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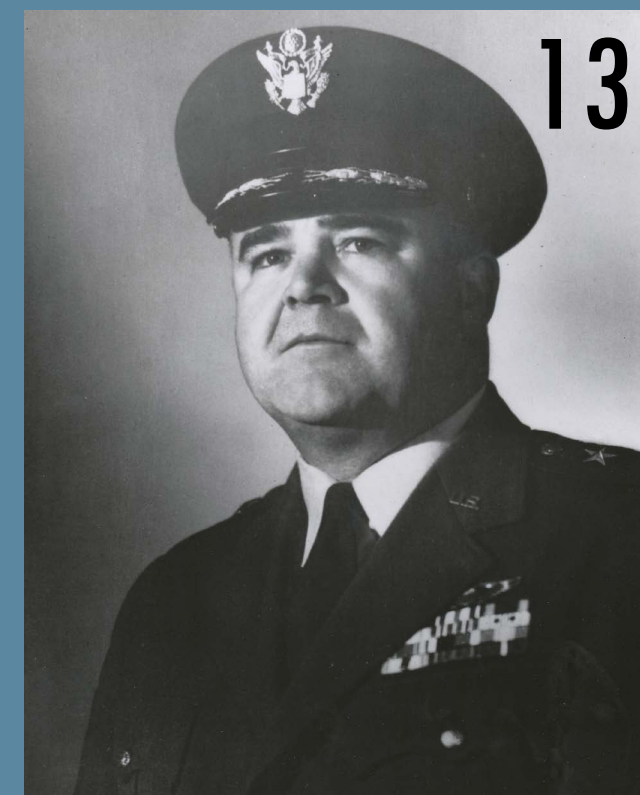
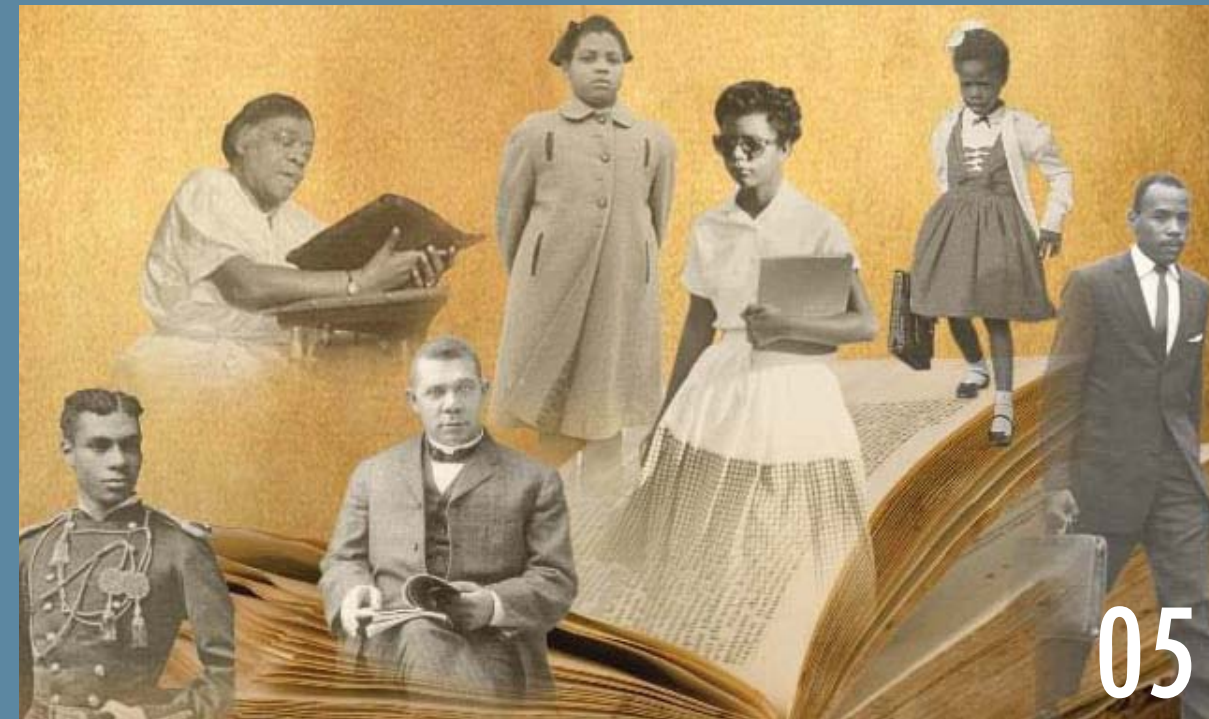
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Readiness

By Colonel Scott Dumford
253 CEIG/Commander

If you haven't had a chance to watch Citizen Soldier, I highly recommend it. The documentary follows an Oklahoma National Guard unit during its one year deployment to Afghanistan. The opening of the movie highlights the fact that National Guard members train for just 39 days a year, but can be placed on the front lines in time of conflict. This is a sobering number considering the wide range of topics that must be covered to be ready for a deployment.

