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122nd Fighter Wing Commander's Comments

Fellow Blacksnakes,

I truly don't know if I can choose the right words to say thanks for all you've accomplished this past year and for standing tall in challenging times over the course of my 27 months as a Blacksnake, but let me try. There was never a doubt since I arrived, that the 122nd Fighter Wing had the right stuff, but without a gauge you never truly know if it's a great hunch based on interaction, statistics or other data points, or if maybe you're a little off with your assessment. That gauge happened during our Consolidated Unit Inspection.

When Col Lujan and the Air Combat Command Inspector General Team arrived, when Lt Col Mammen and the Logistics Compliance and Assessment Team arrived, when the 9th Air Force Stan Eval Team arrived and the Airfield Operations Certification Inspection arrived we knew we'd get the look we all deserve. We knew we'd get a gauge to measure ourselves on. Sure there were major programs and issues you worked this past year, sure there may have been ink drying on some documents you were updating, but the bottom line is you gave it your all to make it to the finish line.

Inspections are a very valuable process in being an airman in the Air Force. They validate our service in relation to regulations, regulations that we hold near and dear because they shape the very essence of why we love the military; they help mold good order and discipline. Since we're leading the charge on a Fighter Wing taking a new style of inspection, predominately virtual, I know it hasn't been an easy course, but still one you found the means to navigate through. And navigate you did!

The results are clear fellow Blacksnakes, we are a solid, combat oriented, fully compliant wing, with some improvements to be made. We do have serious write-ups that need serious care, but in the end I know we can raise the notch on compliance locally to eliminate the tremendous spin-up to inspection that occurred during this CI. I know we can accept and implement the inputs by our inspection teams and most importantly, I know each of us can grow and become a better airman because of it.

Results:

- ▶ Air Combat Command Compliance Inspection – **SATISFACTORY**
- ▶ 9th Air Force Stan/Eval Inspection – **EXCELLENT**
- ▶ Air National Guard Logistics Compliance and Assessment Program – **OUTSTANDING**
- ▶ Air National Guard Airfield Operations Certification Inspection – **CERTIFIED** (Commander Assessed **OUTSTANDING**)

Again, congratulations on a job well done!

Two feet in / Top of the day!

Col David L. Augustine
122nd Wing Commander



122nd Fighter Wing Chaplain's Office



Lt. Col. In Suk Hong Peebles
Wing Chaplain



Maj. Larry Loree Jr
Chaplain

Ch (Major) Larry K. Loree attached to the 122nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Serving in the midst of Blacksnakes is one of the great joys in my ministry. I am thrilled to have been assigned, specifically, to provide a ministry of presence to the fine folks of LRS. My office is the cubicle located near the north entrance of the building.

I look forward to making my space in LRS my permanent space when I'm on base. Please remember that as a chaplain, though my background is Protestant, my joy is fulfilled in providing support and encouragement to all members and their families regardless of whether they are religious people or not. The name tape on the left side of our uniform establishes that we are all members of the same family; I'll do everything I'm capable of to provide help and support to those with whom I serve.

Ch (Captain) Kent A. Lundy attached to the 122nd Maintenance Group

I am honored to be attached directly to the men and women that work so hard behind the scenes to make our aircraft flight-ready. The outstanding reception I have had from Senior Leadership on down has proven to me that this was an idea that's time had definitely come. Given the issues of conversion and inspection, it is a rich time to be in ministry with our airmen. From one-on-one counseling to advising leadership, my schedule has consistently remained full.



Capt. Kent Lundy
Chaplain

Ch (Captain) Michael N. Frese attached to the 122nd Operations Group and Security Forces.

I recently transferred from the Active Duty Army into the Air National Guard. I can't think of a more perfect fit for me than being embedded with the men and women who are directly responsible for putting rounds down range. Although my desk is located in the OG building (next to the weather personnel) I will go where I am needed. I thrive on "battlefield circulation" because a chaplain can do his/her job better in the midst of those whom he serves. I will make it a point to visit you where the mission is being accomplished, where ever that is. See you soon.



