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Fellow Blacksnakes

## Commanderi&Onments

First of all, thanks for standing up to the plate and exploring change during my first year with the Blacksnakes. Moving an organization into new dimensions is not an easy process especially when you are in direct conflict with historical norms. All I can say is thanks for being open and honest to new approaches even if it tugged at your inner self. Each of you have been extremely resilient in the process. And by the way, most ideas we've implemented were initiated by Blacksnake interest at the grass roots level. I will continue to deliver change when it will take this organization to new heights both at the local, regional and national level.

Second, thanks to everyone for being "two feet in," as we explore new ways to improve morale across the base. Morale takes painstaking care to balance but in no shape or form will exist without good order and discipline. We must all be good stewards of this and you have my commitment in 2012 to continue to engage and improve areas concerning this topic. Leadership across the base will strive to gain your trust at levels unseen in the past and likewise you must continue to earn it.

Third, thanks for getting dirty, greasy and tired when times have called for all of us to dig in. This past year hasn't been easy with a new, 30-year-old aircraft hitting the ramp or a supply chain of F-16 parts leaving and A-10 parts arriving or a litany of natural disasters hitting our communities. But you took it in stride and adapted and carried on. And when the time came to wear JUST suits and conduct chemical warfare part task training, you stood up to the plate to make it happen without a skip in your step.

Whether deployed in combat or integrated in helping your communities, you continue to answer our nation's call to service. I could not be prouder of each of you and what you do at the 122nd Fighter Wing. I would be remiss if I did not take time to congratulate our Airmen of the Year award winners that were recognized on December 3rd. All of the award recipients performed their duties with hard work, dedication and a drive to go above and beyond, and I couldn't be prouder. Chaplain Kent Lundy, Company Grade Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Jonathan Horne, First Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Carrie Kline, Honor Guard Member of the Year; Master Sgt. Nathan Keller, Senior NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Claude Jackson, NCO of the Year; Senior Airman Savannah Clevinger, Airman of the Year; 122FW AMXS Armament Shop, Team Award; and Maj. Brian Frazier, Wing Commander/Commander Chief Trophy.

I hope each of you were able to enjoy your family and friends over the holiday season. I know without family and friends, an airmen could not achieve the level of greatness each and every one of you achieve. Please pay back something I know we all took from them this year in conversion, time! And please, extend my thanks to each of them for their support.

I stand to your left and right as we walk through challenging times ahead in 2012. But one thing for sure, the 122nd Fighter Wing will succeed just as our counterparts that formed this organization did some 64 years ago. We are resilient!

God Bless,

Col Augustine



# Winter Wingman Day

by Staff Sgt. Justin Goeden

All of the 122nd Fighter Wing was brought together for a Winter Wingman Day in Maxwell Hall, the dining facility, auditoriums and conference rooms across the base. The briefings were broadcasted from Maxwell Hall to other areas on base televised via closed caption television. Speaking to the Airmen were Col. David Augustine, Commander of the 122nd Fighter Wing, Sydney Davidson, Indiana State Director of Psychological Health, David Swineheart, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the 122nd Fighter Wing Director of Psychological Health and members from the safety office. Wingman Day was directed by Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Director of the Air National Guard, in response to current issues with high suicide rates and unnecessary vehicle fatalities.

Swineheart started with some staggering statistics. In deaths among National Guard members only six percent of those attribute to aircraft mishaps, while 40 percent are related to vehicle crashes, and a staggering 30 percent are by suicide. He went on to describe that if we are not fit in the "four pillars of resiliency," that we are more susceptible to poorly handling negative situations, in comparison with a person who is more fit.

Resiliency is the positive capacity for people to cope with stress. The four pillars of resiliency are social fitness, physical fitness, spiritual fitness, and family. A deficiency in one of these areas can leave each and every one of us vulnerable to the negative aspects of stress. Swineheart and his counterparts briefed on each of these areas, giving the Airmen the awareness they need to evaluate themselves and others.

