



official newsletter of the 124th Fighter Wing

# THE BEACON



COMBAT EXCELLENCE-ALWAYS ON MISSION

# FROM THE DESK OF THE WING COMMANDER

COL. TIM DONNELLAN



Wow, what a busy month January turned out to be! We knew it was going to be tough, but the combination of Green Flag, January Drill with the mid-phase IG inspection, Chief Hotaling's visit, Outstanding Airman of the Year Banquet, ASOS TDY to Gila Bend AZ, weather and the countless other things that you do every day made the month of January a slug fest. You, the Airmen of the 124 Fighter Wing, did a phenomenal job and I'm proud of you. This edition of *The Beacon* will feature articles discussing in detail the results of that inspection, as well as a feature on our snow removal team.

Airpower in and of itself is an impressive but useless commodity. It is the projection of that power that makes it great, and takes the mighty A-10 war machine from the air show static that kids love to climb around to the combat power instrument that strikes fear in the hearts of our enemies. Every single one of us has a stake in the projection of combat air power. Whether you're a fighter pilot engaging in combat, a crew chief launching, a security forces Airman protecting the force/jets, or the flight surgeon giving us all a thumbs up to deploy, we have skin in the game.

Last week I had the great pleasure of spending time with our 124 Fighter Wing Snow Removal Team, whom I feel exemplify the concept above. The level of dedication and professionalism they show by maintaining our snow plows and brushes, being prepared for the 0300 phone call, and keeping up with their proficiency on the equipment is staggering. The night before the A-10s were scheduled to leave for Green Flag we received enough snow and freezing rain to render the ramp unusable. Our snow removal team took this as a challenge and set to work clearing the ramp. The end result was the ultimate goal of the 124 Fighter Wing – projection of air power, as the airplanes were only delayed 30 minutes from their originally scheduled takeoff time. A phenomenal feat, especially when considering they also plowed the major surface streets on Gowen and assisted the IDARNG by plowing in front of the C-12 hangar. I can only say thank you for all you do and a special thanks to the snow removal team for not only making the Green Flag launch come together, but for putting a fighter pilot friendly joy-stick in the cab to maneuver the shovel! Truly the best part, as it even has a trigger on it!

We've got a packed Feb UTA as we do our PHA Festival and continue to knock out our annual requirements. Be safe in all you do, keep an eye on each other and don't forget to take a knee if you need to. Each of you is critical to the mission of the 124 Fighter Wing and are irreplaceable. I look forward to seeing you at Feb UTA!

Attack!

-Donut



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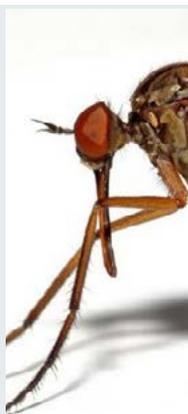
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# PRIMARY UTA EVENTS



## FEB. DRILL CALENDAR SATURDAY

0800-1600 - PHA Festival, Bldg. 1500  
 0830 - Enlisted Promotion Board, Bldg. 600  
 1300 - CDC Testing  
 1300 - Fitness Test, Bldg. 1530  
 1400 - AMXS Change of Command, Bldg. 148  
 1500 - Joint Enlisted Council, Bldg. 400 Conference Room  
 1500 - Lt. Col. Kauffman Retirement, Base Theater  
 1530 - Chief Nelson Retirement, Indoor Pavillion  
 1700-1900 - Lt. Col. Kauffman Informal Ceremony, MCAC

## SUNDAY

0800-1600 - PHA Festival, Bldg. 1500  
 0830 - CDC Testing  
 1300 - MSM Presentation, SMSgt Stephens, Bldg. 503  
 1400 - MSM Presentation, Lt. Col. Sumner, Bldg. 400  
 1500 - OSS Assumption of Command, Bldg. 600, Brooks Aud.

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

SATURDAY (\$5.55)

### Main Line:

Beef Stroganoff  
 Egg Noodles  
 Pasta Primavera  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Brown Gravy  
 Rice Lyonnaise  
 Peas w/ Carrots  
 Parmesan Cauliflower  
 Wisconsin Soup  
 Tomato Bisque Soup  
 Biscuits

### Short Order Line:

Grilled Cheddar Bacon- Tomato Sandwich  
 Chili  
 Hamburgers  
 Cheeseburgers  
 Breaded Shrimp  
 Fries

### Desserts:

Pecan Pie  
 Dessert Bar Variety  
 Chocolate Cake  
 Peanut Butter Cookie

SUNDAY (\$5.55)

### Main Line:

Bourbon Chicken  
 Orange Spice-  
 Pork Chops  
 Lemon Rice  
 Parsley Butter-  
 tered Potatoes  
 Vegetable Key-  
 Largo Blend  
 Corn  
 Fiesta Tortilla Soup  
 Clam Chowder

### Short Order Line:

Pork Cubano Sandwich  
 Chicken Strips  
 Hamburgers  
 Cheeseburgers  
 Onion Rings

\*\*\*REMEMBER\*\*\* This schedule is subject to change. Check the current Fragmentary Order for updates.

# ACTIVE SHOOTER GUIDE

## HOW TO RESPOND

### WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

**“Lockdown, lockdown, lockdown”** heard over the public address system, text message, radio, by word of mouth or seen as a desktop message will signal that an active shooter situation exists.

Personnel in the **immediate area of the shooter** will:

- ✓ **ESCAPE (Evacuate if possible):**
  - A. Identify an escape route beforehand.
  - B. Leave belongings behind, help others evacuate if possible and prevent others from entering the area. Escape regardless of whether or not others agree to follow.
  - C. Do not attempt to move wounded personnel
  - D. Follow instructions of Security Forces/civilian LE when encountered
- ✓ **BARRICADE/HIDE OUT (If evacuation isn't possible):**
  - A. Silence cell phones, lock and barricade the door. If unable to lock door, create obstacles.
  - B. Relocate personnel from hallways and common areas to secure areas
  - C. Be out of the shooter's view and in an area that provides protection if shots are fired.
  - D. Be ready to **FIGHT** if necessary. Find an improvised weapon to strike or throw at shooter.
- ✓ **FIGHT (Not a Last Option, but only when it offers best chance for survival):**
  - A. This is used as a last resort or if the opportunity presents itself. **DO NOT SEEK OUT SHOOTER. EXAMPLE:** When the shooter is reloading the weapon or when the shooter has his/her back turned to you.
  - B. Use the amount of force you deem reasonable. Deadly force is authorized when an individual reasonably believes he/she, or others in the area, is/are in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.
- ✓ **CALL 911 or BDOC at 422-5366 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**  
(If you can't speak, leave the line open for the dispatcher)

## HOW TO RESPOND

### WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

- ✓ **HOW YOU SHOULD REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:**
  - A. Remain calm and **follow instructions** while moving to the assembly point
  - B. Keep hands empty and visible at all times
  - C. Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
- ✓ **INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR:**
  - A. Location and number of active shooters
  - B. Physical description of shooters and types of weapons used
  - C. Number of potential victims at the location