Capt. Michael Frese
Chaplain

Meet Chaplain Fr. Joshua M. Janko

I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on 3 June 2006. Currently, I work full-time at Guerin Catholic High School (www.guerincatholic.org) in Noblesville, IN, as Director for Catholic Mission. I am in residence at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville, IN. I enjoy volunteering as a cross country and track coach at Guerin Catholic High School and I run half marathons regularly. I completed the 2010 New York City Marathon and it was a dream come true. After many years of prayer and pleading with two bishops to join the Air National Guard, I finally joined the 122nd Fighter Wing in June of 2012. I am thankful to serve here as a Chaplain.



1st Lt. Joshua Janko
Chaplain



M50 vs. MCU-2

The masks they are a changin'

The MCU-2 Series Protective Mask has been the Air Force's breathing apparatus of choice for almost two decades. However, in 2009 the M50 Joint Services General Purpose Field Mask was approved and has started being issued to members at installations across the globe.

The M50 gas mask has some very noticeable advantages over the old MCU-2. The first difference one can notice right away is its breathability. When wearing the gas mask while performing strenuous activities such as running, your breathability is not as restricted as with the MCU-2. This is partly due to the two-filter design as opposed to the



one filter on the MCU-2.

The more symmetrical dual airways create a more even flow of oxygen over the nose cap and improve the oxygen intake. Donning the M50 has also been made easier with its skull cap design it provides a snugger and more secure fit on your head without the abrasive buckles of the old straps. Logistics Readiness Squadrons Staff Sgt. Heffner states that "so far it's been a smooth transition." The Logistics Readiness Squadron also encourages members to contact their Unit Deployment Managers once you have switched out your mask. More information on the M50 mask and its components can be found on page 166 of the Airman's Manual.



TACKLING THE CUI



The 122nd Fighter Wing hosted 68 Air Force inspectors and Air National Guard Logistics Compliance Assessment Program members from Air Combat Command during April 11-17, 2013. Another approximately 30 inspectors remained at Langley Air Force Base, VA, and inspected 50 programs virtually out of 115 from the 122nd Fighter Wing. The Wing was the Air Force's first unit to use virtual methods in the inspection process in an effort to preserve the budget. These virtual inspections were accomplished by uploading documents to military shared websites and communicating with inspectors in real time over the phone, Microsoft Office Communicator or through Defense Connect

Online. "These inspection teams are the best of the best!" said Col. David Augustine.

The inspectors looked at unit compliance across all disciplines to include flying, maintenance, support and administration. The purpose of the inspection was to conduct and assess areas mandated by law, as well as mission areas identified by senior Air Force and Major Command leadership as critical or important to the health and performance of a unit.

The Consolidated Unit Inspection program was originally developed to reduce costs. The Air Force determined to inspect all activities at a base, all at the same time. One of the ways the ACC Inspector General is overcoming the challenge of a shrinking force [is by] reducing the footprint of IG inspections," said Maj. Brian Sitler, ACC IG chief of maintenance inspections. "We've reduced the number of days we spend on a unit during inspections and we've reduced the number of inspectors we send -it's just a new way of doing business." Over 100 inspectors were originally expected to arrive at the base, but due to budget constraints affecting the entire Air Force, many of the inspections are being accomplished through virtual electronic means. Originally, the 122nd Fighter Wing was to complete six major inspections during this past week. However, two were postponed due to funding.

One unique pre-inspection process at the base was a Rehearsal of Concept drill. It encompasses logistics, plans, contingencies and concepts for performing the four inspections which included previews of the unit's introduction slides and exit plans that would be presented to inspectors. Running the ROC drill allowed the Wing to foresee any issues that still required additional planning by performing a run through of the reception and dismissal of the Inspector General and his/inspection team. During the Inspection, the 122nd Fighter Wing received overwhelming support from the local community.



A-10C Thunderbolt II fighter jet in flight, viewed from a low angle. The aircraft is white with black markings, including the number '68' on the tail and 'Blacksnakes' on the engine nacelle. A lighthouse graphic is positioned behind the main title text.

FIGHTERS AT THE FORT

Staff Sgt. Stephen Bush

The 122nd Fighter Wing is pleased to announce that with the historic signing of the National Defense Authorization Act by President Obama, we will continue to have Fighters at the Fort! The signing of the National Defense Authorization Act by the President allows the 122nd Fighter Wing to keep and continue flying the A-10C Thunderbolt II in Fort Wayne well into the future.

