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A collage illustrating the past and present missions at Otis ANGB

Cover design by SSgt. Kerri Cole

# **SEAGULL IDEAS?**

Do you have an idea for a Seagull article? Would you like to be the subject of a story? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your section.

The next Seagull deadline is 2pm Sunday, June 1, 2008.

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE 102 IW SECONDARY TO SECONDARY THE DESK OF THE 100 IN THE

By Col. Timothy Lynch

# STRIKING A NEW BALANCE

This is the time of year when change is all around us. It is a time for new beginnings, fresh starts. Every spring we see our world transform itself; there is a renewed hope of what lies ahead. Even our wing has successfully transitioned to a new 102nd Intelligence Wing. Now may also be a perfect time to take a fresh look at who we are, whom we would like to be, and how to become more effective in both our personal and professional lives. So today I will share some thoughts on how we can individually be more proactive in creating balanced, productive lives.

Reaching the proper balance in our lives plays huge dividends in our daily successes. It is important because if we don't, the mission will suffer. Retired CMSAF Gerald Murray once said, "Our Airmen's quality of performance is directly related to their quality of life." So how can we enhance quality (reach the proper balance) to ensure high, sustained performance?

One method of measuring quality of one's life is by critically looking at and assessing the status of our health, happiness, and the energy levels we bring to each day. Health, happiness, and positive energy are all achievable when we keep our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual energies in the positive and in the proper balance. Air Force Material Command used similar concepts in their "Wellness is an Attitude" campaign. Likewise, similar themes were also described in Jim Loehr's and Tony Schwartz's book "The Power of Full Engagement."

Keeping ourselves physically fit is the most important contributor and lays the basic energy foundation. Consistent sleep cycles (such as Ben Franklin's 'early to bed, early to rise' theme), regular refueling breaks (eating 4-5 small meals filled with complex, low glycemic meals and never skipping breakfast), and daily exercise (aerobic, anaerobic, stretching, etc.) all set the stage for much higher, sustained energy/wellness.

The next area to assess is that of our mental energies. We are doing well in this area when we are able to fully focus on the tasks at hand, to visualize a clear path to success, and continue to expand and challenge our minds (old adage of 'use it or lose it' applies). Continued learning and professional study exercises and maintains positive energy here.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS >>**

# **2008 THOMAS FLYNN NOMINATIONS DUE**

Nominations for this year's MSgt. Thomas Flynn Award are due no later than the end of the August 2008 UTA. Please take a few minutes to recognize and nominate a member you know who deserves recognition for doing so much for others. Contact MSgt. Joseph Scurio, for more information at ext. 4880.

# 102ND CES DRILL STATUS GUARDSMAN OFFICER VACANCY

Possible commissioning opportunity for qualified individual. Must have BS in Engineering or Architecture. Interested candidates can submit packages to Major Stephen Demianczyk, 158 Reilly Street, Box 22, Otis ANGB 02542. Deadline for submission is Just 1, 2008. Packages must contain the following: 1. Resume, 2. RIP, 3. PT score, 4. AFOQT scores, 5. Any additional information/recommendations to assist us in the selection process. For more information see posting on GOANG.COM under Otis ANGB.

## **3RD ANNUAL TYLER'S TEE TIME**

Saturday, May 17, 2008, the 3rd annual Tyler's Tee Time Memorial Golf Tournament will be held to benefit the Children's Hospital Boston in loving memory of Tyler Ryan Portlock.

To make a memorial donation, donate raffle items, or find out about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tim Portlock at (781) 640-4529. Space is limited, and please note the registration deadline is May 10, 2008.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION CLEANUP**

Join the Airman's Council to give a helping hand and take part in a rewarding event. We'll be contributing to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation section by cleaning up the volleyball court located at the 102 Intelligence Wing dormitories, Saturday May 3rd, from 1630 to 1730. Afterwards, join us at the Eagles Nest for a Cinco de Mayo celebration and free food! Sign up by calling or emailing SSgt. James Water (ext. 4091) or TSgt. Celeste Trepanier, (ext. 4134)

# **102ND AOG OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

The 102nd Air Operations Group will hold a board to select personnel to compete for commissions as officers in the Air Operations Center mission. Interested candidates can submit packages to Lt. Col. Littlejohn, 102nd AOG, 158 Reilly St. Box 25, Otis ANGB, MA 02542. The deadline for submission is May 19, 2008. Packages must contain the following: 1. Resume, 2. RIP, 3. PT Scores, 4. AFOQT Scores, 5. Copies of college transcript.