## RECOGNIZING SIGNS

### OF POTENTIAL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

- ✓ **Increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs**
- ✓ **Depression/Withdrawal**
- ✓ **Increasingly talks of problems at home**
- ✓ **Unexplained increase in absenteeism, and/or vague physical complaints**
- ✓ **Unsolicited comments about violence, firearms, dangerous weapons and violent crimes**

# OUTSTANDING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR WINNERS AND BANQUET 2016



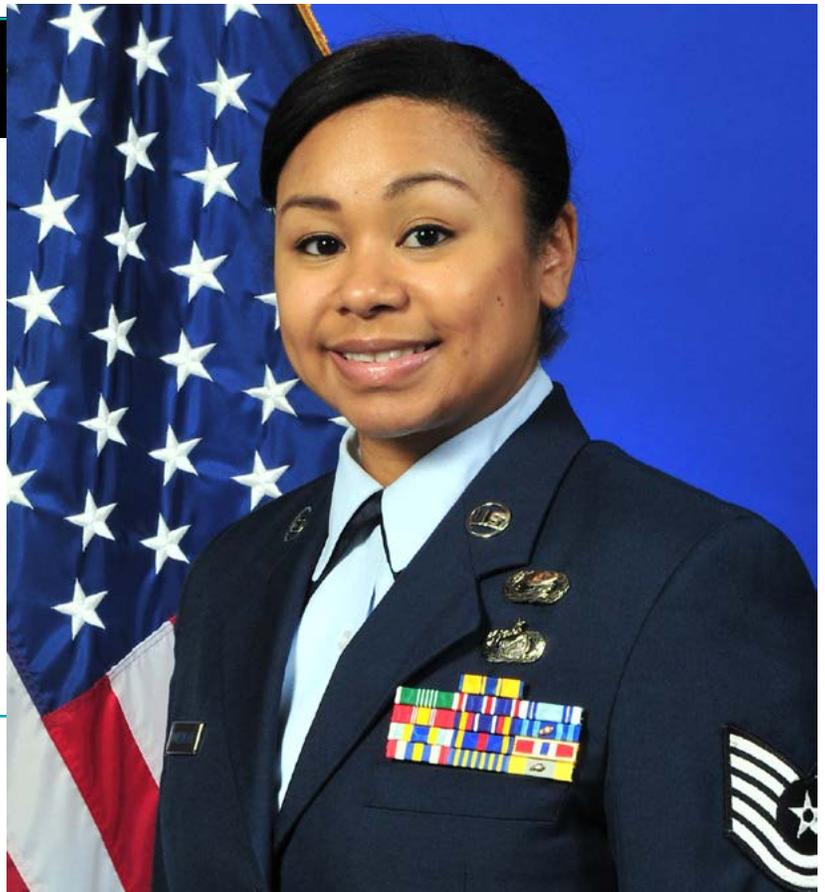


**SENIOR NCO  
MSGT JOSEPH KUNZ  
124TH COMPTROLLER FLIGHT**

Master Sgt. Joseph Kunz is from the 124th Comptroller Flight. Kunz is the budget analyst, where he advises Idaho Air National Guard leadership on budget formulation and the execution of \$34 million dollar annual budget. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. Kunz has also received a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification from Boise State University. Kunz is married and is the father of four boys. His free time is spent with family and as a Boy Scout Leader and Optimist Football coach for his children.

**NCO  
TSGT CHRISTINA ROHRENBACH  
124TH FIGHTER WING STAFF**

Tech. Sgt. Christina Rohrenbach is the Wing Command Support Staff, where she is responsible for personnel actions and programs for 60 Airman within the Fighter Wing Staff and Comptroller Flight. Rohrenbach is actively involved in the fighter wing, holding positions such as the NCO Council President and the Air Advisor for the Joint Diversity Council. She has a bachelor's degree in Biology with a pre-medical emphasis; she ultimately is seeking a master's degree in Education. Rohrenbach enjoys spending her off time with family and friends as well as volunteering within her community.



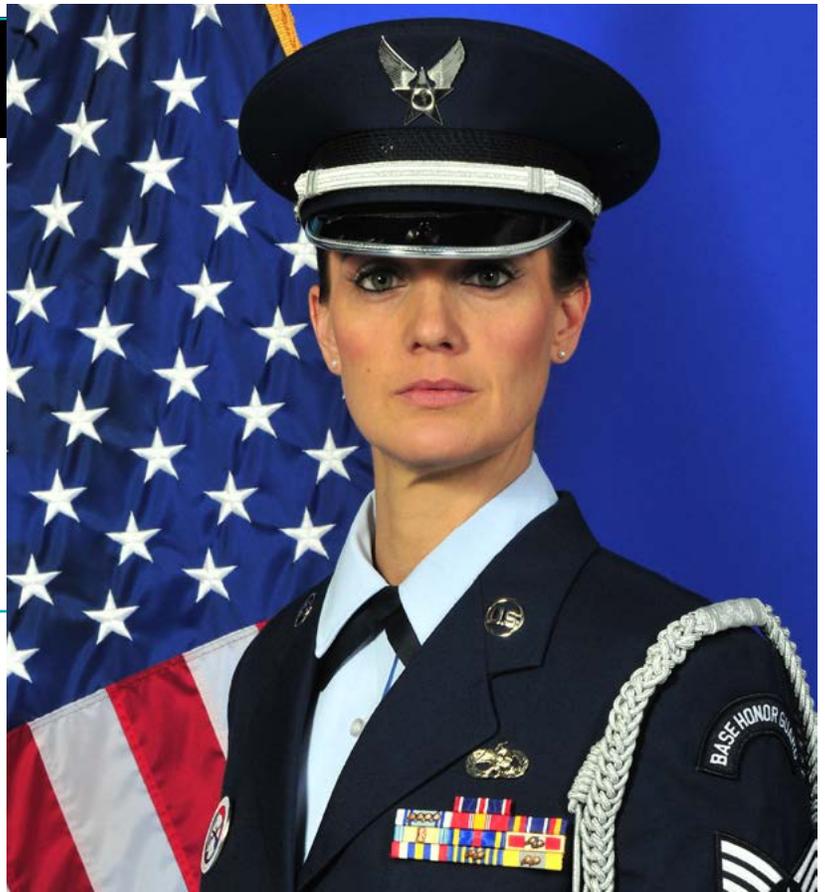


**AIRMAN  
SRA NEIL MOONEY  
124TH AIR SUPPORT OPS SQUADRON**

Senior Airman Neil Mooney is a fully qualified Joint Terminal Attack Controller for the ASOS. As a civilian student, he is in his second year at Lewis-Clark State College working towards his bachelor's degree in Nursing while simultaneously completing his Paramedic certification, both of which are slated to be complete by December 2016. In his spare time Mooney works as a consultant for QantaDyn developing technology for next generation JTAC simulators and also is active with the Asotin volunteer fire department in Lewiston as an EMT.

