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CCMSGT COMMENTS



Sept 14, 2013, a Command Chief change of authority and promotion ceremony, was held here at the 122nd Fighter Wing. Christine A. Hutchins was promoted to Chief Master Sgt. and to the position of the 122nd Fighter Wing's Command Chief.

She thanked family, friends and distinguished guests for taking the time to support her. Addressing the entire unit, Hutchins said, "I'm both honored and excited about being selected to serve as the next 122nd Fighter Wing Command Chief. I enlisted into the 122nd Fighter Wing in 1982, and since that time, the Wing has gone through several changes. We have seen three aircraft conversions, two potential aircraft conversions, and I personally have been through three AFSC conversions. This is just a small representation of how changes are always present in the Air National Guard. We have some challenges and opportunities ahead of us,

but I am confident that we will overcome them in an outstanding fashion as we have in the past."

Hutchins began her career in 1982 enlisting here as an Administrative Communications Clerk in the Combat Support Squadron. She has served in various positions including Personnel Administrative Assistant, Commanders Assistant, Base Records Manager, Information Management, C4 Plans, and Cyber Systems Manager. She holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Indiana Institute of Technology and has been awarded with many superior performer recognitions and is highly decorated as an Information Management Craftsman.

To the enlisted members of the 122nd she expressed, "I am eager to have the chance to be your enlisted voice. If you don't see me when I'm out and about, my door will always be open. Please come share your thoughts and concerns with me."

She closed by thanking Chief Salway, "You have been a true inspiration and leader to all of us at the 122d. You have set the bar high, and I promise to work hard and continue to represent the Blacksnake enlisted force with honor and integrity as you did. Thank you."

Chief Master Sgt. Christine Hutchins, 122nd Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. has her Chief stripes tacked on by her father (left) Brig. Gen. Frank Hettlinger, retired Indiana Assistant Adjutant General - Air and her husband John Hutchins, Aug. 14, 2013.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Darin Hubble)

122 Fighter Wing FAMILY DAY 2013



The 122nd Fighter Wing unveiled two historical paintings by renowned artist and aviator Peter Westcott, July 20, 2013. He is a highly acclaimed internationally known artist, a member of the prestigious US Air Force Art Program and qualified pilot, whose aviation career has spanned more than 40 years. Unveiling of the paintings served as the kick-off to the unit's annual Family Day events. Family Day is an annual event designed to honor the families of our airmen for the sacrifices they have made while their loved one serves our great nation. Without the support of our families, our airmen would not be able to accomplish the mission.



In addition to the unveiling of two historical paintings, the day included many family-friendly activities for adults and children. Highlights of the day were a Hometown Heroes Salute, dunk tank, a blow-up water slide, A-10C Static Display, Sidewalk Chalk Art, Corn Hole Tournament, Volleyball Tournament, Ice Cream Social and many informational booths featuring organizations that offer services to our military members.

BOLD QUEST

13.2

The 122nd Fighter Wing hosted representatives from thirteen countries, here, from Sept. 4 – 8, 2013 for Bold Quest 13.2 (BQ 13.2), a multinational coalition capability demonstration.

BQ 13.2 is a multinational capabilities integration assessment event sponsored by the Joint Staff with participation from US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, SOCOM, STRATCOM, and Air/Army National Guard, and NATO partner nations of: AUS, BEL, CAN, DEU, DNK, FIN, FRA, GBR, ITA, NLD, NOR, SWE, NATO AEWG partner nations/organizations to test and verify communications technologies across varying combat identification systems with cyber event platforms and varying aircraft. It also tests emerging technologies and value added capability packages to communicate information between air and ground forces.

The key initiatives and activities being conducted during BQ 13.2 are Joint Fire Support Joint Mission Thread, Digitally Aided Fires/Close Air Support, Friendly Force Tracking, Combat Identification Server, and JOLTED Tactics (cellular based tactical communications). These are all being conducted on BQ 13.2 network architecture with distributed sites in a live/virtual capability development test environment. Technologies being demonstrated are various types of radios, tactical data links and network equipment used to support joint fires, joint terminal attack control, personnel recovery and other missions.

The demonstration will collect both technical data on systems and subjective judgments from the warfighters using them. BQ 13.2 leverages the varied ground and air environments and capabilities in Indiana to conduct approximately ten days of live/virtual, scenario-based operations across multiple initiative domains for data collection.

