competition – Providence, Rhode Island

ASOS State Partnership Program Ample Strike Exercise – Czech Republic

ASOS Southern Strike Exercise – Gulfport, Mississippi

111WF US Army North

111WF 63rd Theater Air Brigade

111WF 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

111WF 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team

RC-26 Operation Northern Strike 2014

RC-26 Operation Southern Strike 2014

Operation Strong Safety

Operations Group





MISSION STATEMENT:

Ensure that the personnel of the Texas Air National Guard, and others as designated, are medically qualified for flight duty and worldwide deployment. The 147 MDG provides medical services supporting unit war-time taskings, state emergencies and natural disasters.

In 2014, the 147th Medical Group boasts a year of deployments, joint training and awards. As part of the PACANGEL, the medical group deployed its optometrist, Dr. Mark Davis, to the South Pacific island Tonga as part of a multinational humanitarian military team comprised of troops from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, France, Malaysia and the Philippines. In the 18 days, Davis and the team of optometrists averaged 100 patients each day, performed more than 1,500 eye examinations, dispensed more than 2,000 pairs of glasses, treated eye infections and performed minor eye surgeries.

The group's chief nursing officer, Lt. Col. Misty Horn, represented the group as an instructor at the Chile Combat Casualty Care Course at the Naval Base at Fort Aguayo near Del Mar, Chile. There, Horn taught military members and civilians from the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay, Ecuador and Chile.

Early in 2014, as part of a joint mass casualty exercise and evaluation, three members from the medical group represented the wing at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. The team established a mobile decontamination and mass casualty facility in support of the joint Army and Air National Guard exercise.

The group capped off its year with its support of Operation Lonestar in Laredo. The annual humanitarian mission provided health services to residents in the Rio Grande Valley. The five-day training exercise provided opportunities for cooperative efforts among the Texas Army and Air National Guards, Texas State Guard, local authorities and the Department of State Health Services.

In addition to a year of missions, the medical group ranked third in the national for individual medical readiness.

MEDICAL GROUP



2014 AWARDS:

Meritorious Service Medals: 4
Air Force Commendation Medals: 8
Air Force Achievement Medals: 2
U.S. Coast Guard Award Unit Commendation: 1

2014 MISSIONS:

PACANGEL - Tonga
149th CERFP - Camp Gruber, Oklahoma
Combat Casualty Care Course – Fort Aguayo, Chile
Operation Lonestar – Rio Grande Valley, Texas





1st. SERGEANT'S COMMENTS

LEADERSHIP IS A BEHAVIOR

By Master Sgt. Archie Grigsby

147th Operations Support Squadron First Sergeant

Leadership is a behavior that influences the overall positive change in an organization. True Leadership acts on our senses in ways that massages our inner being which inspires us to be motivated intrinsically. The motivation I am speaking of ultimately effects our core and calls for a greater maturity - leading to a more than minimum level of competency in the performance of our duties and responsibilities. Effective leadership is the catalyst that moves people forward and causes individuals in the organization to stretch themselves. The end result is a more optimal level of performance as troops go over and beyond in the accomplishment of mission requirements.

When others see you what do they actually see?

When others hear you what do they hear? Do you listen?

Do you present new and innovative ideas that are fresh for others to smell?

Do you put a sweet taste in the mouth of others when you interact with them?

Do you touch the hearts of others in a way they want to be touched?

Are you the go to person because of the strong, positive and lasting relationships you have built?

The best news ever is that each of us has the ability to contribute positively to the continued advancement of the greatest military in the world. As Airmen, we are obligated to mentor and must internalize the responsibility we have to lead regardless of our rank. We are great because we are a force of leaders.

Leadership is a behavior that must be expressed by each of us as we aspire to influence the prolific growth of our organization.

Leadership is a behavior...

What's for lunch?

6 June 2015

Fried Chicken
Smothered Pork Chops
Candied Yams
Macaroni and Cheese
Collard Greens
Winter Blend Veggies

7 June 2015

Lasagna
Baked Fish
Cali Blend Veggies
Broccoli/Rice

Pride Month

Celebrating Diversity as a Nation

By Tech. Sgt. Adrienne Russell-George
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Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths. The Department of Defense (DoD) has joined the nation in celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Month, observed during June.

During this time, the DoD recognizes lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civilians for their dedicated service to our nation and the DoD mission.

During Pride month, we celebrate our rich diversity and renew our persistent commitment to equity and those in the LGBT community who transform the lasting ideals of dignity and worth. The dedication and contributions of our LGB service members and LGBT civilians have immeasurable impact on the DoD and our national security. The DoD, which exists to keep our nation secure and at peace, must always be directed by the principle of showing respect for the servicemen, servicewomen, and civilian employees, recognizing their needs and capabilities.

On June 2, 2000, President Clinton issued a proclamation for the first Gay and Lesbian Pride month. June was selected as Pride month to commemorate the Stonewall riots in June of 1969. During this time, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn, in Greenwich Village, New York, resisted police harassment of the LGBT community. The Stonewall riots have been recognized as the catalyst for the Gay Liberation movement in the

United States.