**HONOR GUARD  
TSGT ANDREA STANSELL  
124TH MAINTENANCE OPS FLIGHT**

Tech. Sgt. Andrea Stansell is currently assisting as the Unit Deployment Monitor for the Maintenance Group where she oversees the deployment readiness and manning levels for over 450 members. She has completed her associate's degree in Health Information Technology at DeVry University and is currently finishing her bachelor's degree in Technical Business Management. In her spare time she trains for figure fitness competitions and is a member of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club.





**FIRST SERGEANT  
MSGT SARA PIPPITT  
124TH MAINTENANCE GROUP**

Master Sgt. Sara Pippitt is currently a First Sergeant serving as a key enlisted advisor to the commander on matters concerning morale, welfare, and quality of life issues for over 300 personnel. Pippitt has completed a master degree and two bachelor degrees and is pursuing another degree in Human Resource Management through the CCAF. She enjoys spending her time off as an active member of the Rose Hill Montessori Parent Teacher Organization, serving the last four years as the chairperson of the school's main fund raising campaign.

“Choosing a single Airman for each category isn't an easy task because our military is comprised of nothing but extraordinary individuals. Even within our organization of excellence there's those who stars shine a little brighter, those persons who go a little farther, and push a little harder.”

*-Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling*







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# AIR NATIONAL GUARD COMMAND CHIEF VISITS THE WING

by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney  
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air National Guard Command Chief visited the 124th Fighter Wing at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho Jan. 9, 2016.

Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling took time during the visit to speak with 124th Fighter Wing's junior enlisted Airmen and student flight trainees during two enlisted all calls.

Hotaling addressed concerns regarding the future of the A-10 Thunderbolt II flying mission and inquiries about the recently announced cyber mission slated for the Idaho guard.

"The average Idaho Airman will never have to worry about having an Air Force mission--that mission can change," said Hotaling. "The cyber mission is a new platform and no different than the piece of metal that we traditionally see on the ramp. It's just a different way

that we deliver Air Force capability."

He used the example of the cavalry that was the weapon system of choice for militaries around the world for more than 400 years. In 1939 tanks, trucks, and airplanes came on the scene and the cavalry weapon system became obsolete.

"There's nothing wrong with the cavalry person, there's nothing wrong with the cavalry weapon system--except that it became obsolete by technology and there's nothing you can do about that," Hotaling said. "So what did the cavalry people do? They dismounted their horses and become those tank drivers, airplane pilots, bombardiers, and gunners."

Airmen were given the opportunity to interact with Chief Hotaling and ask him any questions they had about the Air Force and the Air National Guard. Hotaling discussed his key focus areas that

include the renewing of the commitment to the profession of arms, the health of the force, and recognizing and embracing the accomplishments of Airmen.

"I truly appreciate Chief Hotaling and all of the Airmen who were able to interact with him while he was here in Idaho," said Chief Master Sgt. Tammy Ladley, 124th Fighter Wing command chief. "His message at the all calls were what the Airmen needed to hear and he even made time to provide several Airmen with leadership development."

Renewing of the commitment to the profession of arms includes the Air Force core values, focus on performance and training, and education requirements. A part of the profession of arms includes leadership, mentorship, and supervision as well as the deliberate development of Airmen. Hotaling discussed Air Force Instruction 36-

2618, the Enlisted Force Structure, also known as the “Little Brown Book” and the importance it has to the career of every Airmen.

“In any Airman’s career they are defined by education, training and experiences,” said Hotaling. “Experiences are the only way you can validate where you are at and where you are going. This means volunteering for deployments, volunteer for exercises, do those extra things that help you broaden your perspectives and test your skills. That’s what makes you a good airman and that’s how an Idaho guardsman controls their destiny.”

Other topics included the health of the force. Resiliency was a part of the discussion, which included mental, physical, social and spiri-

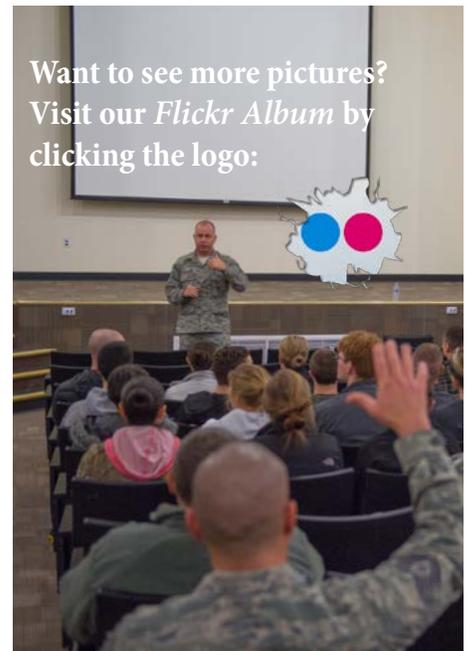
tual aspects. As part of the health of the force, Hotaling discussed the importance of sexual assault prevention and response. Focus on safety and employment of new technologies round out the discussion on health of the force.

Recognizing and embracing Airmen’s accomplishments was also one of the topics discussed during the all call. Telling Airmen’s stories and recognizing them both informally and formally is important. Informal recognition like thanking them for coming in, is one of the easiest ways to let Airmen know that they are valued everyday.

“If you are a supervisor, it is your job to recognize the Airmen that work for you,” said Hotaling. “In my office we have a no handshake

policy. When people come in to meet me we give high-fives. The psychology of a high-five equals 15 minutes of positive conversation.”

According to Hotaling, each Airman has a part and fits into the Total Force mission, “At any moment, they can be called upon by their nation or state and have to take what they do here seriously and mobilization is a reminder of it.”



IG CORNER



by Lt. Col. Mike Knowles  
 124th Fighter Wing Inspector General  
 During January drill the ACC/IG team conducted a mid-point evaluation of the 124th Fighter Wing and came away impressed with the attitude and professionalism of the wing and the

strength of the commander’s inspection program (CCIP). This is a credit to the engagement of Airmen at all levels and the leadership of commanders and supervisors. The mid-point evaluation acts as a progress check of sorts during the four-year capstone inspection cycle, scheduled at Gowen Field for September 2017.

Though no grade was given this January—the grade will come during the capstone—the IG team identified five strengths, six superior performers, eight recommended improvement areas, and a handful of deficiencies. Their feedback will be very useful in helping the wing pursue continual improvement and mission excellence and gives the wing an op-

portunity to show the strength of the CCIP. Moving forward this strength is manifest in how we as a wing respond to deficiencies and recommended improvement areas, diligently analyze weak areas, and develop enduring corrective action to improve our processes and readiness.

As the wing IG, I want to personally thank everyone that has put in so much effort to bolster our CCIP. Airmen engagement and command team leadership are two critical pillars of a strong wing CCIP. The CCIP functions only when all Airmen within the wing embrace the principles of awareness, transparency, and diligence, reflected so aptly in the mantra of Know It, Show It, Fix It.