Readiness is defined as a state of being fully prepared for something. The difficult part with that definition is the "something" part. Imagine being fully prepared for a deployment to a desert environment where you're fully equipped and trained for that challenge and at the last minute you're redirected to support a mission in Europe or the Pacific. It is unlikely that you would remain at the same level of readiness.

In the military there are several components of readiness that are not fully within your control and must be addressed at the unit level such as the equipment you are issued or the training you receive. However, there are many components of readiness that are completely within your control such as personal, physical, mental and spiritual readiness that can help you more easily adapt to unforeseen challenges that you will encounter during the mission.

One of the early scenes in the movie depicts a conversation between a Sergeant and a young soldier that has broken his only pair of glasses and lost a lens as they are training. The glasses had been cracked for over a week but finally broke during the exercise. The Sergeant highlights that while the broken glasses affect his military duties, the issue isn't just a military issue, it is a personal readiness issue. The Sergeant states that "Nobody is going to care more about you, than you."

We all know that there isn't much you can do to help clear the driveway after a snowstorm back home when you're sitting at a base overseas. Preparing your family and your home before you leave will eliminate a great deal of stress while deployed. Ensure that you maintain a healthy life style and exercise on a regular basis so you can adjust to the deployed environment easier. The part I found ironic in Citizen Soldier was the fact that they trained in Oklahoma for a deployment to the mountains of Afghanistan. They quickly realize that movement over the mountainous terrain is vastly different than moving through the fields back home. Techniques you learn or practice at home to reduce stress can also be applied during a deployment. Everyone has their own way of coping with stress, but developing coping skills before the deployment is very important. While it is not possible to be prepared for any eventuality, there are things you can do before a deployment to make it easier to adapt to the unexpected.



BEING PROACTIVE IN A REACTIVE WORLD

Ms. Jill Garvin
102nd IW/Director of Psychological Health

What does it mean to be proactive in a reactive environment? First, let's start with definitions. The word "reactive" implies you let the circumstances set the agenda. When faced with difficult situations, you are knocked down by the force of the impact and each new stressor catches you by surprise. You scramble just to keep your head above water. The word "proactive," on the other hand, is demonstrating grace under pressure. When a conflict arises, you appear at ease, in control. You anticipate stressors and go with them rather than fight them. It's similar to riding a wave versus being knocked down by it.

Being proactive, uses the ebb and flow of events as a source of energy. It's not some mysterious quality you are born with. Rather, it's a way of dealing with things that can be developed and strengthened. It's a skill that requires practice.

In truth, the difference is one of perspective. The proactive individual sees the situation at the 30,000 foot level. Each stressor is not an isolated incident, but is part of a pattern. While there is a certain amount of stress in dealing with difficult circumstances, there is a consistency and a logic to the environment. There is a degree of predictability.

When you anticipate stressors, you are able to adapt to the ups and downs. You "learn" the patterns of the waves, so that reactions become more spontaneous and more in tune with the ups and downs. You anticipate what the future will be and react accordingly before it actually happens.

What is it then that causes us to be reactive? It could be a lack of information. There are a certainly events we can't predict. In addition, some people are better than others at thinking in terms of patterns, expectations. But for the most part, it's a

matter of attitude. The reactive individual is easily exhausted and overwhelmed. They lack the energy needed to prepare and make changes. When that occurs, it does no good to self-blame. Instead, take a break, a "time out" to refocus on what you're doing it and how you're doing it. When the next difficult situation comes, try again to go with it rather than fight it.

Be well and remember, I am here for the 102d!