This is the third and largest Bold Quest demonstration that the Fort Wayne based, 122nd Fighter Wing, 163rd Fighter Squadron has taken part in. Navy F-18 Super Hornet Strike Fighter aircraft, Marine AV-8B Harrier, French Mirage 2000D Fighters, H-60 and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, Indiana National Guard Shadow and Denmark sponsored UAS Sky Watch Huginn Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and the 122nd Fighter Wings A-10C Thunderbolt II were included in both day and night scenarios during the demonstration. Grissom Air Reserve Bases KC-135R Stratotanker Refueling Aircraft and NATO E3A Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft (AWACS) were based at Grissom, also in support of the exercise.

Members of Bold Quest 13.2 pose with several of the aircraft flown during the demonstration Sept. 4-8, 2013. The 122nd Fighter Wings A10C Thunderjet II, French Mirage 2000, Marine AV-8B Harrier and Navy F-18 Super Hornet Strike Fighter aircraft flew in the week-long event.



Lt. Col. Olivier Kaladjian, Squadron Commander, Fighter and Experimentation Squadron 05.330, French Air Force commented by saying, “the biggest challenge is to improve the systems on the aircraft in real time, which is also our largest success so far. By matching our systems to other aircraft systems as we go, we have not only taken necessary big steps to improve our ability to communicate as a coalition force but also have taken every opportunity to interact with other coalition partners to strengthen relationships, it’s not all about the planes.”

More than eighty U.S. and Coalition Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC’s) took part in the demonstration at both Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, Edinburgh, Ind. and Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex, Butlerville, Ind. working with Digitally Aided Close Air Support equipment and procedures and Air-to-Ground Non-Cooperative Target Identification.

The base has prepared well and executed to plan the various components that are required to successfully plan, program and execute an exercise such as this. Capt. Roderick Metzler, 163rd Fighter Squadron Scheduling Officer and this year’s chief program officer for the 122nd Fighter Wings part in BQ13.2 said, “to put this on, this has been a total team effort, from Senior Master Sgt. Steven Till in Security Forces to Logistics, Avionics, Fire Services, Maintenance and Operations Squadron, the support has been outstanding – making this year a huge success!”



Brig. Gen. Reboul, French Air Force Commander shows Col. David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander his appreciation with a Mirage 2000 lithograph.



Bold Quest 13.2 members took every opportunity to interact with other coalition partners to strengthen relationships.



(Top Right) French Mirage 2000 Attack Aircraft position to refuel from a Grissom Air Reserve Base Stratotanker. (photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders Woepner



RED FLAG ALASKA

Go North The Rush Is On

Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing and ten A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft sent to participate in a ten-day exercise, Red Flag Alaska 13-3, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, returned Aug. 26, 2013.

“Taking part in exercises such as Red Flag Alaska is essential to the preparedness of our airmen,” said 122 FW Commander Col. David L. Augustine. “This was a great opportunity to train with allied nations and experience working with live munitions. It simulates the first ten days of combat in a war.”

While there the unit took part in exercises containing a total of 60 aircraft and 2,600 personnel, including Air Force, Air National Guard, Navy and Marines as well as forces from Australia and the Republics of South Korea and Japan. States represented from the U.S. military included Alaska, California, Washington, Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Aircraft flown were the 122nd Fighter Wings A-10C Thunderbolt II’s, F-15K Slam Eagles, F-15 Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcon’s, F-22 Raptor’s, F/A-18 Super Hornet’s, EA-18G Growler’s, C-130 Hercules, E-3 Sentry’s, KC-130 and KC-135 Refueling Aircraft.

Flying with this amount of varying aircraft, aircrew and support teams provides unique opportunities to integrate different forces into a joint coalition training enabling international units to sharpen their combat skills. This kind of dynamic training allows military units to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures and improves interoperability.

Forest fires closed some of the training area, providing creative restrictions. “The mountainous terrain was challenging, but the airspace was close and easily accessible. The Yukon [Military Operating Airspace] is also several times larger than the training areas available to our unit here,” said Major Jeremy Stoner, 122nd Fighter Wing Weapons Officer. There was a large force engagement of F16 aggressors and many staged aircraft involved with the exercise. “Being involved provided us the opportunity to learn a great deal about the capabilities of other platforms that we normally don’t get a chance to plan and execute missions with,” said Stoner.