## YOUR 124 FW INSPECTION PROGRAM

CCIP PRIORITIES

- 1. AWARENESS ..... KNOW IT!**
- 2. TRANSPARENCY ..... SHOW IT!**
- 3. DILIGENCE ..... FIX IT!**

YOUR ROLE

STOP THIS

DO THIS

Superior Performers

SrA William Anderson

124th Fighter Wing Staff

TSgt Sean Bryson

124th Communications Flight

TSgt Erica Swenda

124th Medical Group

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124th Communications Flight

SMSgt James Webb

124th Logistics Readiness Squadron

# Want to inspect?

The 124th Fighter Wing Staff wants YOU

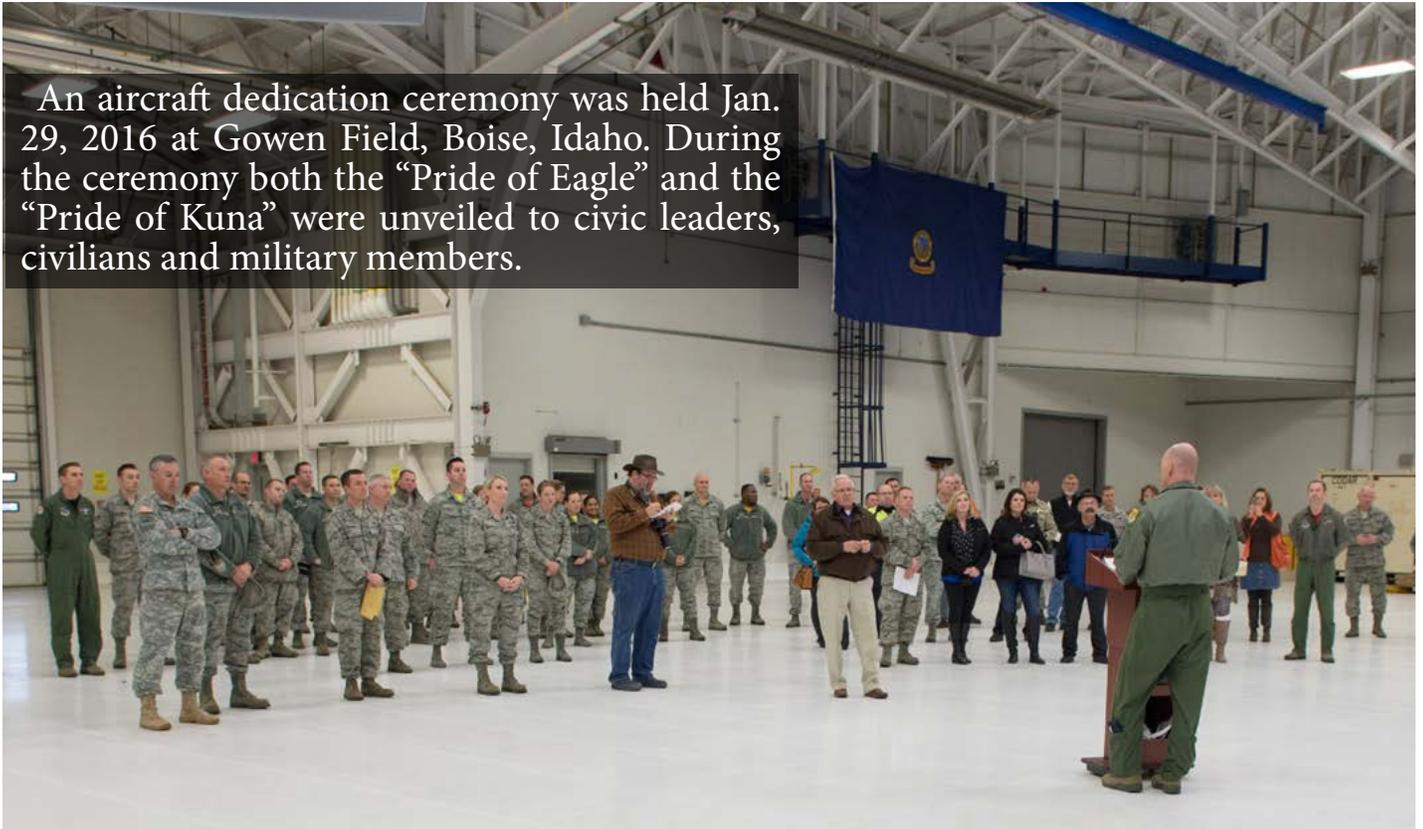
The 124th Fighter Wing is looking for traditional officers interested in filling the vacant Director of Inspections (IGI) position on the Fighter Wing Staff. The IGI oversees the entire Wing inspection process as part of the Commander's Inspection Program. This position is open to rated or non-rated officers with the rank of Major or that are promotable to Major and can become a flying billet if the member selected is current and qualified in the A-10.

**If you are interested in this traditional position please contact Capt Scott Walker, 124 FW/CCE (422-6162) or Lt Col Mike Knowles, 124 FW/IG (422-5027) no later than Mar. 6, 2016.**

# DEDICATION TO KUNA AND EAGLE

NOSE ART REVEALED

An aircraft dedication ceremony was held Jan. 29, 2016 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. During the ceremony both the “Pride of Eagle” and the “Pride of Kuna” were unveiled to civic leaders, civilians and military members.



(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Joshua C. Allmaras)



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# IDAHO SELECTED FOR CYBER OPERATIONS SQUADRON

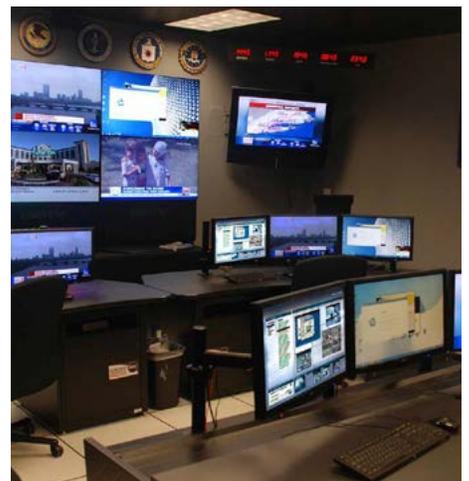
by Lt. Col. Shawn Scott  
Special to The Beacon

Congratulations to the Idaho Air National Guard for being selected in the latest round of basing decisions for National Guard Cyber Operations Squadrons (COS). Idaho's selection was part of an announcement of 13 new Cyber Units formally announced by the National Guard Bureau on December 9, 2015. Many states have expressed interest in performing this critical mission, and Idaho is excited to have been one of the few states selected in this announcement.

Idaho's COS will be tasked with protecting Air Force and other DoD weapons systems from adversary cyber attacks. To enable this mission, our cyber operators will undergo rigorous and lengthy training to become "ethical hackers." Once trained, they will maintain their proficiency through

regular real-world taskings in support of the needs of the DoD and the State of Idaho. Due to the unique nature of cyber operations, most mobilizations will be "in-place," with the unit supporting customer needs from the comforts of Gowen Field.