CHAPEL CALL

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Berube
102nd IW/Chapel

Be well. Whether caused by day-to-day life, crisis events, chronic situations, or even endless winter weather, stress is almost always part of our lives. Some stress, as we all know, is "normal." And we usually handle that fairly easily. Some stress is more challenging, requiring more effort to handle. Some even requires the help of others for us to deal with it effectively. It's also good to have some stress management tips and tools on hand. The latest tool I'm trying is also a reminder of my emotional health goal: **"BE WELL."**

BREATHE (deeply) - Controlling breathing is important for everything from "normal" to crisis stress. Taking a deep breath or two (or a few) helps even in difficult crisis events. Controlling breathing reminds us we do control something in the midst of stress. It can help us re-establish control over our bodies and reduce physical and emotional stress reactions. Deep breathing also gives us time to choose a response to our situation, helping us avoid knee-jerk reactions driven by the stress.

EXPRESS YOURSELF (appropriately) - Sharing our stress with someone (a peer, a professional, God) can help us manage it better. Talking about the stress and how it's affecting us allows us to tell (and hear) the facts of the situation and our emotional response. It's a way to "reality check" and see if the facts and our response match. In fact, sharing our experience with someone who's "been there/done that" can help with healing those really difficult stresses in life (ours or theirs).

WORKOUT (regularly) - Getting our typical amount of exercise (or the amount we typically should get) even during stressful times helps release good chemicals, burn toxins, and give focus when stress tends to feed feelings of chaos. Working out provides "something" constructive for those times we feel, "I just wish I could do something."

EAT & DRINK (normally) - Eating and drinking healthy things in healthy amounts helps our bodies deal with stress. This provides

energy and maintains health. It offers another routine during stress and gives another area of control over our situation and ourselves. And, if we share our times of nourishment they provide a social opportunity for connection to others.

LAUGH (often) - It's important we are serious about life's serious parts, but also important we find the joy that helps maintain a balanced life. Laughter and good humor remind us life contains happiness as well as stress. Laughing when we can and searching for life's light-hearted places helps inoculate us against over-stress and burnout.

LOVE (generously) - It is vital we maintain care, concern, and friendships with others. We are meant to be in healthy relationships which remind us we're not alone. Genuinely caring for others is a tangible sign of hope for better times beyond the stress we may be experiencing in any given moment.

Stress doesn't ultimately have to defeat us. If we're prepared with the right tools, relationships, and goals we can survive, and thrive, as we face whatever stresses life brings to us. **BE WELL.**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RSD

SATURDAY

- Roman Catholic Mass, 1500, Building 170, Room #238 (the Heritage Room)

SUNDAY

- Roman Catholic Mass, 1030, Building 170, Room #238
- Christian Worship, 1100, Building 330, Room #7

If you need or want a worship experience other than these, please contact the Chaplain's Office. We'll be happy to help you. *Please note that the Chaplain's Office has moved. We are now in Building 170, the new 102d IW Headquarters, Room 129. Our phone remains the same - 508-968-4508.*

PROGRESSION

By Technical Sgt. Sheena Green
102nd IW/Military Equal Opportunity Office

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech inspired hope in Americans. His statements displayed his optimism and enshrined his dream for change. One quote hit home for me.

"...the marvelous new military which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have to come realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

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Fast forward 56 years. On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the first African-American President was sworn into office. This day signified change, part of which bore proof that an African-American could become president of the United States. Was this MLK's dream? Certainly part of it. President Obama honored the past in his inauguration speech,

"I stand here humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

The sacrifices borne by our ancestors. This reminded me of a conversation with my grandfather during the 2008 primaries. He was certain that he wouldn't live to see the day when an African American president took office, no matter how qualified.

He wasn't sure that America was ready for this type of change.

"They'd put a woman in office before they put a Black man in the White House," he'd say.

To some extent I agreed with him, however, I amused myself to think otherwise. For my grandfather, progression was a slow struggle. I could see both the joy of hope and the pain of the past in his eyes. I was

often exposed to my grandfather's past, as it hung visible on the wall in his living room, his military picture and accolades proudly displayed.

Percy Brown, returning home from his tour in the US Army Air Corps on November 4, 1946. The irony is that he served a segregated country in a segregated military, and was ordered to treat Japanese prisoners of war better than he was treated by his own countrymen.

He was from Charlottesville, Virginia, a town where racism and segregation was law.

After serving his country, he came home to no change. Looking for a better opportunity, my grandfather joined his aunt in West Newton, Mass.