Davidson informed the audience about social fitness. She emphasized to each person to know the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships and to remove or distance themselves from unhealthy relationships. She also touched on the importance of effective communication and what it means in relationships. Poor communication skills have a negative effect on our relationships.

Tech. Sgt. Sean Gorman, a competitor of the Ironman in Louisville, Ky. in August 2009, explained the importance of physical fitness and how it affects our lives. "Being physically fit helps reduce stress and increases positive endorphins released in your body, making you feel better," said Gorman. He also challenged members of the 122nd Fighter Wing to consider competing in the Optimist Triathlon in 2011 as motivation to get into... better shape and better our lives.

Spiritual fitness, is also key in having resilience, says Chaplain Capt. Larry Loree. Strong spiritual fitness will help you to persevere through tough times in life by having a spiritual connection with something greater than yourself.

Augustine highly emphasized safety and enhancement in the Wing functions, as well as highly encouraged the use of feedback as a two-way street so that feedback can not only be communicated down the chain, but also upward toward leadership.

Col. Craig Ash, 122nd Fighter Wing Director of Safety at the time, spoke of the importance of motorcycle safety while Senior Master Sgt. Larry Meadows, 122nd Fighter Wing Safety and Occupational Health Manager, spoke of ground safety, particularly distracted driving. Meadows shared a personal story of the negative effect of texting and driving, telling of his first-hand witness of a high-speed car crash involving a distracted driver. He also shared a touching, disturbing, and eye-opening video, produced and shared by AT&T, called, "The Last Text". The video details the avoidable deaths of three teenaged individuals who wrecked their vehicles while texting and driving; the teens either died or were left with permanent physical dysfunction. The video highlighted the last text that was sent and how unimportant, for lack of better words, the messages were. The "Where u at," "lol," "yeah" and "where r".

After this group lecture, airmen later were sent back to their individual squad and squadron group breakout sessions where they further discussed the importance of having a Wingman.

# FAMILY DAY 2011



The annual Family Day took place on September 11th, 2011. The day started with a remembrance ceremony for the loss of those during the tragedy on September 11th, 2001. Chaplain Maj. In Suk Hong Peables led the ceremony and Pine Chief Senior Master Sgt. William Finch gave a personal account of that day ten years ago.

The day was also filled with a reunion of the Indiana Air National Guard members involved 50 years ago on a deployment to Chambley, France in 1961. The afternoon was filled with the family day activities which involved games for the kids, live music, food, and an opportunity for members to spend time with their families as they visited the base.

This year's Family Day was one of the largest much in thanks to the generous organizations that provided support to the event. The USO provided plenty of food and beverages as well as volunteers to serve the crowds of family members in attendance.



Photos by: Staff Sgt. Justin Goeden  
Story by: Master Sgt. Darin Hubble

# ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE

Several instances in our country's recent past, such as the Fort Hood tragedy, have made the term "Active Shooter" well understood. Widely used in the media, the term Active Shooter calls to mind the University of Texas, and Virginia Tech. massacres. Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing prepare themselves for an active shooter event by holding training exercises on, and off base.

"An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area," according to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security fact sheet. "In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims."

In preparation the 122nd Fighter Wing Security Forces practiced response techniques to the threat. Communication with various outside agencies and clearing techniques were rehearsed. During the five day course at the South West Allen County Fire Department training buildings on Aug. 1-5, 2011, the 122 FW Security Forces members practiced their Active Shooter response concept that would be tested in an upcoming base exercise.

After a table top evaluation had been accomplished and the base Exercise Evaluation Team was briefed, an Active Shooter Exercise commenced. Blacksnakes were evaluated on their response to an Active Shooter scenario happening on base.

The Active Shooter Response Team was made up of members of the 122 FW and local civilian authorities, including South West Allen County Fire and Rescue, the Fort Wayne Airport Authority Emergency Services, Allen County Sherriff and Fort Wayne City Police Dept.