Idaho is scheduled for a Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) in June of 2016 to finalize facility, infrastructure and manpower requirements for the new mission. The Idaho ANG is actively seeking both officer and enlisted personnel with networking, scripting and coding experience who may be interested in the exciting opportunities that this new mission brings. Waivers for portions of the formal schooling may be available for those with significant experience and certifications. Contact MSgt Kristine Witte at (208) 422-5393 or [kristine.witte@us.af.mil](mailto:kristine.witte@us.af.mil) for more details on position availability.



# CYBER WARFARE OFFICER

## The 124th Cyber Operations Squadron Wants YOU!!

The 124th Cyber Operations Squadron (COS) is looking for a motivated and technically savvy leader interested in becoming a Cyber Warfare Officer (17S). A Cyber Warfare Officer directly supervises crews during the mission planning, execution, and debriefing of operations in the cyber domain. The officer must apply critical thinking and creative problem solving in response to ever-changing adversary tactics, techniques and procedures.

### Specialty Qualifications

- Knowledge of networking and information security including electronics theory, information technology, telecommunications, cryptography, vulnerability assessment and exploitation techniques. Additional knowledge includes operational planning, governing cyberspace operations directives, procedures and tactics.
- Experience with the Unix/Linux and Windows Server command line interface.
- Experience with network design, construction and administration.
- Experience with information security tools to include firewalls, proxy servers, intrusion detection devices and intrusion prevention devices.
- Experience in the use of network monitoring tools such as NMAP, MetaSploit, and Wireshark.
- Certifications germane to information security are highly desired, to include: Security+, CISSP, CNNA, and CEH.
- For entry into this specialty, a Bachelor's of Science degree in one of the following areas is highly desired: Computer and Information Sciences, Computer Engineering, Engineering Physics/Applied Physics, Industrial Engineering, Electromechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronics Engineering, Computer Technology/Computer Systems Technology, Cyber/Electronics Operations and Warfare, Mathematics and Computer Science, Accounting and Computer Science, Computational Science, Management Information Systems, Mathematics, Engineering.

### Qualified applicants will meet/submit the following

- Current Enlisted member or Company Grade Officer in the Idaho Air National Guard or be eligible to become a member of the Idaho Air National Guard
  - Current passing PT Test
  - AFOQT scores
  - Last 3 OPRs/EPRs and resume
  - Records Review (RIP)
  - AF Form 24, Application for Appointment as Reserves of AF or USAF without component
  - AF Form 2030, USAF Drug and Alcohol Abuse Certificate
  - One page letter on why you want to be a Cyber Warfare Officer

Please provide a Memorandum for Record on why you might be missing any of the items for submission. Example: Non-prior service applicants will not have OPRs/EPRs, RIP

**Packages will be submitted hard copy to MSgt Milo Davis,  
[milo.t.davis.mil@mail.mil](mailto:milo.t.davis.mil@mail.mil), 208-422-5383 no later than  
 Mar. 15, 2016. Incomplete packages will not be accepted.**



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## ATTENTION NAMPA RESIDENTS

All active duty personnel, who live in Nampa, are invited to join the Nampa Post of The American Legion. You will be granted the status of Honorary Member and will be eligible to attend all post meetings, socials and activities. If you participate the post will pay your dues for your first year of membership. (Dues are \$40/year).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW**

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# ending violence

one green dot at a time.

by Capt. Kristin Daigle  
Special to The Beacon

The 124th Fighter Wing will begin implementing the Green Dot violence-prevention initiative into its sexual assault prevention and response program this year.

The Air Force announced a three-year contract with the non-profit organization in December. One Airman from the Idaho Air National Guard will join 1,500 Air Force personnel to receive Green Dot training in March to reduce power-based, interpersonal violence. The selected Airman will start training a designated team of implementers and peer leaders, who will conduct the 50-minute sessions to the members of the wing.

Green Dot uses the concept of colored dots on a white canvas. If a red dot marks an occurrence of sexual assault, domestic abuse or child abuse, the Green Dot program calls on every individual to “stamp” out those red dots with the Green Dot pledge. The symbolism that they are actively work-

ing to prevent abuse and create an environment where abuse will not be tolerated, leaving the once white canvas with with red dots, a canvas covered solely with Green Dots.

The three main tenets of the Green Dot strategy focus on obstacles that often keep people from intervening, which include bystander obstacles, interpersonal relationships, and personal characteristics. How will this be different than previous SAPR or bystander intervention training we’ve received? Green Dot training is not limited to sexual assault, but provides training to prevent all power-based personal violence, which includes domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse and bullying. Additionally, Green Dot’s unique research informed approach focuses exclusively on the role of bystanders, rather than on perpetrators or victims, acknowledging that the majority of Airmen are neither, however they still play an important role in the prevention of

violence.

Implementation of the Green Dot training is an exciting new step the Air Force is taking to reduce violence across the spectrum and improve our Airmen’s overall well-being. “As a service, our number one priority has and will continue to be response. However, in order to stop violence before it occurs we must dedicate time to prevention,” said Chief Master Sgt. Melanie Noel, Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response senior enlisted advisor. “Helping our Airmen understand what they can do to prevent violence and how they can do it is the first step.”

## consider this:

A bystander is **present** during 60% of violent crimes but only intervenes 15% of the time.

# WARRIOR OF THE MONTH

TECH. SGT. APRIL NGUYEN (DEC)



124th Medical Group

NCOIC of  
Immunizations

10 years of service  
8 years on active duty

Full time student  
at Boise State

## FAVORITE FOOD

Pho

## HOBBIES

Skiing, cooking and baking, collecting records, and fishing.

## WHY WERE YOU RECOGNIZED?

We had a recent inspection by a Department of Health Agency representative for our region; he ranked our Immunization's clinic as number one out of the 13 units he had inspected, to include our nearest active duty base. We also passed our inspection with a 98 percent and had minimal citations. Our clinic has had a complete overhaul in order to better serve our patients safely.

## WHY WAS SHE SELECTED?

Tech. Sgt. Nguyen identified compliance issues within her flight and expertly revised and published the 124 Medical Group Immunizations Operating Instruction. The 124 MDG is now in full compliance with the Defense Health Agency's eight standards required for military vaccination programs.

Additionally, she increased compliance with all FDA licensing allowances for Hepatitis B and other military vaccinations. Nguyen has streamlined and completely restructured the immunizations office to increase operational efficiency. She has enhanced protection and virtually guaranteed maximum preservation capability of our \$10,000 stock of vaccinations. All

efforts have led to enhanced infection control standards.

The Department of Defense Immunizations Healthcare branch lauded her efforts after the 124 MDG Immunization Clinic was inspected on Sept. 10, 2015. Through her tireless efforts, the 124 MDG vaccination program was found to exceed all recommendations in the eight DOD Standards.

Nguyen also assisted the 366th Fighter Wing in a time of need by immunizing individuals preparing to deploy, children, and pregnant women.

She also maintains a 3.8 GPA at Boise State University and is pursuing a career in occupational therapy.



*“Be nice to the people giving you shots, they’re just doing their job.”*  
*-Tech. Sgt. April Nguyen*

# 124th brings air power to 'Sin City'



by Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pokorney  
124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In a city known for nightlife, gambling, and shows the 124th Fighter Wing brought their own show to “Sin City” for the Green Flag West exercise in preparation for future deployments.