Since February 2012, when the Air Force announced their plan to convert the 122nd Fighter Wing from an A-10C unit into an MC-12 unit under the 2013 budget, the community, federal, state and local elected officials' support of the unit has been unprecedented.

"The 122nd Fighter Wing is the right solution for America in some very challenging times," said Col. David L. Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander. "Team Indiana, under the Command of Major General R. Martin Umbarger with support from Senator Dan Coats, Senator Joe Donnelly, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, Governor Mike Pence, Former Governor Mitch Daniels, State Senator Tom Wyss, Mayor Tom Henry, other federal, state and local elected officials, the Fort Wayne Base Community Council and community members, have been steadfast in their support on why the 122nd Fighter Wing is the right solution for America."

Col. Augustine said, "This Wing is all about our community, state and nation! Our Airmen live in our community, volunteer in our community and protect this community both at home and abroad. Now that this impasse is behind us we'll focus on working with Air Combat Command on becoming an Active Association bringing almost 50 active duty Air Force Airmen to Fort Wayne while focusing on being selected as the next Air National Guard Joint Strike Fighter (F-35) base."

Maj. Gen. Umbarger said, "the 122nd Fighter Wing is a great part of our National Guard force in Indiana. Fort Wayne is the cost effective solution the nation needs in these challenging budgetary times. As the second safest Fighter Wing in the country along with being acknowledged this year as one of the top-five flying Wings in the country, 122nd Fighter Wing Airmen always stand forward to give our community, state and nation the best possible service day in and day out. When combat calls, our airmen deploy into harm's way without hesitation -- Blacksnakes are integral to keeping our great nation free! I could not be prouder of the decision Congress has made in keeping Fighters at the Fort."

FORT WAYNE



It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the 2012 Fort Wayne Air Show! With the leadership of Lt Col Brian "MadDawg" Frazier, Air Show Director, September 2nd marked the successful execution of the 122nd's first big air show in more than ten years. Frazier's ability to orchestrate the air show staff resulted in phenomenal community interest. The Air Show was even awarded the Large Show first place award for Commercial Television Division of the Marketing Competition at the 2012 International Council of Air Shows. The commercial was designed and filmed by Fort Wayne's own, Punch Films. More than 83,000 people were on base ready to witness the spectacle that was the Fort Wayne Air Show.

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THEIR OWN FLIGHT DEPLOYING THE AIR SHOW TOY PLANES



The weekend kicked off on August 31st with a barbeque dinner in the wing's main hangar. More than 3,500 people also attended an open air country concert featuring Fort Wayne's own Sugar Shot and one of Nashville's up and coming stars, Jason Michael Carroll. Those attending the concert were also entertained with a night pyrobatic display provided by Otto the Helicopter, and Oliver's SkyDancer.

Saturday and Sunday was filled with laughter, cheering and audible gasps from the crowd as aerobatic performers and The Golden Knights stunned the audience with their aerial skills and precision stunts. Despite the rain, tens of thousands of people were able to enjoy teams like the Air National Guard's John Klatt, Warbirds, The Golden Knights, and the weekend's headliner, the F-22 Raptor. There were also plenty of static displays to see such as the Tuskegee Airman Exhibit, B-25 Disabled American Veterans Team and the largest aircraft on display, the C-5 Galaxy.



AIR SHOW



"The Fort Wayne Air Show was a complete success," said Col. David L. Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander. "We couldn't have done it without the support of the community through sponsorships, in-kind donations, volunteerism and the incredible turnout on Friday, Saturday and Sunday."