A building that was not currently occupied with many rooms and doorways, gave security forces members the opportunity to practice what they had been trained to do. The initial response team immediately located the shooter and zeroed in on their target. Within moments the attacker was subdued. "The soul mission at that moment, for the day-to-day patrol, (who is the initial responders) is to get to the shooter and neutralize the threat," said Capt. Michael Spahr, 122nd Fighter Wing Security Forces Commander.

The second response team, after evaluating and removing any of the scenario's victims that were able to get out of the building on their own, worked systematically through the building. One-by-one the response team checked each room for victims, constantly in communication with the now established command center and the on-scene commander with information of what they were finding.

The entire base underwent scrutiny during this exercise. Each building had EET evaluators monitoring closely the safety procedures and the complete lock down of the work centers. The base responded well to a danger that could be in any of the offices or somewhere else on base.

After the "wounded" were treated and the scene was closed, the entire team met for an after action review. Many ideas were shared on how to make the response better and more efficient; praise was given to those that had done well. The exercise was officially closed by Col. Crag Ash, 122nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, when he said, "Good lessons learned, let's hope we never have to use them."



Above, Officer Carl Collins along with Master Sgt. Ryan Scherer, 122nd Fighter Wing Security Forces, is followed into an Active Shooter Exercise environment closely by evaluators during the 122nd Fighter Wings Active Shooter Exercise.

Left, a 122nd Security Forces member stands in formation to enter a room at the South West Allen County Fire Training Center, to neutralize an Active Shooter during a five day training exercise.

Below, members of the 122nd Security Forces Squadron stand in formation as a second team to enter a building during an Active Shooter scenario training at the South West Allen County Fire Training Center.



# Happy Holidays



The 122nd Fighter Wing celebrated the Holidays by supporting Family. The Family Readiness group and the Command Staff of the 122nd Fighter Wing hosted the members and their families or guests at the Grand Wayne Center with a buffet style dinner and live entertainment from acts such as chamber music by IPFW Youth Symphony and the Relentless Band as well as a children's magic show by Jim Reams.

Family portraits were provided by Henri's Photo of Fort Wayne and Santa and Mrs. Clause listened intently as child after child whispered their Christmas present desires to the couple. The Fort Wayne Volunteer association provided helpers for the dozens of craft tables set up for families to make ornaments, cookies and other crafts

The evening was met with praise and support from members and families alike.



# BAER FIELD HERITAGE PARK

by Staff Sgt. Justin Goeden

Baer Field Heritage Park is now under construction after a groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 21, 2011. The park will showcase all of the aircraft flown at the 122nd Fighter Wing from 1947 to the present. There were many distinguished guests who spoke and helped break ground during the ceremony. In attendance was Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana, retired Maj. Gen. Richard Chastain, Indiana State Armory Board President, and David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander, Senior Master Sgt. John Furge, original project officer for the park, Pat Sullivan, Chairman of the Board for the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Bruce Menshy, Chairman of the North East Indiana Defense Cluster, Robert Legacy, Vice President of USO Indiana, and Rob Young, President of the Fort Wayne Base Community Council.



Above, distinguished guests of the 122nd Fighter Wing pose for historic photo as the Baer Field Heritage Park ground breaking ceremony takes place.

Below, Col. David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander thanks those in attendance as Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of Indiana and retired Maj. Gen. Richard Chastain, Indiana State Armory Board President hold a \$4,000 donation check for the project.



Pictures and artist renditions of the park were on display for people to view during the ceremony in order to visualize the attractiveness that the park will possess. "We live in a great community that offers our military members tremendous support, and Baer Field Heritage Park is a way that we can thank our community members for standing behind us," said Augustine.