Nearly 200 personnel including pilots, maintainers, and support personnel from the 124th Fighter Wing in Boise, Idaho participated in Green Flag West 16-03 at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada Jan. 15-29, 2016. During the exercise, Idaho pilots flew more than 400 flying hours and 192 sorties.

The mission of Green Flag West is to train and prepare Air Force units to support Army units engaged in force-on-force combat operations on the ground. This robust and fast-paced exercise was something of a dress rehearsal for the contingency operations the wing may be called on to support in the future.

“We’ve been able to identify and address minor shortfalls in how we operate as a unit, meaning we won’t have to work out those kinks in combat,” said Capt. Tom Silkowski, an A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft pilot assigned to the 190th Fighter Squadron.

At Green Flag West, the 124FW provided close air support to the U.S. Army’s 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and operating out of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

“We provide close air support and forward air controllers to help them achieve their objectives on the ground,” said Silkowski. “We’ll leave here with lessons learned that will benefit us in future training and combat operations alike.”

This exercise gave pilots the opportunity to support a large-scale Army ground fight is training that they couldn’t get anywhere else. Additionally, the pilots employed AGM-65 Maverick anti-tank mis-

siles and GBU-38 precision-guided munitions, both of which cannot be employed near home station in Boise, Idaho.

“Green Flag was a phenomenal success,” said 124th Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Tim Donnellan. “Green Flag West is an amazing amount of work, both in the planning and the execution phase. However, the investment is more than worth the return in this case. Realistic training both in scenarios and schedule are almost impossible to get locally as we have so many day to day factors to consider here at Gowen. But at Nellis AFB and the National Training Center, with an actual maneuvering U.S. Army Stryker Brigade requiring Close air Support combined with loading and dropping live munitions, the experience is priceless. We couldn’t have asked for a better training deployment –well done to the entire 124 Fighter Wing!”

“We flew more during this 2-week exercise—over 440 hours



and approximately 190 sorties—than many A-10 squadrons fly in six weeks,” said Lt. Col. Matthew McGarry, the 190th Fighter Squadron commander during the exercise. “We also dropped almost one hundred MK-82 500-lb bombs, including eight GBU-38 “JDAM” GPS-guided bombs, plus eleven AGM-65 “Maverick” missiles and 16,000 rounds of 30MM.”

“Back home, we might work with a three-man joint tactical air controller team at Saylor Creek; here, we are supporting a ground force that numbers in the thousands,” said Silkowski. “Integrating into that very dynamic fight and providing the Army with the unique and robust close air support capabilities of the A-10 is a challenge in and of itself.”

The pilots also got to perform day and night austere landings on a dry lakebed, which was a first for all but one of the pilots. Typically only two to four pilots achieve the austere airstrip operations during a Green Flag exercise but the 549th Combat Training Squadron personnel worked the sorties into the schedule and the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron provided support to get 10 pilots fully qualified in austere airstrip operations.

“We were able to qualify more pilots for day and night austere field landings than any other operational squadron in the U.S. Air Force,” said McGarry, the 190th. “Even more importantly, we took advantage of the opportunity to build relationships, refine processes, and operate away from home in



a manner very similar to combat operations.”

The austere operations took place at Delamar Dry Lake, also referred to as “Texas Lake” because its shape from above, located north of Las Vegas. The lake’s hard smooth surface and span greater than 15,000 feet makes it an ideal location for austere aircraft landings. The A-10 is the only fighter-type aircraft with the capability to land on austere runways.

“The austere landing was very cool—it made me appreciate the ‘Hog’ even more than I already did. To be able to take a strip of dirt in the enemy’s backyard and make it our own airstrip... well, it’s just another capability that only the ‘Mighty Hog’ brings to the fight,” said Silkowski. “The simplicity of it all was what blew me away—just a couple of CCT (combat controllers) guys out there with a truck, a radio, and some panels to mark

where to land. That’s America!”

Much like the pilots, the maintainers and support personnel had the opportunity to exercise their skills in a new environment and work at a pace more akin to combat operations. This pace and range of operations offered experience that will help 124FW Airmen hit the ground running should they deploy in the future.

“The maintainers have been turning jets, to include reloading weapons, in minimum time, and our intel specialists have been working almost 24/7 to keep the pilots up to date on the latest changes to the battlefield operations they’re supporting,” said Silkowski. “It’s a team effort across the board and the results have been outstanding.”

The exercise scenario that played out at Green Flag West reminded Airmen to depart from a counter-insurgency mindset and get back

into the force-on-force fight mindset.

“Our primary tasking for the past decade has been counter-insurgency operations, which, while challenging, are very different than the task of taking on a near-peer enemy,” said Silkowski. “That’s why coming to Green Flag West has been so invaluable to us, as it lets us jump head-first into full-scale combat ops and make mistakes in a training environment—mistakes we won’t repeat when the bullets are flying and lives are on the line.”

The 124th Fighter Wing participated in Green Flag West before a deployment in 2008 and has hopes to return in the future to support Idaho Army National Guard troops with the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron air controllers embedded with them during their rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.





# MDG 2nd Annual Festival Information

**MEDICAL GROUP:** Call 911 (base phone) or 422-6911 (cell phone) for medical emergencies. If immediate assistance is needed, please call CMSgt Taylor at 208-559-0940 or SMSgt White at 422-5369. The Bldg 668 MDG will ONLY be open from 0800 until 1400 on Saturday Feb 20th and Sunday 21st for anyone needing to out-process or with other medical administrative needs.

**Entry Qualification:** You MUST complete your Web Health Assessment prior to arrival unless you have been asked to complete a DHA. Go to this link to complete your Web HA <https://asims.afms.mil/imr/MyIMR.aspx> and DHA here <https://asims.afms.mil/webapp/appdir.aspx>; Contact your UHM if you have difficulty accessing the Web HA. If Web HA is not visible in IMR Action List scroll to the bottom of the page and click on (Return to the Directory). Then click on the second link under Individuals (AF Web Health Assessment) to begin your Web HA.

**Location:** Bldg 1500 for the PHA Festival and Bldg 1530 for ANAM testing

**Hours:** 0800-1530 see your Unit Health Monitor for your scheduled appointment time

**Parking:** There is ample parking on the East side of Bldg 1500. The West side will be blocked.

**Entry:** There will be only one entry point for patients into Bldg 1500 which will be the North doorway which is the side entrance of the auditorium. Signs will point to the entry location.