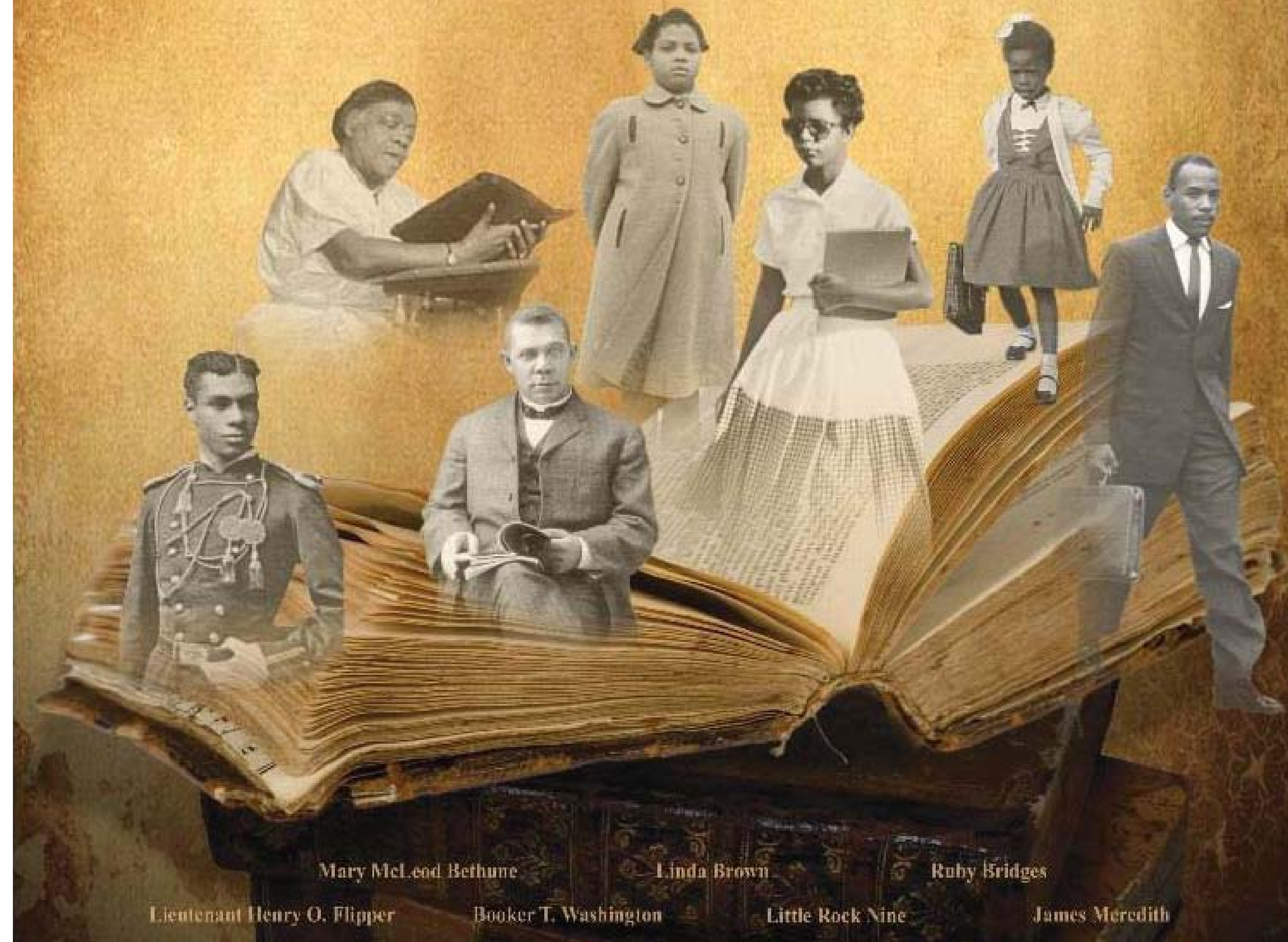
Years later he married his wife Arlene and they had seven children, three grandchildren, three great-grand's and one great-great grandchild. Through it all, he overcame endless obstacles, and his veteran status enabled him to live a decent life and raise a family.

My grandfather did get to see a Black man in the White House, and currently, at the age of 90, his wisdom remains timeless.

"We as Americans have progressed, but we still have farther to go. Continue to live your dream."

"SUCCESS ALWAYS LEAVES FOOTPRINTS."

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



Mary McLeod Bethune

Linda Brown

Ruby Bridges

Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper

Booker T. Washington

Little Rock Nine

James Meredith

FIRST SERGEANT'S CORNER PRIDE AND SERVICE

By Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Amatucci
102nd IW/First Sergeant

I come from a family with roots in military and civil service. My father was a retired Senior Master Sgt. from the MA ANG. My wife also retired from the MA ANG after two deployments during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Service to this country was instilled from my parents at a young age and is instilled now in my children.