The 122nd Fighter Wing’s Maintenance Group had many challenges while operating in Alaska. The distance that repair parts had to travel across the country, once ordered, made it difficult to respond quickly to maintenance issues. The large distance from the unit’s work area, the “Hawg Pin,” to where live munitions were loaded made the work difficult due to the additional time that it took for tools and movement of support equipment.

With a healthy mix of fulltime and traditional pilots, maintainers and support elements, the 180 Blacksnakes took advantage of the opportunity to work with live munitions and perform training that is not offered during home station training assemblies. Capt. Matthew Metzger, 122nd Fighter Wing Maintenance Officer said, “this prepared us from a maintenance aspect, it gave us a realistic picture of what it’s like to meet a real-world Air Tasking Order in a combat environment so it’s not brand new when we really are deployed.”



(clockwise from upper left) A 122nd Fighter Wing A-10C Thunderbolt II maneuvers to align with an Ohio Air National Guard KC-135 during an in-flight refueling operation.

Weapons Load crew members TSgt Ryan Mettert and SrA Eric McCartney position a live 500lb MK-82 bomb during loading operations at Eielson AFB's Live Ordnance Load Area. The unit expended over 90 live munitions and fired close to 10 thousand 30MM rounds over the two week period.

SrA Jeremiah Helgesen, an A-10C Crew Chief, marshalls aircraft into position on the RED FLAG aircraft ramp.

Fort Wayne A-10Cs taxi for departure during exercise operations. 122FW Blacksnakes launched over 180 sorties during the exercise.

Blacksnake maintainers inspect and transport munitions for daily flying operations.

Two A-10Cs fly in formation during the initial mobilization from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Fairbanks, Alaska.



Around The Wing



Gov. Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, hosted the "Walk a Mile with Mike" event at the Big Brothers, Big Sisters office near Foster Park in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, July 31, 2013. Despite the rain, many community and civic leaders, including Fort Wayne Mayor, Tom Henry, took part in the walk. Gov. Pence hosts these events around the state to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle for Indiana youth. Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing took part in the walk helping to demonstrate how physical fitness and healthy habits are important for our military community as well.

Senior Airman Scott Rickey and Master Sgt. Brandon Herber, 122nd Fighter Wing, Security Forces members train approximately 40 army personnel on slingload operations, Grissom AFB, In. Herbers role as the pathfinder was to rig, inspect, and certify all slingloads. and to act as the signalman to ensure all safety and slingload requirements were met. Rickey assisted with rigging the loads and performed Air Traffic Control for the UH-60 Blackhawks.



Staff Sgt. Chris Tellez, Senior Airman Scott Rickey and Senior Airman Josh Emrick lead a five day Designated Marksman course Camp Atterbury, In. The course trains members on precision marksmanship, range estimation, and target detection. Photos by Master Sgt. Brandon Herber



Q & A with 122nd Fighter Wing 2013 Volleyball Tournament Champions Security Forces, Master Sgt. Calvin Mayatte

Q. "Why do you think the turnout at the tournament was at such an increase, as compared to previous years?"

A. "I think the word finally got out about AMMO and their streak...we wanted to finally unseat them."

Q. Have you participated in past years? If so, why do you keep coming back?

A. "First time for us. Definitely plan on playing again next year".

Q. Why does AMMO always win? Who's your prediction to win this year?

A. "I think they recruit pro volleyball players and enlist them".

Q. If you could improve one thing about the tournament, what would you change?

A. Honestly, this is the first time for us, but the turnout was awesome. The organization is in place...it's just a great tournament. Lotta fun."