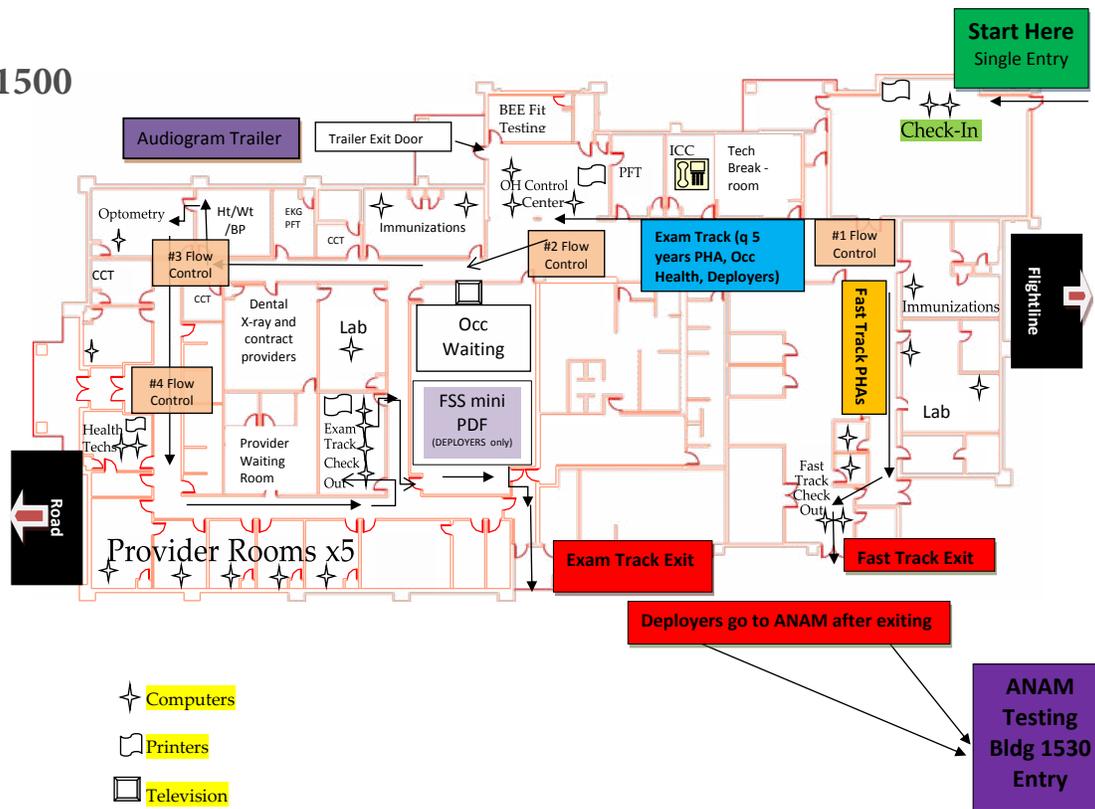
**Meals:** We will have appointments scheduled through lunch, please plan accordingly to eat lunch before you arrive or after depending on your start time.

**ANAM Testing (required for all deployers):** ANAM testing will be conducted beginning Thursday from 1200-1500 (Walk-ins), Friday from 0800-1600 (Walk-ins) and then all day Saturday and Sunday of the PHA Festival 0800-1600 (if not accomplished Thursday and Friday).

### *Member Process upon Arrival at PHA Festival*

1. Member arrives at scheduled appointment time.

## Bldg. 1500



2. Member reports to check-in and is given color coded folder for either the Fast Track (Yellow Folder), Exam Track (Blue Folder) depending on their annual requirements, Deployer's (Red Folder), Fire Fighter (Green Folder)

a. Fast Track (30-45min): member only requires Immunizations and/or a blood draw.

b. Exam Track (1-3hrs): member has a Comp (5 year) and/or Occupational Health (OH) Exam. If the member requires a Comp PHA they will proceed to Optometry, Vitals, Dental (as needed), Vaccinations, Lab Testing, Provider visit and then check out. OH Exams: Members will complete their annual audiogram and any additional occupational health hazard screening requirements associated with exposure to physical hazards and materials associated with their specific shop.

### 3. CRITICALLY IMPORTANT:

a. Members must bring necessary prescription eye glasses for the Comp PHA.

b. Members that received their Flu vaccine from another civilian or military location must bring in appropriate documentation or receive the vaccine again.

c. Members must avoid loud noise for 14 hrs if they are completing an initial audiogram.

d. Members must bring their deployment checklist if they are within 120 days of deploying. Medical personnel and other PDF entities (Legal, Chaplains, etc.) will be present after checkout to assist in completing the deployment processing requirements.

4. Folders will be collected, reviewed, and the PHA will be updated in ASIMS immediately after the final check out point.

5. No-shows will be reported throughout the day to Unit Health Monitors, Unit Deployment Managers and Commanders. Members are expected to make their scheduled appointment times. If rescheduling is required emails, no phone calls or voice mails, will need to be sent to MSgt Kristen Labrum at kristen.m.labrum.mil@mail.mil.



by Senior Master Sgt. Isaac Reese  
Special to The Beacon

Have you ever driven on base on a snowy morning, and wondered how the streets are plowed even though it had been snowing since 10pm the previous night? There is one team that makes this their top priority when the snow starts to fall. The 124 Civil Engineer Squadron Snow Removal Team, composed of 11 State Employees, takes this responsibility seriously and executes the snow removal process with vigor and pride. The team consists of MSgt Ron Cecil, MSgt Daron Terry, MSgt Kyle Williams, MSgt Karl King, MSgt Jim Anselme, MSgt Roger Marchese, TSgt Dave Heitzman, TSgt Will Wright, SGT Judd Gallaher, SGT Mitch Wilder and SrA Ishmael Hinojosa. They all serve as State of Idaho Military Division State Em-

ployees and are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week starting in early October through early April each year.

A typical day starts like this, the Boise Airport determines they will begin their snow removal process and they call the 124 Fighter Wing Base Defense Operations Center to dispatch the 124 FW Snow Removal Team. BDOC then calls our snow removal crew leader that is on call, either MSgt Terry or TSgt Heitzman. The State Employees that work in CE work shifts of 10 hours per day, 4 days per week, so only half the team is here on Mondays and Fridays (CE state employees do not follow the Wing Down Day Schedule). The crew leader receives the call by 0300, and then they call the rest of the team to be assembled by 0400. This timing of this is critical because





the team has to have all the snow on the North side of the ramp, past the North red line so the City of Boise Airport plows and brooms can remove the snow from the taxiways. If the 0600 deadline can't be met, the snow removal team moves the snow into designated holding locations on the ramp. If these locations fill up, the team will have to truck the snow to areas outside the ramp, consuming large amounts of time to accomplish this task. The team gets called out three to four times during a typical snow year but has been called out as much as twenty times during a wet, cold year.

The equipment the team uses is very large and expensive, valued at over \$1.5 million. CE uses an Oshkosh snow plow, snow broom and snow blower is used to move the majority of the snow off of the

ramp, apron and taxiways. The ramp and apron are the number one priority. It is imperative that personnel on the flight line watch out for the large equipment. Because of its size, it is hard to see personnel and golf carts while in operation. The JCB loader with a rubber blade is used to get close to the aircraft and buildings to remove as much snow as possible. Also, a dump truck with a blade is used to clean the road leading out to the munitions storage area (MSA) and the area inside the MSA. The team uses a Volvo grader to clean off the base roads and a spreader on the truck in order to spread ice melt on both the roads and ramp areas if it is extremely icy. Keeping all this equipment functioning and operational is a collaborative endeavor between CES and Logistics Readiness



Squadron's Vehicle Maintenance Shop.