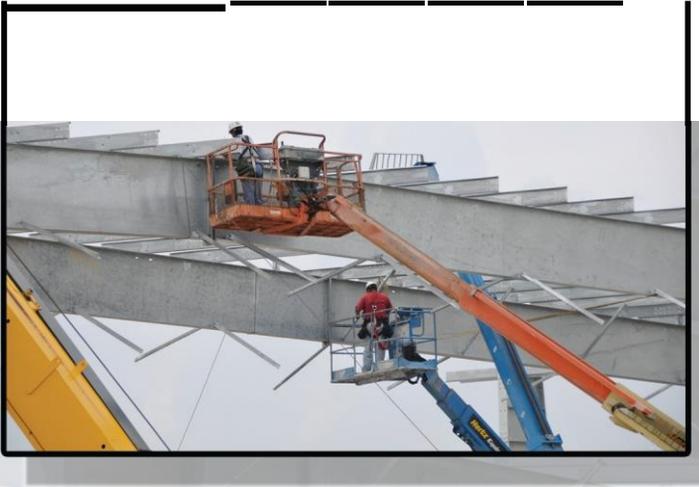
The Indiana State Armory Board presented the park with a \$4,000 check to aid in starting the project. "Had it not been for their care, dedication, and devotion in giving us \$4,000, we wouldn't have been able to start this project as aggressively as we liked," said Augustine about Umbarger and Chastain.

Military history and heritage play an important role in continuing traditions and remembering legacies, "We should never forget about our heritage and for this wing to be out here on this main gate, trying to be able to show the rich history of Baer Air Field is a great thing," said Umbarger. He also went on to thank the local community and elected officials for their tremendous support of the Air National Guard.

The park is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012 and some of the aircraft that will be on display are the F-100 Super Sabre, the F-4 Phantom, the F-84F Thunderstreak, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and the current aircraft flown here, the A-10 Thunderbolt II. Upon completion the park will be open for the public to visit and learn about the rich history of the base they so strongly support.

# Construction

## 122nd Fighter Wing Style ...



Retirees and guests that haven't been to the 122nd Fighter Wing for a while may be surprised with all of the changes. The entrance of the base continues to change with the development of the Baer Field Heritage Park. Looking toward the flight line certainly looks different with the addition of the adverse weather shelters, the simulator addition to our Communications/Operations building, and the ground breaking of the crew room addition.

Other construction projects that may not be as noticeable include the construction of our new AAFES Shopette/Recruiting Center in building 300, STAR-BASE in building 794 and the creation of our Joint Deployment and Wellness Center in building 780.

If you see a member of the 122nd Fighter Wing Civil Engineering Squadron, be sure to congratulate them on all of their hard work!



Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, the Adjutant General of the state of Indiana with Col. Craig Ash, 122nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, observes the new construction of the adverse weather shelters on the bases flight line.



The 122nd Fighter Wing Headquarters building is home to the new Joint Deployment and Wellness Center that will serve military members and families of the base through support from the USO.



Left, Maj. Gen R. Martin Umbarger, the Adjutant General of Indiana and Col. David Augustine, Commander 122nd Fighter Wing stands with Mr. Scott Liebhauser, 122nd Fighter Wing Starbase Director, in front of the newly remodeled DOD StarBase building.

Right, Baer Field Heritage Park was shovel-ready through contributions by the Indiana Armory Board.



# Airmagf *fh-e ear*

The Airmen of the Year awards were presented **ON** 3, 2011 to those 122nd Fighter Wing members chosen as this year's recipients.

The yearly award recipients are Maj. Brian Frazier, Wing Commander/ Command Chief Trophy , Chaplain Kent Lundy, Company Grade Officer of the Year, Master Sgt. Jonathan Horne, 1st Sgt. of the Year, Master Sgt. Nathan Keller, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year , Staff Sgt. Carrie Kline, Honor Guard Member of the Year, Staff Sgt Claude Jackson, Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year and 122nd Fighter Wing AMXS Armament Shop, Team Award.



122FW AMXS Armament Shop  
Outstanding Team of The Year

In an email sent following the ceremony Col. David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander wrote, "I would like to once again say congratulations and well done to all of our award winners. All of the award recipients performed their duties with determination, dedication and a drive to go above and beyond, and I couldn't be prouder."



