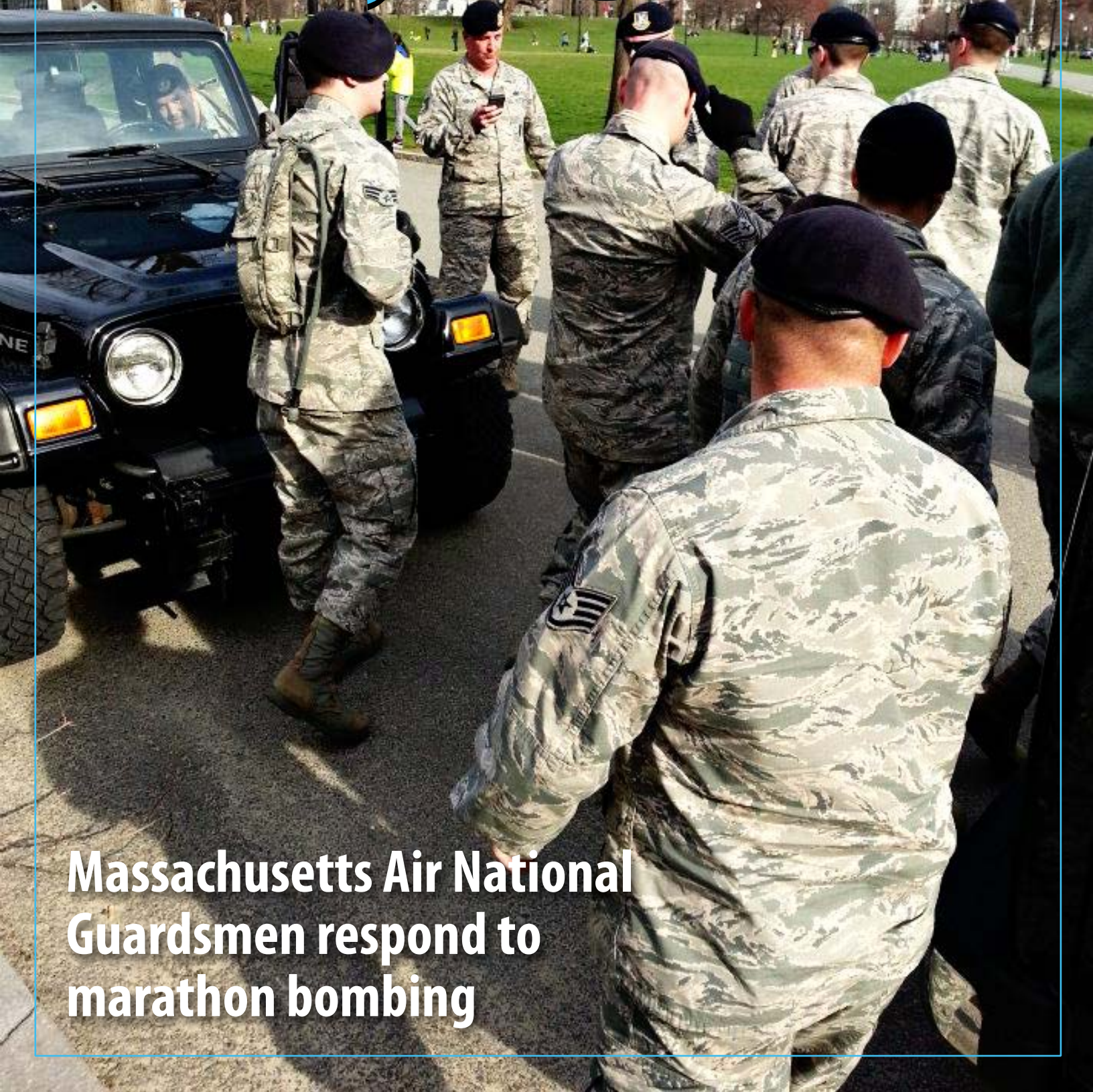


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Commander's Comments



[Col. Richard Sweeten, 102nd Air Operations Group commander](#)

Everyone in the 102nd Intelligence Wing was shocked when news came in the spring of 2012 that the 102nd Air Operations Group was being cut as part of the President's 2013 Budget (PB13). The National Guard Bureau (NGB) had agreed with the Air Force's decision to cut 5,100 Air National Guardsmen [MORE...](#)

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[Video: The Otis Webcast from Studio 102](#)

NEW! The Otis Webcast is a news report created by the 102nd Public Affairs office and offers viewers a monthly synopsis of events and news in under two minutes. The report is released the week prior to the month's Unit Training Assembly. Any feedback is welcome. If you would like to feature a story in the webcast please let us know!



[Mass. Air National Guardsmen respond to marathon bombing](#)

Every year on Patriots' Day, the 102nd Security Forces Squadron deploys a team of Airmen to line the route of the annual Boston Marathon, augmenting local law enforcement by providing crowd control and ensuring public safety. Normally a positive and routine detail for these Airmen to perform, [MORE...](#)



[Soldiers, Airmen, Warriors](#)

For the first time, the Massachusetts National Guard held a joint service competition to determine who are the state's best warriors. Twenty two Soldiers and Airmen competed in the Massachusetts National Guard's Best Warrior Competition from April 5th to 7th. Best Warrior covers a number of warrior training tasks and Soldiering skills. [MORE...](#)



[National Guard chaplains provide spiritual support to Boston Marathon terror responders](#)

Members of the Massachusetts National Guard played a variety of roles in support of local authorities during the running of the Boston Marathon and in the wake of the explosions at the finish line. [MORE...](#)

[News from JFHQ A1: Joint Officer Qualification](#)

The deadline is quickly approaching for self-nominations for retroactive experiences for joint qualification. For qualifying joint assignments prior to 1 October 2013 officers may request retroactive joint credit until 30 September 2013. Beginning 1 October 2013 all experiences must be self-nominated within one year of completion. If you have completed an experience that meets the definition of joint matters now is the time to self-nominate!