## **LEGACY CELEBRATION: SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008**

On Saturday, May 31st, we will be having a celebration of our Wing's history. This will be in conjunction with Family Day. This should be a great time and will mirror family day with all of the food, games and ceremonies, but will have some added twists to celebrate our flying history since 1921.



Photo by SSgt. Kerri Cole

# Redesignation Ceremony

By SrA. Matt Benedetti

A special ceremony was held on April 6th to mark the changeover of the 102nd Fighter Wing to the 102nd Intelligence Wing.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Carter, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, presided over the ceremony as the new flag for the unit was unveiled by the base honor guard.

The intelligence mission launches a new era for Otis as the wing transforms from flying operations to intelligence and command and control functions.

"Our future legacy will be built on the need for Otis to be an integral component to help the Air Force transform itself to be capable of meeting the new threats posed by terrorist or other groups that threaten the security and sanctity of our country," said Col. Anthony Schiavi, 102nd IW commander. "We are now an integral part of the first team that helps dominate air, space and cyberspace mediums."

The new intelligence group, designated a Digital Ground Station, will exploit and analyze information sent from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles circling the globe. The unit will also provide direct, around-the-clock support to combat operations worldwide. An Air Operations Group supporting command and control of long-range strikes and cyber operations is scheduled to be activated in October.



Photo by SSgt. Kerri Cole

# EARN \$2,000 WITH THE GUARD RECRUITING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) is a contracted program designed for traditional drill status ANG Airmen and Officers and Retirees of the ANG who voluntarily apply to become eligible to serve as a Recruiting Assistant (RA).

Once a potential Airman/Officer is identified and pre-qualified, the RA will facilitate a meeting engagement with their local ANG Recruiter. The triad of ANG Recruiter, RA and nominee will then work closely to process the nominee and move them towards enlistment.

Upon verified enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of \$1,000, with a second \$1,000 payment upon verification of the new recruit's successful shipment to Basic Training or AMS. For a Prior Service recruit, the RA will receive the initial payment of \$1,000 upon verified enlistment and the second \$1,000 payment upon verification of the new recruit's successful 90-day affiliation with the unit. Verification is received from both AFRISS and MILPDS systems.

For more information on the responsibilities or to sign up to become an RA, please visit *guardrecruitingassistant.com*.

# **MISSIONS AND GOALS:**

The Air National Guard launched the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) to establish a position of strength from which the Air National Guard can achieve its accessions mission and meet the end-strength objective.

# IN THE NEWS >>



# **Boston Marathon**

By TSgt. Aaron Smith

Every Patriots Day runners line up and take part in a yearly event that has been going on since 1897. The 112th Boston Marathon, the worlds oldest annual marathon, was held on April 21st of this year. It annually awards over \$575,000 to winners from a huge variety of categories that covers all ranges of age and ability. The event is one of the largest single day sporting events in New England and members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing were on hand to take part in it.

Some 25,000 runners participated in this years 26.2 mile run that followed a course from rural Hopkinton, along winding New England roads, all the way to downtown Boston. Helping to make all of this happen were thirty members from various sections of Otis Air National Guard Base. They were there to assist the Framingham Police Department with crowd control for a large segment of the historic course. The 102nd Security Forces Squadron provided twenty-two airmen, while seven Airmen were from various other shops on Otis. The Marathon was broadcast nationally and an estimated 500,000 spectators came out to line up along the route and cheer on runners.

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# By SrA. Matt Benedetti

The federal mission of the 102nd FW had always been to provide a ready, fully capable fighter force prepared to deploy to any location in the world.

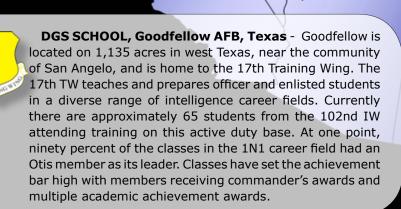
The new mission of the 102nd Intelligence Wing is global in nature and reaches further than any Fighter Wing. The establishment of the Distributed Ground Station (DGS) here at Otis will continue the proud tradition established by the fighter wing while reflecting the current wartime environment. The DGS will allow analysts to immediately respond to attacks on military personnel overseas and counter threats in real-time.