Major Brian Frazier  
Wing Commander/Command Chief Trophy



Chaplain Kent Lundy  
Company Grade Officer of The Year



Master Sgt. Nathan Keller  
Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of The Year



Staff Sgt. Claude Jackson  
Non-Commissioner Officer of The Year  
(Excepting on his behalf, his mother,  
Dorothy Jackson)



Senior Airman Savannah Clevenger  
Airman of The Year



Staff Sgt. Carrie Kline  
Honor Guard Member of The Year

# Trip to bombing Range shows A10 CXIPQbiHt's

Story by Staff Sgt. Justin Goeden

Photos by Staff Sgt. Stephen Bush



**A**irmen from the 122nd Fighter Wing work tirelessly to support the mission of their A-10 airframe. Their hard work enables the jets to get off the ground to perform the mission training needed to be effective. Except for videos and photos, once the plane leaves the base, the majority of those hard working Airmen don't get to see what's happening downrange.

On Aug. 3, 2011, a bus-load of these Airmen were able to take a trip to the Camp Atterbury bombing range and experience the true mission of the A-10 first hand. It was organized by Tech. Sgt. Bill Skaros, 122nd Fighter Wing Intelligence Office non-commissioned officer in charge, because of an initiative from Col. David Augustine, Commander of the 122nd Fighter Wing.

"We've started these field trips because I want the entire base to see the A-10's capabilities in action and what they [Airmen] are supporting," said Augustine.

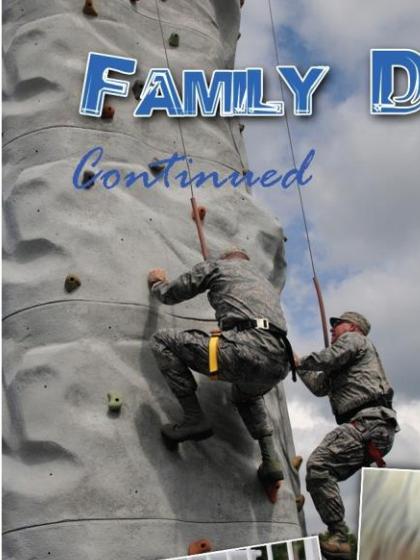


While there, they were given a tour of the facilities and how range officials use different systems to grade the pilots on their accuracy. They also were able to watch the pilots drop bombs on different targets, shoot the A-10's notorious 30mm Gatling gun, shoot areas and perform defensive air maneuvers.

"The most exciting part of the day was getting to hear the gun fire in person, and how loud it was," said Airman 1st class Angel Howard, an A-10 gun technician in the Gun Services shop, "it was also pretty neat getting to know people from different shops and seeing how our jobs coincide with each other."

# FAMILY DAY 2011

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September 11, 2011

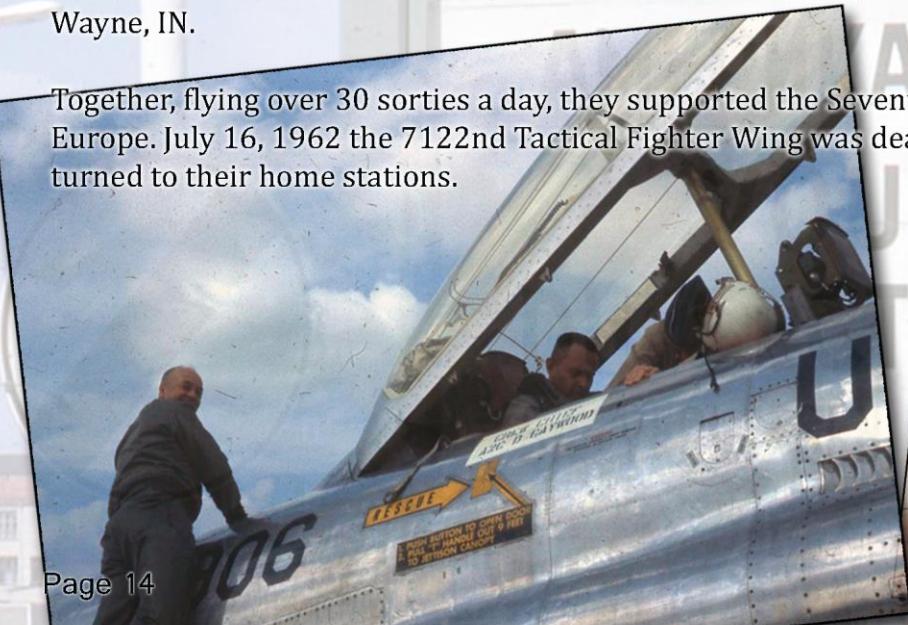
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## 50 Year Reunion Celebration