The Snow Removal Team from the 124 Civil Engineer Squadron plays a significant role in ensuring the 124 Fighter Wing can perform the mission of getting aircraft launched so they can take the fight to the enemy. The next time you see one of our State of Idaho Employees in your work area or on the base roads, say thank you for the crucial role that they play in the Federal and State missions of the Idaho Air National Guard.

# Want to join Medical?

The 124th Medical Group Wants YOU

The 124th Medical Group is looking for a Traditional Guardsman that is an exceptional, innovative, ambitious and energetic leader to become the Medical Chief Enlisted Manager (4N000) in charge of the Training and Force Development office. The Medical Chief Enlisted Manager oversees the training and career development of 38 assigned enlisted members.

## Qualified applicants will meet/submit the following:

- Current IDANG members in the grade of E-7/E-8 possessing a 4XXXX AFSC
- Must have current CCAF or equivalent degree
- Current passing Fitness Test
- Official Biography
- Current Resume with references
- RIP from vMPF

Packages will be submitted electronically to CMSgt Jerod Taylor, [jerod.l.taylor.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jerod.l.taylor.mil@mail.mil), 422-6116 no later than March 3, 2016. Incomplete packages will not be accepted.



# Want to join Aircraft Maintenance?

The 124th Maintenance Group Wants YOU

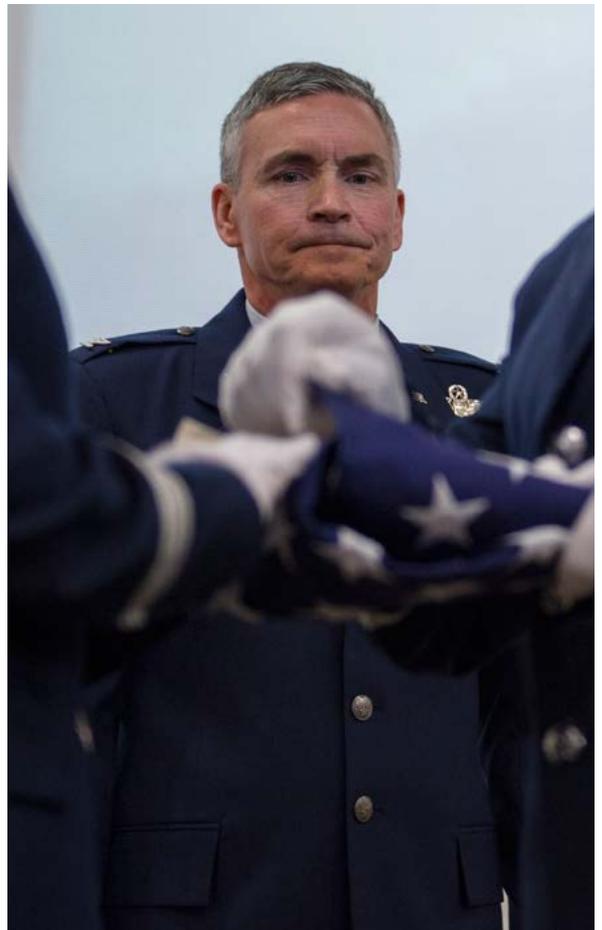
The 124th Maintenance Group is looking for an exceptional, innovative, ambitious and energetic leader to become an Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent (2A300) in charge of the Quality Assurance office as a Drill Status Guardsmen. An Aircraft Maintenance Superintendent Manages maintenance activities engaged in planning, inspecting, repairing, and servicing fighter aircraft and support equipment (SE). Lead a team of 11 inspectors, inspecting maintenance performed on fighter aircraft, systems, and components. Evaluating maintenance units to determine operational status and to provide assistance in solving maintenance, supply, and personnel problems. Interpreting and discussing inspection findings, and recommend action to correct deficiencies.

## Qualified applicants will meet/submit the following:

- Current Enlisted member in the Idaho Air National Guard or be eligible to become a Chief Master Sergeant. CCAF degree NLT end of July 2016 and unofficial copy of college transcripts
- Willing/able to deploy
- Current passing PT Test
- Last 3 EPRs and resume
- Records Review (VMPF RIP)

**Packages will be submitted hard copy to MSgt Mindy Pruitt, [mindy.s.pruitt.mil@mail.mil](mailto:mindy.s.pruitt.mil@mail.mil), 422-5621 no later than Feb. 26, 2016. Incomplete packages will not be accepted.**

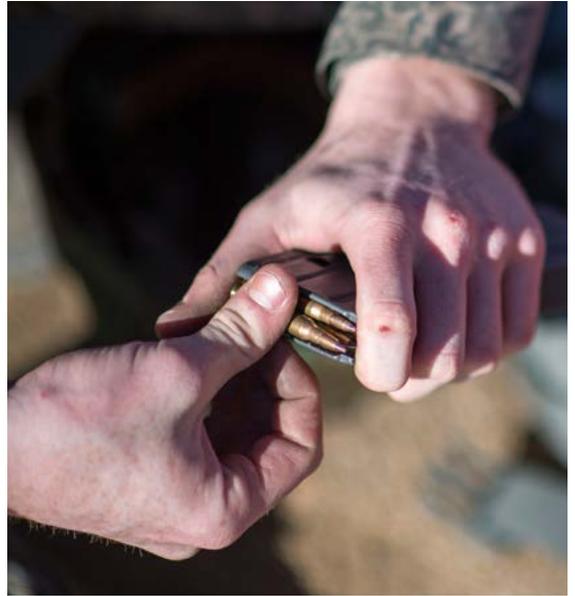
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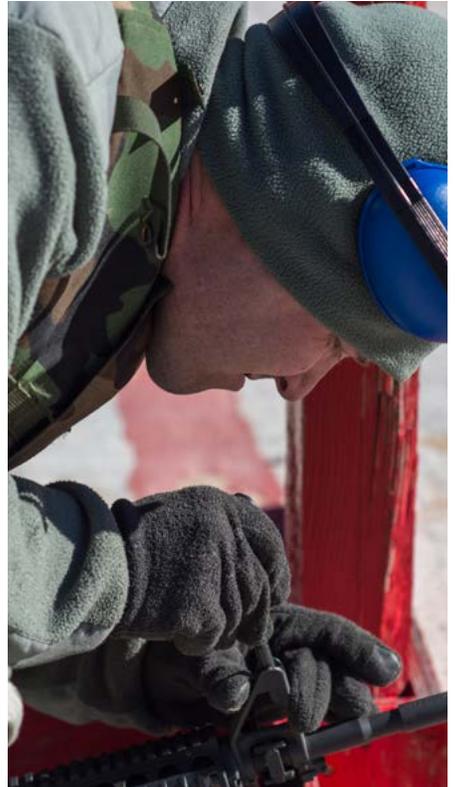


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M4 QUALIFICATION TRAINING









DO YOU HAVE  
**ZIKA VIRUS**  
QUESTIONS?

-Find out more by clicking the link below-

<http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/Zika-Virus>