[Chaplain \(Lt. Col.\) David Berube: "Strength for the Journey"](#)

As I drove home following State Active Duty for the Boston Marathon Bombing Response I passed the Hopkinton exit on the highway. I thought to myself how that starting point for the Marathon was also the starting point for the leg of life's journey we had all travelled since Patriots' Day. I've spent a lot of time since then thinking about the strengths [MORE...](#)

UTA WORSHIP TIMES AND RELIGIOUS RESOURCES

- Roman Catholic Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday, offered at the USCG Chapel on South Inner Road. (*We are working to offer Mass at the 102nd IW in the near future*)
- Interdenominational Christian Worship is 11:30 a.m. Sunday, offered in Building 158 in the third floor Chaplain's area (Band Room).

For other service times and services for other faith groups, please call the 102nd Chaplain's Office at (508) 968-4508 on UTA weekends. We'll be happy to help you make a connection.

Announcements



Chief Master Sergeant Monica Degnan retirement • MAY 4th, 2 p.m.

Chief Master Sgt. Degnan will be retiring this month and her ceremony is being held on May 4th, at 2 p.m. at building 330 (Combat Comm). She has served for 25 years. Since becoming a member of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, Chief Degnan has held numerous positions. In addition to her duties as the health systems specialist, she is also a member of the Air National Guard Health Technician Advisory Council (HTAC) appointed by the Air Surgeon (NGB/SG). All are invited to attend the ceremony!

The Junior Enlisted Council is holding a Food Drive • MAY 4th, 10:30 a.m. - noon

The Junior Enlisted Council is holding a Food Drive to help the Cape Cod Community College Food Pantry located at 4C's. The Food Pantry was created by the Legacy Club at 4C's to help support students in need through the Internal Giving Program. Canned food, boxed food, hygiene items, baby items, and snacks can be dropped off at the Dining Facility on Sunday of the May UTA between 10:30 a.m. and noon. [See flyer](#) for more information.

HELP NEEDED

The Chaplain Corps mission is, in part, to assist military members in their right to the Free Exercise of Religion, provide private counsel in the safe context of privileged communication, and aid the welfare and morale of the unit. **The 102nd IW has an immediate need for chaplains.** If you know someone who has interest and meets the [basic criteria](#), please provide their contact information to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Berube. We are particularly interested in recruiting a Roman Catholic priest, yet have openings for any denomination or faith group. Contact info for Chaplain Berube: david.berube@ang.af.mil or obchap@yahoo.com, (508) 968-4508.

NEW DTS TOOLS: Travel Policy Compliance • Restricted Airfare Checklist

The 2012 National Defense Authorization Act required the Department of Defense to create and maintain a compliance program to minimize inaccurate, or duplicate claims. In December 2012, DTMO launched a pilot of the Travel Policy Compliance Tool, which is at the heart of the Department's new program. Check out the [Defense Travel Dispatch](#) newsletter to read how this affects you.



Airmen Powered by Innovation 1 MAY - 1 JUNE

Submit your cost-saving ideas to the new "Airmen Powered by Innovation" campaign by joining in the discussion on the [Air Force portal](#)! This call to action is from the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Larry Spencer. Remember, every dollar counts!

Promotions



Christopher Farrar



William Vachon



Jeremy Bowcock
Natanael Gouveia



Nicholas Barry

Enlisted Performance Reports are coming to the Air National Guard!

In a message from Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke, Director, Air National Guard, on April 3, "EPRs provide a consistent, repeatable, and documented process for our most important asset, our people," he said. E-4's through E-9's will receive a biennial EPR, a process that falls in line with the Air Force's 3-to-1 initiative. See [this story](#) for more information. More specific guidance will be released from the NGB soon!

Education

"Overdrive" (<http://af.lib.overdrive.com>) is an "app" that can be used on your smart devices, home computers, etc. This allows every Airmen to download CSAF reading lists, leadership development books and non-official materials. AT NO COST! See [this link](#) for the full story.

Tuition Assistance: "The Air Force plans to reinstate its tuition assistance program toward mid-April," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody on March 28. TA only affects those on Active Duty status, and the Massachusetts 100% State Tuition and Fee waiver program and the all of the GI Bill Programs are still in effect.



Airman & Family Readiness Program

[FAMILY FLYER MAY 3, 2013](#)

In this issue:

- B.A.T.T.L.E.M.I.N.D. seminar for police, first responders, and veterans
- 9th Annual Troops in the Spotlight May 26th
- Boston Strong 2.62 Mile benefot run
- Red Sox tickets and MORE...

Commander's Cup

SOCCER! MAY 4

The Commander's Cup event for the month of May will be soccer. The games will be held on the fields next to the Base Gym (Camp Edwards side of the MMR) at **4 p.m.** Saturday May 4th.

The format will depend on how many participants we have. For tournament style the ideal number is 9/10 per team. If you can't field a team, then we can use a shootout format for the purpose of tournament scoring and then have a game with what participants we have after the trophy has been awarded.

Contact Capt. Dennis Swift for more information about the upcoming Commander's Cup events. All events start at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday unless otherwise noted.

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MONTH-BY-MONTH SCHEDULE:

- May: Soccer
- June: Beach Volleyball
- July: F1 Racing
- August: Softball
- September: Triathlon
- October: Golf
- November: Flag Football

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