DOD STARBASE INDIANA

SCIENCE - TECHNOLOGY - ENGINEERING - MATHEMATICS



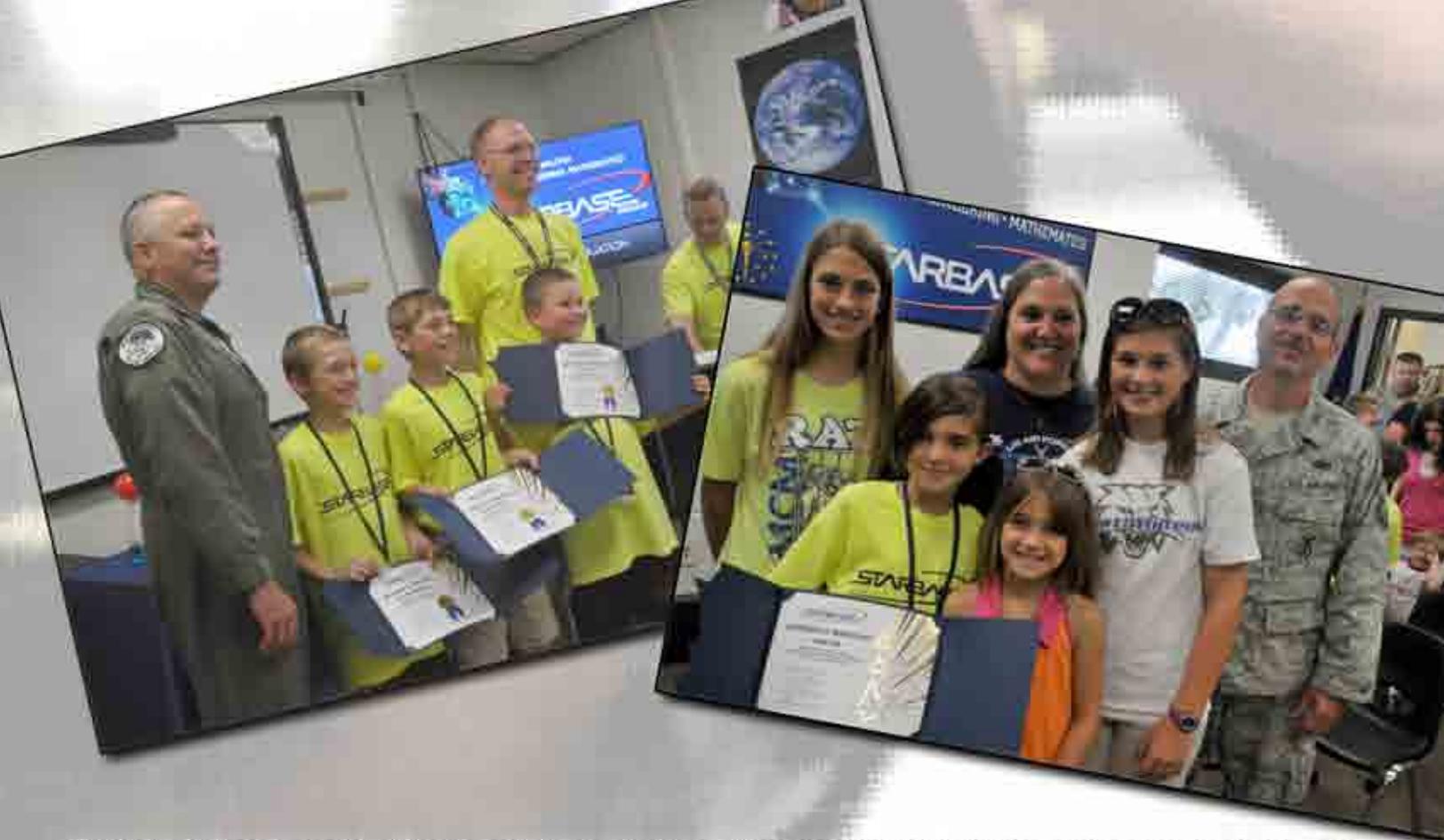
Indiana opened doors to new initiatives over public schools summer break. DoD STARBASE focuses on elementary students, primarily fifth graders. The goal is to motivate them to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, STEM, as they continue their education. The academies serve students that are historically under-represented in STEM. Students who live in inner cities or rural locations, those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, low in academic performance or have a disability are in the target group. The program encourages students to set goals and achieve them.

STARBASE Indiana was busy this past summer with programs that led them away from their traditional approach to teaching STEM, in the classroom environment. They presented their inquiry-based curriculum with its "hands-on, mind-on" approach to learning by visiting local children's hospitals, running a summer camp, opening homeschooler programs and hosting educational booths.