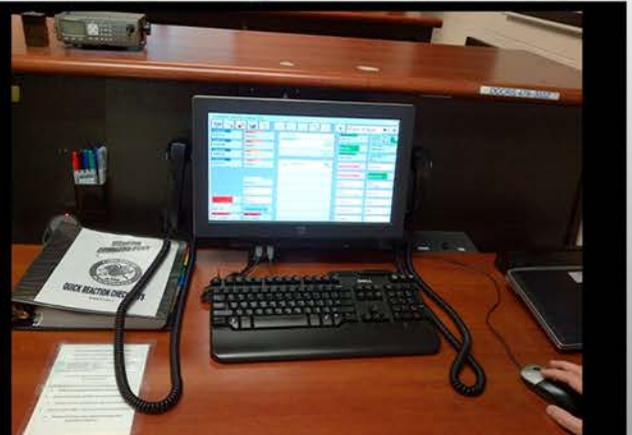


Airmen of the Year Military Introduction Rides

The 122nd Fighter Wing 2013 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and other award recipients experienced a Military Introduction Ride in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the Indiana Army National Guard. The award winners were joined by friends and family members that came to see them take off. After a safety briefing from the Blackhawk crew on emergency procedures and expectations for the flight, they were then given a walk around tour of the aircraft prior to flight. Once all riders were properly secured, they were given the option of flying with the doors open or closed. The immediate response from all riders was a unanimous, "OPEN!" The award winners then lifted off. The flight took them east to rural sections of Indiana where they experienced many of the maneuvers that the Blackhawk was capable of performing, including 30 degree banked turns and dramatic changes in altitude. The flight continued over downtown Fort Wayne towards southwest Allen County, then to northern Wells County where many football spectators at Norwell High School waved at the Blackhawk as it flew over. The flight concluded by flying north to the 122nd Fighter Wing where the riders got an upclose view of a FedEx aircraft performing touch and go's at the airport. As all the riders disembarked the Blackhawk with the engine still running, the ear-to-ear smiles told the story of a flight they will never forget.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

The holidays have arrived early for the Blacksnake Command Post section and Master Sgt. Anthony Vining, NCOIC of operations. Officially accepted on Aug 1, 2013, the work center of eight airmen received a state-of-the-art, \$250,000 hardware and operating system upgrade. The project took two weeks to install, followed by one week of programming. Until now, the 122nd Fighter Wing was one of the last units using an outdated, multi-console system. **!This new system will increase our (Command Post) emergency response efficiency by 80 percent!**, stated Vining. Prior to the upgrade, an operator was responsible for over six separate phone lines, 4 radio channels and multiple binders of checklists. Now, all that and more are instantly accessible with the swipe of a finger. Vining explained that emergency checklists are now incorporated into the system, reducing the potential for errors. Unique to this system is the 'find me' feature that will continually redial multiple numbers for an individual until contact is made, providing faster alert time to commanders. More importantly, this new system mirrors the equipment these airmen will utilize in a deployed environment, allowing them to train more effectively for combat operations.





The 122nd Fighter Wing is excited to see plans coming together for STARBASE Indiana for 2014, giving students across Fort Wayne the opportunity to learn Science Technology Engineering and Math through hands-on, mind-on education here at the 122nd Fighter Wing.

Since opening its doors on February 14, 2011, STARBASE Indiana has been filled to capacity with well over 1000 graduates. The STARBASE Indiana vision is to raise students' interest in STEM and to improve their knowledge and skills in these areas. Only in its second year, "STARBASE Indiana is making a major impact on the youth of Northern Indiana," said Col David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander. "The 2013/2014 school year is again completely filled up and will, no doubt, be another tremendous year of STEM learning for the students."

Pre and Post Testing of students reveal a remarkable improvement in the students' STEM knowledge; on average, scores increase 43%. According to the Academy Director, Scott Liebhauser, students typically enter STARBASE with low enthusiasm for STEM subjects and graduate with an excitement that flows into their future studies. This success is exemplified by overwhelming positive feedback from schoolteachers, principals, and parents who want to ensure their students will be back the following year.

Indian Village Elementary teacher Stephanie Sheumann said, "STARBASE has offered my students amazing opportunities to explore areas of STEM that I cannot provide in my everyday classroom setting." STARBASE Indiana is unique in that it complements national curriculum standards while providing opportunities for advanced STEM applications. During the five-day program, students (primarily fifth-grade students) are learning to become engineers using CAD (Computer Aided Design) software, 3D design and printing, and team activities relating to the Engineering Design Process. In addition, students learn robotics and rocketry through hands-on learning. These topics are just the beginning, as the jam-packed curriculum also includes nanotechnology, physics, chemistry, navigation, data analysis, and geometry. Did I mention that these are fifth-grade students both learning and applying these concepts?

Sheumann also said the enthusiasm her students have shown for this program "is overwhelming. Last year's students referred to what they learned throughout the entire school year. To watch them work together, challenge themselves, and take great satisfaction in their successes is the perfect recipe for a teacher's "great day"."