As I look back at almost 30 years of military service, two things have been constant during that time, pride and service. As Lee Greenwood states "I'm proud to be an American". Every time I wear the uniform or hear the National Anthem I am truly honored to be able to state that I'm an American Airman.

We've all raised our right hand and repeated the oath to solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. It is a humbling oath; a thoughtful and serious promise to take on the sobering duty to protect our freedoms. I have been a witness to dozens of enlistments and each time I feel honored to be able to be part of the process. These are individuals who volunteer to defend the Constitution of the United States. There is no draft; we are a complete volunteer force and the smallest in number in American History. Less than 1% of all American citizens are defending this country. No matter what anyone does or says to you, you all should be proud!!!!

As Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Cody wrote in one of his Roll Call articles, "The motivation behind our first oath is often different. Many initially raise their right hand for the opportunities that come with service in our military - great young men and women looking to further their education goals, for direction and purpose in life, or financial stability. For

others it could be family tradition or the thrill of a new challenge. The reasons vary greatly, and none are wrong."

This will be my last article written as a First Sergeant. My time is up wearing the diamond after almost eight years. As I have stated many times before, the last eight years as a First Sergeant has been the best of my military career. The ability to be in a position to mentor Airman, young and old, has been the greatest personal enrichment in my career. It will definitely be a bitter-sweet day when I have to take the diamond off, but I look forward to my next step in my career.

Last but not least, I want thank all of you for your service and what you sacrifice for this unit, state and country. You are all the reason why we are the best country in the world!!!!

MAJ. CHRISTIAN LEIGHTON TAKES COMMAND OF 332nd ECES

U.S. Air Force Maj. Christian Leighton, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron incoming commander, receives command from Col. Daniel Guinan, 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, during a change of command ceremony Jan. 13, 2017, at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Eboni Reams/Released)



DEFENSE BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM // DBIDS

By Technical Sgt. Allen Nancarrow
102 SFS/Electronic Security Systems NCOIC

You've probably seen it at other Air Force Bases in your career. Security Forces armed with a scanner that can read your ID Card. Most recently you've probably seen it at the I-Gate entering the 102 IW. Otis Air National Guard Base has joined the ranks of other Air National Guard and Air Force bases that utilize the Defense Biometric Identification System. The 102 IW has received DBIDS 5.0, which is the newest version and is at the cutting edge of Force Protection Systems.

You're probably asking; what the heck is a DBIDS?

DBIDS is a mandatory system to be utilized by Security Forces per AFI 31-113. DBIDS helps to ensure that your CAC is valid, and the individual entering has not committed any felonies or is wanted for a warrant. It does this by running an individual's information against the Criminal Justice Information System. The Air Force Security Forces Center describes it as a Force Protection System that allows local Security Forces to positively identify individuals entering an installation.

The process of being scanned is the same whether you are an active member of the ANG/AF, military retiree, dependent, or civilian employee. The gate guard at the entry control point will take your CAC card and scan the barcode on the back with the hand held scanner. The guard may even have you use your fingerprint to authenticate that you are the person on the ID that was just scanned. Your DEERS record will show up on the scanner as well as grant or deny recommendation. Individuals that have been scanned take approximately 1-2 seconds to be cleared. Individuals that have NOT been scanned take about 3-7 seconds. This is because the

information must be pulled from DEERS and downloaded onto the local cache. Many traditional guardsmen are not here during the week, so expect a bit more traffic in the February and March drills.

DBIDS is more than just a few hand held scanners, it also consists of multiple work stations.

Currently, the 102d SFS has three work stations. One at the I-Gate, one at SF BDOC and a third at the 102 IW Pass and ID Office. These three systems together provide SF the ability to actively verify individual's identities and their need to enter. It also allows SF to add "lost or stolen" ID cards or "be on the lookout" notifications that attach to someone's CAC Card the next time they're scanned. It also allows SF to ensure the wing populace is safer by vetting contractors more carefully and on a continual basis.

The Air Force continues to change, and technological innovations such as DBIDS allows 102d SFS to provide the best security to the members of the wing.

Patrolman Matthew Pollara scans the identification card of an individual requesting access to the base using the Defense Biometric Identification System. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Swanson)



AF EVOLVES POLICIES TO ACCESS MORE TALENT, MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force announced new policies on dress and appearance with regard to tattoos, as well as changes to service medical accession policy Jan. 9.