Stonewall was the catalyst, but the struggle for civilian rights in the LGBT community began much earlier. Dr. Frank E. Kameny fought for gay rights more than a decade earlier than the Stonewall riots. He served in WWII, then became a civil service astronomer with the U.S. Army Map Service. According to the Library of Congress, Kameny was banned from federal employment in 1957 because he was gay. He was not alone, as over 10,000 gay and lesbian employees were forced out of their jobs during the 1950s and 1960s. Kameny sued, appealed and lost, Kameny brought the first civil rights action regarding sexual orientation to the Supreme Court. He argued that the government's actions toward gays were "an affront to human dignity." His petition was denied, but he continued to fight for civil rights for 18 years, until the U.S. Civil Service Commission reversed its policies excluding homosexuals from government employment. Before official changes were made to the DoD policy, several other service members challenged the ban on homosexuals in the military.

The rainbow flag is a symbol of LGBT pride and LGBT social movements. Designed by San Francisco artist, Gilbert Baker in 1978, the colors reflect the diversity of the LGBT community. The most common variant of the flag consists of six stripes, with the colors representing: life (red), healing (orange),

sunlight (yellow), nature (green), serenity (blue), and spirit (violet). Baker served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972 and was stationed in San Francisco at the beginning of the gay right movement.

In 2012, Army Reserve officer, Tammy Smith was promoted to Brigadier General. She publicly acknowledged her sexuality, making her the first general officer to come out while serving. Her pinning on ceremony marked a significant milestone for gay rights advocates. Today, she serves as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Reserve. Effective March 27, 2015, the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) extended coverage to legally married same-sex couples to take leave to provide care for their spouse. Previously, the FMLA definition of "spouse" was defined by the state law where the employee resided. In February 2015, The Department of Labor revised the definition to encompass legally married, same-sex couples.

Diversity and inclusion are imperative to the success of the DoD. Diversity is more than race, gender, religion, and ethnicity. Among other things, diversity encompasses abilities, background, language, culture, and skill. Diversity continues to be one of our nation's greatest strengths and recent changes to policy is concrete proof that the DoD has embraced and celebrates the capabilities and contributions of all personnel, to include the LGB and LGBT community.



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Safety Shorts



SUMMER SAFETY EVENTS

June Safety Events

National Safety Month

National Safety Council

www.nsc.org/nsm

National Fireworks Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America

preventblindness.org

Home Safety Month

Safe Kids

safekids.org

6/1-6/7

National CPR & AED Awareness Week

American Red Cross

redcross.org

Sun Safety Week

Sun Safety Alliance

sunsafetyalliance.org

July Safety Events

National Fireworks Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America

preventblindness.org

UV Safety Month

US Health and Human Services

healthfinder.gov

Operational Security Real Email or a Phishing Email

In a survey conducted by Intel Security, most people were unable to discern a legitimate email and from a phishing email. Participants were sent 10 emails from McAfee Labs, some of which were real and some were phishing attempts. Nearly 80% of the 19,458 participants fell victim to at least one of the phishing emails with only 3% of participants correctly identifying every email. Although the results weren't great, they have improved from a previous survey Intel Security conducted in which where 94% of information security professionals misidentified at least one email. Test results also show that the 35-44 age group performed the best, and men did better than women at identifying the emails, but not by much at 67% and 63% respectively. Phishing techniques have become more convincing, sophisticated, and dangerous in recent years.

Critical Days of Summer: 2015 Quest for Zero

The Critical Days of Summer are upon us. The AF Safety Center has ended this campaign starting this year and set up safety focus campaigns, such as the recent Fall Protection Focus. We have decided to continue, for at least this year, to maintain the Critical Days of Summer campaign using safety focused items by month.

Below you will find links for the topics per month. Please use these and other avenues to get the word out to our people. Please add to the list depending on your audience.

A startling statistic from 2014 is we lost 2 Airmen in combat; HOWEVER we lost 50 (FIFTY) Airmen to motor vehicle accidents.

June

- Use Risk Management and Situational Awareness!
- Stay hydrated!
- <https://www.nonprofitrisk.org/tools/workplace-safety/nonprofit/c6/dehydration.htm>
- It Can Wait! No distracted driving.
- From your personal computer - www.itcanwait.com/
- <http://itcanwait.usaa.com/>
- Food Safety - Keep cold food cold and hot food hot.
- <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/>
- Water Safety - Know the water conditions before entering/diving the water
- <http://www.nationalwatersafetymonth.org/water-safety-tips>
- July
- Use Risk Management and Situational Awareness!
- Boating Safety - Alcohol is the leading cause of boating accidents
- http://www.boatingsafety.com/safety_resources/
- Watch the weather forecast often - Spring/Summer storms will catch you off guard.
- <http://www.weather.gov/safety>
- BBQ Safety - Know how to properly use your grill/cooker
- <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/outdoors/grilling/grilling-safety-tips>
- Fireworks Safety
- <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/>
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August

- Use Risk Management and Situational Awareness!
- Don't Drink and Drive! - No refusal weekend by law enforcement.
- <http://www.texasdwi.org/>
- Maintain your vehicle!
- <http://auto.howstuffworks.com/car-driving-safety/accidents-hazardous-conditions/summer-car-maintenance.htm#page=10>
- School is back.
- <http://www.momtastic.com/parenting/107240-10-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-in-school/>
- Hurricane Awareness. – Plan before one strikes.
- <http://www.weather.gov/safety>
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- *A new feature is the Check3 program with YouTube videos.
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_x_nHc7JZhFG_EDpINM10Q