A Distributed Ground Station is a stationary site staffed with analysts linked electronically to satellites. Airmen receive digital images collected by reconnaissance planes and unmanned flying vehicles anywhere in the world. Personnel decipher near real-time images to identify enemy forces and other pertinent information. Data is analyzed and is disseminated to commanders or troops in the field. This information allows forward deployed personnel to base their battlefield de-

cisions on the most current data.

The DGS will represent the next step in the transformation and evolution of the Air Guard. These changes will allow the Air Force to better combat the growing menace of global terrorism. Certainly, Distributed Ground Stations are becoming a critical element in the 21st century Air Force.

Massachusetts is one of many states undergoing this transformation. Active DGS units are currently operating in Virginia, California and Hawaii. Air Guard units in Kansas and Nevada are working on missions with their active duty counterparts. Massachusetts will be tasked with more than 200 remote intelligence jobs as part of the realignment.





Personnel from the 102nd are being retrained as intelligence experts, processing top secret information and becoming a critical component in worldwide counter-terrorism operations. Prospective members of the unit are attending training at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas.

Theses changes are only the latest in the proud heritage of the 102nd IW. Whether it is participating in the Berlin Crisis in 1961 or becoming a 24 hour tactical fighter wing on NORAD alert in 1972 during the Cold War, Otis airmen continue to adapt and respond to threats facing our country.

102 IW, OTIS ANGB, Massachusetts - Currently, there are 16 Otis members serving at eight DGS sites throughout the world. These Otis professionals will form the initial cadre that the 102nd relies on to train all other DGS analysts and communications specialists who are returning from technical training at Goodfellow AFB. Deployed members from Otis will look to draw from the best practices of each of the active duty and guard DGS sites they visit.

At home, the 102nd Intelligence Wing's Digital Ground Station should be operationally capable by the end of the fiscal year. Construction is ongoing for a Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facility (SCIF) to be located inside Building 158. There are also plans for improvements to the communications infrastructure on base. Once the facility is certified for use the DGS will start to 'shadow' other base's real-world missions for a period of time, to train personnel and to work out any potential problems in the systems. When that process is complete, the 102nd's DGS will become fully operational and will start to accept real-world combat support taskings.





The blue star represents home station



The silver star represents the DGS technical training school.



The gold starts represent the follow on training locations.

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# MISSISSIPPI MASSACHUSETTS NEVAD

Back Row left to right: SrA. George Bertocchi (CE), SrA. Corey Wright (CE), MSgt. Doug Campbell (FD), SMSgt. Joe Nadeau (CE), SSgt. Christopher Girard (CE), Capt. Christian Leighton (CE), Capt. Shane Kinsey (MG), Front Row left to right: SSgt. Curtis Fahey (CE), MSgt. Monica Parks (MDG), SSgt. Eric Smith (CE), TSgt. Paul Jacques (FD).



Staff Sgt. Eric Schwinder from the 102nd Medical Group simulates applying a tourniquet to a leg during a training exercise at the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron March 21. The training was designed to teach non-clinical EMEDS personnel basic medical procedures. In a combat zone, all members of the 447 EMEDS work together to assess the wounded and take care of the patients. (U.S. Air Force photo)

# **OTIS ABROAD**

# A report from "The Gateway to Iraq" at Baghdad International Airport

By TSgt. Aaron Smith

When people think of Baghdad, most think of a sweltering hot and dry climate. Members of the 102nd Medical Group, Logistics Readiness Squadron and Civil Engineering Squadron experienced something different. On their first weekend in Iraq and for the first time in at least 40 years, it snowed in Baghdad. Since that day, Otis members have been dealing with a variety of new situations and challenges.

Members from these units have joined others from guard and active duty bases to form the 447th Air Expeditionary Group. They are stationed at Camp Sather in Iraq. The group's mission is to support U.S. and Coalition Forces through airlifting supplies, materials, and forces. The base is located adjacent to Baghdad International Airport.