These changes result from a review of Air Force accessions policies directed by Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James in 2016.

“As part of our effort to attract and retain as many qualified Airmen as possible we periodically review our accessions policies,” she said. “In this instance, we identified specific changes we can make to allow more members of our nation to serve without compromising quality. As a next step in this evolution, we are opening the aperture on certain medical accession criteria and tattoos while taking into account our needs for worldwide deployability and our commitment to the profession of arms.”

Authorized tattoos on the chest, back, arms and legs will no longer be restricted by the “25 percent” rule, while tattoos, brands or body markings on the head, neck, face, tongue, lips and/or scalp remain prohibited. Hand tattoos will be limited to one single-band ring tattoo, on one finger, on one hand. The hand tattoo change ensures the ability to present a more formal military image when required at certain events and/or with dress uniforms. Current Airmen with existing hand tattoos that were authorized under the previous policy will be grandfathered in under the old policy standards.

A recent review of Air Force field recruiters revealed almost half of contacts, applicants and recruits had tattoos. Of these, one of every five were found to have tattoos requiring review or that may be considered disqualifying; the top disqualifier was the 25 percent rule on “excessive” tattoos. The new policy lifts the 25 percent restriction on authorized tattoos to the chest, back, arms and legs, opening up this population for recruitment into the Air Force.

Tattoos, brands and body markings anywhere on the body that are obscene, commonly associated with gangs, extremist and/

or supremacist organizations, or that advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination remain prohibited in and out of uniform. To maintain uniformity and good order and consistent with Air Force Instruction 36-2903, “Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel,” commanders will retain the authority to be more restrictive for tattoos, body ornaments and/or personal grooming based on legal, moral, safety, sanitary, and/or foreign country cultural reasons.

The new tattoo policy is effective Feb. 1, 2017. Further implementation guidance will be released in an addendum to the policy guidance.

The Air Force’s periodic review of medical accession standards and advancement of medical capabilities prompted policy changes with respect to waivers concerning common conditions that have routinely disqualified prospective Airmen from service: eczema, asthma and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Waivers for eczema, asthma and ADHD currently constitute the highest volume of requests from Air Force recruiters. Additionally, current Air Force accession policy with respect to pre-service marijuana use is not reflective of the continuing legalization of marijuana in numerous states throughout the nation.

“We are always looking at our policies and, when appropriate, adjusting them to ensure a broad scope of individuals are eligible to serve. These changes allow the Air Force to aggressively recruit talented and capable Americans who until now might not have been able to serve our country in uniform,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody.

While medical accession standards are standardized across the Services, the Air Force has modified some of its more restrictive service policy, or established specific criteria to streamline and standardize waiver processes to increase the number of qualified candidates entering service. These changes include:

- Eczema: Select candidates medically classified as having mild forms of eczema will be processed for a waiver. Certain

occupational restrictions may be applied to secure personal and mission safety.

- ADHD: Candidates who do not meet the standard of never having taken more than a single daily dosage of medication or not having been prescribed medication for their condition for more than 24 cumulative months after the age of 14 will be processed for a waiver if they have demonstrated at least 15 months of performance stability (academic or vocational) off medication immediately preceding enlistment or enrollment and they continue to meet remaining criteria as outlined in Defense Department Instruction 6130.03.
- Asthma: The Air Force will use the Methacholine Challenge Test to provide an objective measure of candidates with an ambiguous or uncertain history of asthma. Candidates who successfully pass this test will be processed for a waiver.
- Pre-accession marijuana usage: The revised policy will remove the service prescribed numerical limitations on prior use of marijuana when determining accession qualifications. In accordance with DOD standards, a medical diagnosis of substance-related disorders or addiction remains medically disqualifying for service. Additionally, any legal proceedings associated with pre-service use will continue to be reviewed and adjudicated separately and may be disqualifying depending on the nature of the offense(s). The Air Force will maintain a strict “no use” policy. An applicant or enlistee will be disqualified for service if they use drugs after the initial entrance interview.

The waiver process changes are effective immediately. The Air Force continues to work with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the other services to review existing medical

accession standards to allow the highest number of qualified individuals possible to serve.

“Among the fundamental qualities required of our Airmen is being ready to fight and win our nation’s wars. These accession standards ensure we maintain our high standards while bringing more consistency to our policies,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. “As medical capabilities have improved and laws have changed, the Air Force is evolving so we are able to access more worldwide deployable Airmen to conduct the business of our nation.”