To get a student's perspective of the academy: Aaron's favorite topic was the science behind fires and firefighting. Aaron (call sign: Mastermind) stated, "(I) had no idea how much science was involved in putting out fires!" He also loved the fact that you can actually have fun while learning science. Noelle (call sign: Cocoa Pebbles) loves the teamwork and mission focus of the activities. She is excited about chemistry and "discovering what happens when different chemicals are mixed together."

Liebhauser sees STARBASE Indiana and other youth STEM initiatives as critical in meeting the needs of our economy. Liebhauser declares, "If we fail to get younger students excited about STEM now, we will not have a viable future workforce to employ the highly technological careers which will be the cornerstone of our economy in the next generations." He also said, "If we do not grab their attention and enthusiasm early in hands-on programs like STARBASE, they will not be prepared for the rigor of future college studies and high demand careers like engineering."

Not only is STARBASE Indiana serious about educating local fifth-grade students, but they are also dedicated to working with the local Fort Wayne community, which supports its efforts. Each month, the STARBASE staff presents a science program to the Lutheran Children's Hospital patients. This program allows STARBASE members to brighten kids' days with some amazing experiments and also provides their parents and medical staff with information on resources and activities that they can work on while at the hospital and after the children are discharged.

STARBASE Indiana is a premier educational program sponsored by the Department of Defense and also supported through local contributions. At STARBASE Indiana, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in STEM. They are instructed by STARBASE teachers and interact with military personnel, exploring technological careers and observing STEM applications in the "real world." The academy provides students with 25 hours of stimulating experiences at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne; the home of the Blacksnakes.

STARBASE is looking forward to future successes as today's students become tomorrow's innovators. To find out more about STARBASE Indiana, visit the website at www.starbasein.org.



Above, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth elementary school participates in an online visit, through skype to the classroom with NASA astronaut Michael Good. As the children asked questions the projection screen was filled with the images of Good's space missions to show, as well as explain, his responses.

Right, Scott Liebhauser, Director of STARBASE Indiana, demonstrates where to place an egg on the wooden A-10 model during an engineering design portion of a class.



From left to right, Tom Fultz, STARBASE Instructor, Col. David Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander, Amber Goad, intern and Scott Liebhauser, Director STARBASE Indiana, hand out graduation certificates June 2013 to a summer class specifically for military members 5th grade students.

1ST FEMALE COMSgt

at the Fort



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Salway has been selected to serve as the State Command Chief for the Indiana Air National Guard at Joint Force Headquarters in Indianapolis. Commander of the 122nd Fighter Wing, David L. Augustine said of both Chiefs, "Men and women of the 122nd Fighter Wing, this is a momentous occasion for all of us, I could not be prouder of these two blacksnakes that we honor today, they represent the very best of the Air Force, the Air National Guard and the 122nd Fighter Wing." He said to Chief Master Sgt. Hutchins, "You are the right leader for the right time, at the right place, to follow in the footsteps of Command Chief Salway. I say ~follow~ lightly because I know that you will make your own tracks just as Chief Salway did in taking this wing to new heights. This is a very important day in the history of the wing, a historic event, we salute promoting our first ever female airman into the position of Wing Command Chief!"

Duties of the Wings Command Chief include understanding the challenges ahead of our airmen as we continue to fill an operational role overseas while protecting the homeland here in Indiana. Hutchins understands the challenges of conversion, grade leveling and airman development. "She will be an ambassador on not only the local or state scene but also the national scene for airman programs, her keen eye towards morale will allow us to enhance family programs and airmen programs alike." said, Augustine.

Hutchins taking the opportunity to address the formation gathered for the ceremony said, "I'm both honored and excited about being selected to serve as the next 122nd Fighter Wing Command Chief -I am eager to have the chance to be your enlisted voice." She shared her understanding that change is a constant factor in the Air National Guard illustrated by sharing that she has personally changed AFSC's and taken part in aircraft conversions three times in her career. "We have some challenges in front of us but I am confident that we will overcome them in an outstanding fashion as we have in the past!"

In attendance was Indiana Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Brig. Gen Jeffrey Hauser, retired Maj. Gen Frank Hettlinger, Hutchins father and former Air National Guard Commander of Indiana, David L. Augustine, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander, James Gordon, Indiana Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj., Mr. Paul Lagemann, representative for Senator Dan Coats, family and friends of both Salway and Hutchins.

122FW UNDER FIRE

The 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base. Civil Engineering, Fire and Emergency Services received the third Rapid Intervention Vehicle KME FORCE fire truck delivered to the Air National Guard, Sept 24, 2013.