During the course of their deployment, each section has been instrumental in maintaining the base. The civil engineering squadron completed a variety of projects from setting up concrete barriers for increased security, to ensuring that vital HVAC equipment was working properly despite the harsh environment. CE fire protection specialists trained more than 100 local Iraqi firefighters. They also responded to a structural fire at an Iraqi Special Forces firing range where their actions saved the \$6 million facility. TSgt Gary Gray from the 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron received a command excellence coin for his actions in retrieving a vehicle that three soldiers had previously lost their lives in. The medical group personnel have treated an average of 20 emergency room patients a day, and about 10 to 20 regular patients while still training for worst case situations.

While the departure of the F-15 and the large quantity of people attending technical school have left Otis a quiet base, members of the 102nd are still involved in the fight against terrorism, and remain an active part of the guard's mission.

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Third, we have to strike the proper balance on our emotional side. Having the self confidence in taking on new challenges and finding enjoyment in living life (a life lived to the fullest based on whatever cards are dealt to us) are some of the questions we need to explore. Additionally, the power of positive thinking can be contagious and a very powerful tool for both our new wing and for each of us individually. Don't sit on the sidelines; be optimistic and get in the game.

Lastly, there is the spiritual dimension. Knowing why we are here and how we fit into the bigger picture (i.e., what is our purpose beyond our own self interests), living each day with courage and integrity, and sticking to our deeply held values are all key areas to explore when making these self assessments. The Air Force core values appear to capture this dimension quite well ('Service before Self, Integrity First, and Excellence in all We Do').

So take a moment to look within and see if the proper balance exists between the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual energies. They won't all be equal, but they all should be present and they all should make positive contributions to your overall energy levels. Keeping these in balance and in the positive will bring us to better health, increased happiness, and much higher energy levels which will be evident in improved performance both on and off the field of play. If we work hard to keep our lives in balance, we will increase our productivity and will live much happier and satisfying lives.

When we find ourselves running on empty in any one of the 4 key areas, it is time to make changes and take the first, small steps. Creating new habits and positive "rituals" is one way of getting back on track. Once new routines reach the autopilot stage, we will find ourselves fully energized and ready to take on life's challenges. As we grow our new intelligence wing, continue to find and strike the perfect balance; we will continue our path of excellence.

# Thank you for your support

I would like to thank all the men and women of the 102nd Intelligence Wing for their support and contributions to the Zastawny / Wozniak family. My wife, Holly, was a loving and giving person. She always supported me and all the members of the United States Armed Forces. She would have been overwhelmed from the support that both the 102nd and 104th Fighter Wings have provided. Her daughters Jessica and Kasey Wozniak and son Zachary Zastawny will benefit from these college fund contributions. As a final gesture, Holly was an organ donor. She gave the gift of life and improved the quality of life for many people. Please consider being



# **Employer Appreciation Day**

By SrA. Matt Benedetti

Does your employer appreciate your service in the Air National Guard? If they recognize your commitment to our country, you can acknowledge their support through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

The 2008 Massachusetts ESGR Employer Appreciation Day will be held on 13 June 2008 at the Massachusetts Military Reservation. The mission of the ESGR is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflicts through informal mediation.

If you would like to invite your employer to employee appreciation day please submit your employer's name and address to nicole.ivers@maotis.ang.af.mil by 4 May 2008.

# Farewell to the Chief

By SrA. Matt Benedetti

After 41 years of military service, Command Chief Master Sergeant Roy H. Piver concluded a remarkable career that spanned five decades and influenced thousands of lives.

On April 5, Chief Piver was honored in a touching and memorable retirement ceremony in front of the members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. Many friends and family were also in attendance. As command chief master sergeant, Chief Piver was responsible for all affairs concerning the 935 enlisted members of

the wing. Throughout his career at the 102nd, he garnered numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Whether it was a kind word or a sage bit of advice, Chief Piver has always been a stalwart presence at the 102nd. Enlisted members knew they had an individual who would offer counsel that would be in the best interest of the Air-



Photo by SSgt. Kerri Cole

men and the wing. His steady leadership proved invaluable to the command staff as well.

"Chief Piver played a key role as the 102nd Fighter Wing's command chief master sergeant during the historic transition from flying wing to an intelligence wing," said Col Anthony Schiavi, 102nd Intelligence Wing commander. "He consistently served the best interests of our enlisted force and was my adviser in all matters related to their professional and personal development and well being.

"The wing would not be where it is today or as well positioned for it's future if it were not for his efforts," added Col Schiavi.

Chief Piver was impressed, but at the same time humbled with the ceremony. "I was honored and humbled by the whole event. Other than making everyone stand in formation, I thought it was pretty special," he said.