NEW TATTOO POLICY

25% COVERAGE RULE ELIMINATED

UNAUTHORIZED AREAS
NECK/FACE
HEAD/TONGUE
LIPS/SCALP

RESTRICTED AREAS
HANDS
*AIRMEN WITH SMALL HAND TATTOOS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE OLD POLICY WILL BE GRANDFATHERED.

ONE SINGLE-BAND RING ON ONE FINGER ON ONE HAND

UNAUTHORIZED CONTENT
RELATED TO GANGS/EXTREMIST & SUPREMACISTS ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING SEXUAL/RACIAL/ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

HOME TEAM

Airmen of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, both at home and deployed, assembled to root on the New England Patriots as they went on to play in their historic ninth Super Bowl with the goal of winning an epic fifth championship.

Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron (below) showed their support by filming a shout out video for the Patriots from their undisclosed location.

In appreciation for the positive words, several members of the Patriots filmed video responses back.

Additionally, during a Patriots rally, wingmen back at home on Cape Cod (top right) filmed a shout out

video for the team. A group photo was taken and signed by participants to be hand-delivered to the Patriots organization (bottom right).

To check out all of the shout out messages that were exchanged between the wing and the Patriots, check out the official 102nd Intelligence Wing Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/102IW/>

As for the game itself?

Lets just say it helps to have wingmen you can count on. If you have that, you will never fail.



SUPPORTING THE

212 EIS DEPLOYERS RETURN

Airmen of the 212th Engineering Installation Squadron returned from deployment overseas and were greeted by family and friends.



HAIL AND FAIRWELL



Capt. Randy Bonneau and Senior Airman Bennie Lowe of the 102nd Comptroller Flight are recognized at a gathering of co-workers and friends as they prepare to deploy.



Tech. Sgt. John Gloria of the 102nd Comptroller Flight is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by 102nd Intelligence Wing Commander, Col. Virginia Doonan, during his retirement ceremony recognizing his years of service.



ISR, CYBER COORDINATE CAPABILITIES FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT AT RED FLAG

By Lori A. Bultman
25th Air Force

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) -- Created in 1975, Red Flag was established by Gen. Robert J. Dixon, then commander of Tactical Air Command, to more realistically train forces for combat.

This year's first Red Flag, 17-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, has today's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance warriors thinking about the many kinetic, or traditional weapon, and non-kinetic, information warfare, effects they can produce in battle scenarios.

When training for war, in addition to the physical effects from bullets and bombs, there can also be battle damage results involving technology that are not so clearly seen, said Lt. Col. Neal, the 25th Air Force operations division chief.

Col. Robert Cole, the Air Forces Cyber Forward director, said rather than thinking about war from a domain-centric perspective, future battles will be fought with combined effects.

"In the past, the non-kinetic effects were not fully integrated into the kinetic fight," Cole said.

Now, Red Flag is integrating unseen effects into multi-domain operations to include kinetic, cyber, ISR and electronic warfare, Cole said.

"This integration in an exercise environment allows our planners and warfighters to understand how to best integrate these, learn their capabilities and limitations, and become ready to use [these combined resources for maximum] effect against our

adversaries," he said.

"For example, think about the movie 'Black Hawk Down.' As the U.S. task force was moving from the air base to Mogadishu, there were a number of spotters that alerted enemy forces," Cole said. Consider if cyber was used to coordinate contact with the spotters and tell them to walk away or be targeted, he said.

A key component for coordinating all the different silent effects during battle is the non-kinetic duty officer.

"We are bringing the non-kinetic duty officers into the fight at Red Flag," Neal said. "These experts in ISR and cyberwarfare are the newest weapons in our command and control arsenal."

The 25th Air Force kick started the Numbered Air Force non-kinetic duty officer initiative with the development of a five-day Red Flag NKDO course in preparation for Red Flag 17-1.

"This course has proven its worth, as it not only provided curriculum bridging the air, space and cyber effects in warfare, but it also produced a multi-domain NKDO team readied for Red Flag 17-1," said Joe Delgado, the 25th Air Force ISR Operations Integration and Exercises deputy chief.

The 14th, 24th and 25th Air Forces' NKDOs, with coalition augmentation, are performing well ahead of week one Red Flag standards, according to Delgado.