The Bio Deisel20, 2013 Ford 550 converted by KME Kovatch Mobile Unit, Nesquehoning, Pa. is capable of putting fire out by using only up to a six percent to ninety-four percent foam to water mixture. This mixture creates dense foam. This dense foam not only suffocates fire faster but cools the fire stopping it from re-igniting Mr. Fred Terryn, Program Manager, HQ USAF Fire and Emergency Services said, "a lot of states like this system due to water conservation. It took 1500 gallons of water with older trucks to do the same work as this one does on just 400 gallons."

Another improvement is the Ultra High Pressure Nozzle. The new technology makes water droplets smaller so ensuring coverage is more complete. "This is different from what we are used to – it's less expensive than our traditional trucks which makes a difference to the base, the concept of big water has gone away, this thing has more capacity because it needs less to do the same job"

A total of 20 trucks went into service before Aug. 1, 2013, three went to Osan Korea, one went to Okinawa, Japan and the remainder went to the Air National Guard. Each unit that received a truck will also receive hands-on training from KME. "Manufacturing the fire truck is only one part of it" said Terry Rutch, Trainer, KME Kovatch Mobile Unit, Nesquehoning, Pa. "We tested the trucks up against JP8 fuel fires at Tyndal Air Force Base, Fl., we try these against real fires to prove they work hoping that you guys never have to!"



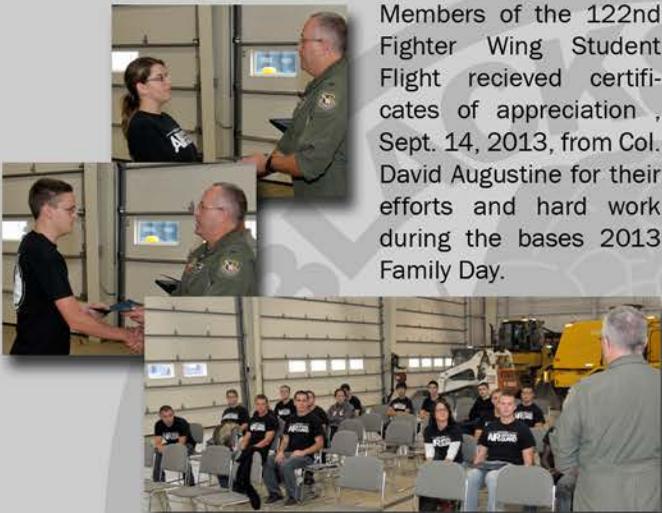
The 122nd Fighter Wing Fire Services received their 2013 KME Ford F550 Conversion, Sept. 25, 2013 . The trucks system mixes foam with water to suffocate as well as cool fire. This truck is the third truck to be delivered to the Air National Guard and the twentieth truck to be delivered to the Air Force.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Darin Hubble



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Meet your newest Blacksnakes



Members of the 122nd Fighter Wing Student Flight recieved certificates of appreciation , Sept. 14, 2013, from Col. David Augustine for their efforts and hard work during the bases 2013 Family Day.



The 122nd Fighter Wing enlisted its 122nd new member for 2013. The Fighter Wing currently boasts 103.5 percent strength with manning just fewer than one thousand.

John Roenneburg a graduate of New Haven High School, New Haven, Ind., raised his right hand Aug. 22, 2013 to become one of the newest members of the 122nd. Roenneburg was introduced to the idea of "joining up" when spoken to by Col. David Augustine, Commander, 122nd Fighter Wing, at a Fort Wayne Community event where the two were in attendance.

Roenneburg has been assigned as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance, A-10, technician, also known as a Crew Chief, until he can use the GI Bill and the National Guard Supplemental Grant to attend college, graduate and realize his dream of becoming a fighter pilot. As the unit works to get him to basic and technical training school he will participate in the unit's student flight program.

At the beginning of this past year, Augustine challenged the base to produce 122 new members for the 122FW in 2013. Between recruiting new members and re-enlisting members currently serving, the unit has not only met this challenge but is set to clearly exceed expectations. "An important metric to measure the strength of an organization is to evaluate the quality and quantity of personnel it can recruit and retain, by that standard the 122nd Fighter Wing is in very good shape," said Master Sgt. Kal Slater, 122nd Fighter Wing, Recruiting Office Supervisor.