# **MILESTONES** >>



# CHAPEL CALL BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DAVID BERUBE

A while ago, I took my car to the dealership for scheduled maintenance. No big deal. I got a card reminding me it was time. I got to the dealer early, turned over the keys in the service department, and went to the waiting room.

Shortly after I got settled in and was studying, a maintenance adviser came in to see me. "Sir," she said, "they just put it up on the lift and got started. You should come and take a look." Those words did not inspire confidence that my day was going to proceed according to plan. As soon as I saw the underside of the car, I knew the mechanic wasn't going to cheer me up, either. It had oil and coolant leaks from worn out seals. It had deteriorating belts. It had hoses and hose clamps that looked like they should have already let go.

When the adviser and mechanic finished delivering their news about what I could see, and the things I couldn't (and what it was going to cost), I was left with the question of what I wanted to do. Since I drive out of state fairly regularly, and wasn't ready to buy a new vehicle, and don't want to wind up broken down on the highway somewhere in the middle of the night, it wasn't a hard decision. I did the work.

Our lives are like that. We get a few miles on us, experience

normal wear and tear, and need maintenance. If we face a few extraordinary stresses it can accelerate the process. So, I offer the following reminders of regular maintenance checks we need. These simple checks were shared with me by a friend a few years ago and cover all of our "vital systems." Consider this your reminder to schedule an appointment.

**Check #1 -- How's your head?** What are you reading, learning, talking about with others and by yourself to keep your mind stimulated and growing? Staying mentally alert helps us avoid life's breakdowns.

**Check #2 -- How's your heart?** What are you doing to spend quality time with those you love in conversations and activities that strengthen your relationships? Staying relationally strong keeps us focused and connected.

**Check #3 -- How's your spirit?** What things are you doing to keep your faith strong? Staying connected spiritually through prayer, worship, service to others, reading of holy texts and other faith experiences keeps us rooted in something bigger than ourselves.

We're on a long and exciting journey in life. Performing regularly scheduled maintenance on our head, heart, and spirit will keep us healthy day to day and help us weather adverse conditions. It can also find potential trouble "on the lift," before we get stranded on the side of the road.

# IN EVERY ISSUE >>

# SUNDAY INTERVIEW WITH STA. MATT BENEDETTI



Tech. Sgt. Donna Morgante ensures that all of us at the 102nd are working. An expert administrator with the Mission Support Flight, she is instrumental in developing the manning documents that reflect the number of personnel assigned to each slot on the base. She has been a member of the wing for seven years and performs this vital function here at Otis. During her tenure in the Guard, she has

been assigned to Washington D.C. as well as Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

# As a member of the Mission Support Flight, what are your primary duties?

We provide administrative support to every member of the wing. Everything from issuing identification cards to gaining new members into the system. I do personnel employments and gain all new individuals into the main data base. All new members need to process through this office and gain them into the system. We also keep track of all the medical issues that might affect an individual deploying overseas.

# In 2006 you deployed to Diego Garcia for two months, what was that experience like?

I had never heard of Diego Garcia before. When we first landed I had no idea what to expect whether it was desert or jungle. When we arrived and stepped off the plane I

remember it was like paradise. Tropical climate, sandy beaches, palm trees, it was beautiful. Diego Garcia is a British possession and serves as a staging area to support individuals who are heading to Iraq or southwest Asia. It is a small island with a large amount of supplies. British flags are flown and we fell under the British laws but we had our own self-contained Air Force area that was our responsibility. We slept in tents. People from the Philippines run the stores and chow halls and put on some pretty big spreads. For example, if you catch a tuna they will cut it up and cook it and have a huge barbecue, an excellent meal.

I was administrative support for the Persco (personnel support for contingency operations) team. Our role was to keep track of everyone who entered or exited the base and to keep accountability. It was a 24 hour job.

We had to give the British weekly reports indicating who was entering the base.

# What was your biggest challenge of being deployed?

The toughest part was keeping track of the thousands of people coming into the base and keeping the paperwork squared away. The piles of paperwork would be a foot off the desk. We had to ensure that everyone had a tent, blanket, food card. It was important for the individual to know that he or she is being taken care of. Often times they hadn't been told where they are going until they reached Diego Garcia. We helped them as much as possible.





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