May 2, 2012, kicked off the summer long adventure when, for the first time, STARBASE worked with Lutheran Children's Hospital to provide a fun filled Science demonstration for children at the hospital. The Science experiments included properties of air, nano technologies and chemical & physical changes. Scott Liebhauser, STARBASE Indiana Director, Brande Morgan and Tom Foltz, STARBASE teachers, teamed up to treat children to the demonstration while other children, whose illness made them unable to attend in the activity room, were able to watch via the hospitals closed circuit television system from their room.

Tammy Else, Child Life Specialist Lutheran Children's Hospital said, "It helps to break the monotony of being stuck in the hospital, especially chronic kids, it's a neat way to share new experiences and really helps their healing." "This means so much to us to be able to do this, we have had so much community support in the past eight months and we wanted to give back. We would like to do more and plan other opportunities," said Liebhauser.





STARBASE visited Lutheran Children's Hospital another five times, once per month, as well as provided two week-long summer camp programs for military dependents and one home school camp. STARBASE Indiana participated in several community events by setting up educational booths at Big Brothers and Big Sisters events, Lego Week at Trine University Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Air Show. "These opportunities were non-directed by DoD and are unique to STARBASE Indiana," said Liebhauser. Even though school was out of session, STARBASE Indiana used the time to establish their unique program even further into the community in which they serve.



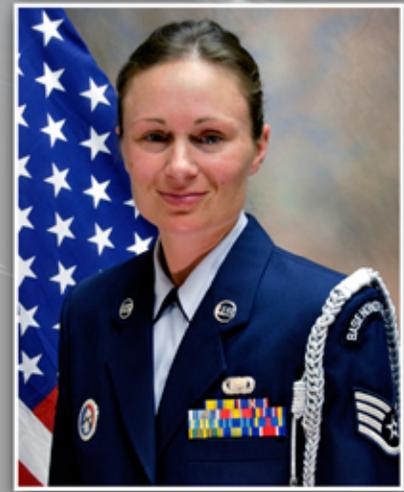


AIRMEN OF THE YEAR

122nd Fighter Wing Knowledge Operations Manager and Honor Guard member Staff Sgt. Carrie M. Kline was one of six Air National Guard Airmen recognized during the 2012 ANG Outstanding Airmen of the Year awards ceremony at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 22, 2012.

Kline, a traditional guardsman, farmer and stay-at-home mom to two boys, was recognized as the Honor Guard Member of the Year for 2012. Every year ANG units from the 54 states and territories submit their top performing airmen from more than 92,000 enlisted Airmen. This award recognizes these outstanding enlisted personnel for superior leadership, job performance, community involvement and personal achievements.

"Staff Sgt. Kline is a perfect example of the quality Airmen that serve at the 122nd Fighter Wing and I'm extremely proud of her and her accomplishments," said Col. David L. Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander.



"She has a service-dedicated spirit. Even though she is incredibly busy, she somehow manages to raise her hand for practically every honor guard assignment."

In her civilian life Kline assists her family in farming over 700 acres and tends to 200 head of cattle. "My boys [ages two and four] go with me everywhere," said Kline. "We do chores twice a day, every day, that consists of everything from feeding the cattle, bedding them, hauling manure and checking for new calves out in the pasture." In her spare time, Kline enjoys running and participates in several races throughout the year. "Right now I'm looking forward to hopefully participating in the 10K for our upcoming air show," said Kline. "I'm also signed up for the half marathon for the Fort4Fitness."

Despite her busy home-life, Kline still finds time to dedicate much of her time to the honor guard. "I was kind of in shock when I was told that I was selected as one of the top six," said Kline. "I know I volunteer a lot, but I'm always trying to think of what I can do to improve, and what else I can do to help out. I feel so privileged to have been selected and to be able to experience this."

The six award recipients spent a week in our nation's capital where they were treated with the upmost respect. "I had no idea what to expect," said Kline. "I knew it was a big deal, but I didn't realize how big."

The Airmen were recognized at various events throughout the week, and received awards from leaders including Lt. Gen. Wyatt, Director of the Air National Guard. "To tell you the truth, it was nerve-racking receiving the award from Lt. Gen. Wyatt, but protocol was always there to help us out," said Kline.