September 11, 2011 the 122nd Fighter Wing hosted a reunion for the men and their families who were deployed to Chambley France in October of 1961.

As part of the the 7122nd Tactical Wing the 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing was deployed October 1, 1961 to Chambley France as a result of the Berlin Crisis. At that time the Tactical Wing consisted of three tactical fighter squadrons, the 112th from Toledo, OH, the 113th at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, IN and the 163rd at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, IN.

Together, flying over 30 sorties a day, they supported the Seventeenth Air Force and various NATO exercises in Europe. July 16, 1962 the 7122nd Tactical Fighter Wing was deactivated and the separate fighter squadron returned to their home stations.



# FIT TO FIGHT

## BIGGEST LOSER™ CONTESTANTS VISIT AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Justin Goeden

When the 122nd Fighter Wing challenged 1st Lt. Matthew Metzger with starting a new basewide fitness program, he immediately contacted Marci and Courtney Crozier. They quickly returned the call to Metzger to schedule the experience.

On Aug. 21, 2011, the mother-daughter duo, who were contestants on the hit-television series The Biggest Loser, came to the base in Fort Wayne, Ind., to spend part of the day with military members.

"Matt contacted us because we were on The Biggest Loser contest and since they're starting a new fitness program here, they wanted us to help launch it. We called him back right away because it's our privilege to serve the military," said Marci Crozier, the mother of the pair.

After Marci and Courtney gave some motivational advice on life and fitness to the group of over 200, they hit the base track to lead a workout session with the military members. They warmed up by jogging a few laps and did some exercises and stretches that Marci learned from celebrity trainer Jillian Michaels.



Biggest Loser contestant Marci Crozier and husband Kevin Crozier, demonstrate core abdominal muscle exercises during a visit to the base.



Group photo of the 122nd Fighter Wing with Biggest Loser contestants Marci and Courtney Crozier.

The Crozier family was as equally excited about getting to spend time with the Air National Guard members. They shared stories of military members in their own family and how it was an honor to visit the base.

"There have been some cool things we've done with this entire process, and today has been one of the best days that I've had on this journey," said Courtney.

The two expressed their interest in returning for another visit at a later time to check in and see the progress of the Wing. ☺☺

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A1C	KOZIELSKI, FRANK J	18-Oct-11	122STUF/CES
A1C	BURKE, JENNA K	18-Oct-11	122STUF/FS
SRA	HUNTER, JENNIFER A	26-Oct-11	122MDG
A1C	MYERS, JASON S	4-Nov-11	122STUF/CES
1LT	RADTKE, BRADLEY W	9-Nov-11	122FW
TSGT	SLATER, KALLAN N	15-Nov-11	122FSS
AB	GRAHAM, RYAN L	15-Nov-11	122STUF/CES
AB	MILLER, JORDAN M.	18-Nov-11	122STUF/FS
A1C	STOLLER, MICHAEL R	29-Nov-11	122STUF/LRS
A1C	PARK, JONATHAN J	1-Dec-11	122STUF/LRS
AB	PEDERSEN, COLE C	6-Dec-11	122STUF/LRS
SSGT	GRAY, DANIELLE N	13-Dec-11	1220G
SSGT	BOWEN, EDWARD	16-Dec-11	122STUF/LRS