As Kline says, it is a privilege to be selected as one of the top six. It takes hard work, dedication and a drive to go above and beyond. Kline's recommendations to Airmen striving to end up in her shoes include volunteerism and passion. "Volunteer for something," said Kline. "Get yourself out there and volunteer for things at your base and the community. Have passion. Like for me, I absolutely love the honor guard. It's been eight years, and I still have the passion for it. My heart still pounds before every event, and I strive to do my best because I have the passion."



Staff Sgt. Carrie M. Kline, 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard is awarded Honor Guard Member of the Year during the 2012 Soldier and Airmen of the Year banquet at the Sheraton Pentagon City, Arlington, Va 24, Aug 2012. Also shown are (left to right) Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard, Gen. Mark A. Welch, Air Force Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, the director of the Air National Guard, Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall (left), the Senior Enlisted Leader of the National Guard Bureau, and Chief Master Sgt. Christopher E. Muncy, the command chief master sergeant to the director of the Air National Guard. (National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Preston)

2012 OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR



Capt Jeremy Stoner
Company Grade Officer of the Year



MSgt Cheryl Williams
Senior NCO of the Year



TSgt David Godwin
NCO of the Year



SrA Elisabeth Runser
Airman of the Year



Mrs. Kelly Hovarter
Wing Volunteer of the Year



2012 Fort Wayne AirShow Committee led by Lt Col Brian Frazier, Team Award



Maj Scott Boatright
Wing Commander/Command Chief Trophy



MSgt Douglas Dye
First Sergeant of the Year



SrA Ashley Thomas
Narrator

Tony Garton, speaker from Bluffton, Indiana, gave a message to the 122nd "Give value and worth to each other"





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Meet your newest Blacksnakes

as of 1 May 2013

Rank/Name	Month	Unit
A1C CALDWELL, JORDAN	Jan 13	122STUF/CES
TSGT APAT, MYCO		FW/PA
SSGT JOHNSON, PAULA		122STUF/MDG
A1C GLEASON, TAYLOR		122STUF/AMXS
A1C HODGE, CORY		122STUF/MXS
AB TINNEL, COREY		122STUF/CF
AB TINSLEY, NOAH		122STUF/MXS
A1C SKINNER, CORY		122CF
SRA WINEGARDNER, JACK		122STUF/SFS
SRA ANDERSON, BRANDON		122MDG
A1C REFFEITT, NICKOLAS	Feb 13	122STUF/AMXS
SRA FLOYD, SCOTT		122CES
A1C HARTUP, CASEY		122STUF/AMXS
AB HENLEY, KENT		122STUF/AMXS
A1C DOTY, SEAN		122STUF/AMXS
SSGT GEEGH, DEVIN		122STUF/AMXS
AB CALLAHAN, JIMMY		122STUF/CES
SRA FICK, RYAN		
AB GOODYEAR, SABRINA		122STUF/AMXS
A1C ZENT, JORDIN		122STUF/MXS
A1C HESSEL, ROSS	122STUF/MXS	
A1C JACQUAY, ANDREW	122STUF/CES	
SSGT MAXTON, DAVID	122STUF/	
SSGT JENNINGS, BRIAN	122STUF/MXS	
SSGT CARROLL, JOHN III	122CES	
A1C DAVIS, JOEL	122STUF/MXS	
SRA GRUBB, SHERYL	Mar 13	122STUF/CES
SRA BAXTER, MICHAEL		122AMXS
A1C CHANDLER, MICHAEL		122STUF/AMXS
A1C THACKER, AMANDA		122STUF/AMXS
SSGT BALMER, LAWRENCE		122STUF/MXS
SRA AMES, THEODORE		122STUF/CES
A1C MARCUM, MICHAEL		122STUF/CES
TSGT BENNETT, STEVEN		122STUF/OSF
A1C JOMO, FRANCIS		122STUF/MXS
SRA HOPKINS, ANDREW		122MDG
A1C GERBER, ALEX	122STUF/AMXS	
SSGT TUGGEL, SETH	Apr 13	122LRS
SSGT MOSER, TRENTON		122AMXS
SRA SANTOS, DAVID		122STUF/CF
A1C PARRA, ADRIANA		122STUF/CES
A1C REICHART, ROBERT		12STUF/AMXS
TSGT LOPEZ, DANIEL		122STUF/CES
SRA BOALS, JOSEPH		122FW

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