At the end of 17-1, week one, 25th Air Force wings, including Air Force National-Tactical Integration Teams

from the 70th ISR Wing, are having marked success and appear to be performing better than typical ISR participants, Delgado said.

The specialized cryptologic analysts from the NTI teams are providing time-sensitive, high impact, national-level intelligence to numerous exercise participants, said Garland Henderson, operational integration branch chief, 25th Air Force.

The 25th Air Force is also pursuing the successful employment of the newly operational Net-Centric Collaborative Targeting system at this Red Flag, Henderson said.

"The plan is to utilize NCCT to coordinate multiple sources of intelligence for situational awareness or to take action," he said. "Applying lessons learned from previous Red Flag events, NTI at 17-1 has excelled by reaching out to other ISR partners, such as the Distributed Common Ground Station, to ensure critical data is passed in a timely manner.

"The realistic warfare challenges at Red Flag create an ideal environment for capabilities, like NCCT, to prove their worth in a time-sensitive, task saturated scenario involving the integration of multiple ISR assets," Henderson continued.

A typical Red Flag exercise involves a wide variety of aircraft, as well as ground-based command and control, space and cyber forces. It has expanded in recent years to include all spectrums of warfare, including command, control, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare.



Maintainers from the 419th and 388th Fighter Wings conduct preflight checks on an F-35A Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, during Red Flag 17-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Jan. 24, 2017. Airmen from the active-duty 388th FW and Air Force Reserve 419th FW fly and maintain the Lightning II in a total force partnership, capitalizing on the strength of both components. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Natasha Stannard)



Maj. Gen. Charles W. Sweeney was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1919. He graduated from North Quincy High School (Mass.) in 1937. After graduating from high school, he attended evening classes at Boston University and also at Purdue University.

Charles Sweeney joined the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet on April 28, 1941, receiving his commission as a pilot in the Army Air Corps in December 1941. Lieutenant Sweeney then spent two years at Jefferson Proving Grounds, Ind. From the proving grounds in 1943, Charles Sweeney, now a captain, moved to Eglin Field, Fla., where he served as an operations officer and also a test pilot.

In 1944 he was promoted to the rank of major in the Army of the United States. At this time he was acting as a B-29 pilot instructor at Grand Island, Neb. Later in the same year, Major Sweeney was reassigned to Wendover

FORMER 102nd WING COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. CHARLES W. SWEENEY

APPOINTED AS WING COMMANDER 61 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Information from his official biography available at <http://www.af.mil/aboutus/biographies.aspx>

Field, Utah, and it was here that he began working in the "Silver Plate" project, the code name of the pilot and crew training program for the coming World War II atomic missions.

On May 4, 1945 (at the age of 25 and with the rank of major) Charles Sweeney became commander of the 393rd Bombardment Squadron, a B-29 unit, which seven weeks later flew to a base on Tinian in the Mariana Islands.

It was during August 1945 that Major Sweeney flew the history-making missions and dropped the bomb which brought World War II to a close.

In November 1945, Major Sweeney and the 393rd Bombardment Squadron returned home to Roswell Air Force Base, N.M. His mission at Roswell was to train aircrews for a third atomic mission -- a peacetime experiment on Bikini. Just a few months later on June 28, 1946, he was discharged from active duty with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Sweeney, on Feb. 21, 1956, was appointed wing commander by Governor Christian A. Herter. Also in 1956, the unit was again re-designated as the 102nd Air Defense Wing, and on April 6, 1956, Colonel Sweeney received his promotion to the rank of brigadier general. In 1958 the wing received its designation as the 102nd Tactical Fighter Wing. He retired in 1976 as a major general in the Air National Guard.

General Sweeney is a command pilot with

more than 5,000 military flying hours and he is the holder of the Silver Star, Air Medal, National Defense Medal, American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with two bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation of Japan Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Air Force Longevity Medal and the Massachusetts Military Service Medal.

UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

General Sweeney is the man who piloted a B-29 Superfortress bomber deep into the heart of Japan to drop, in military combat, the world's second atomic bomb. This was the nuclear blast that brought the warlords to their imperial knees and closed the last active chapter of history's most destructive war.

It all began on Aug. 6, 1945, when 25 year old General Sweeney, then a major, piloted a photographic and observer B-29 close beside the now legendary B-29 "Enola Gay" (itself flown by General Sweeney's close friend, Colonel Paul W. Tibbetts Jr.).

On this mission, the first epochal A-Bomb decimated Hiroshima.

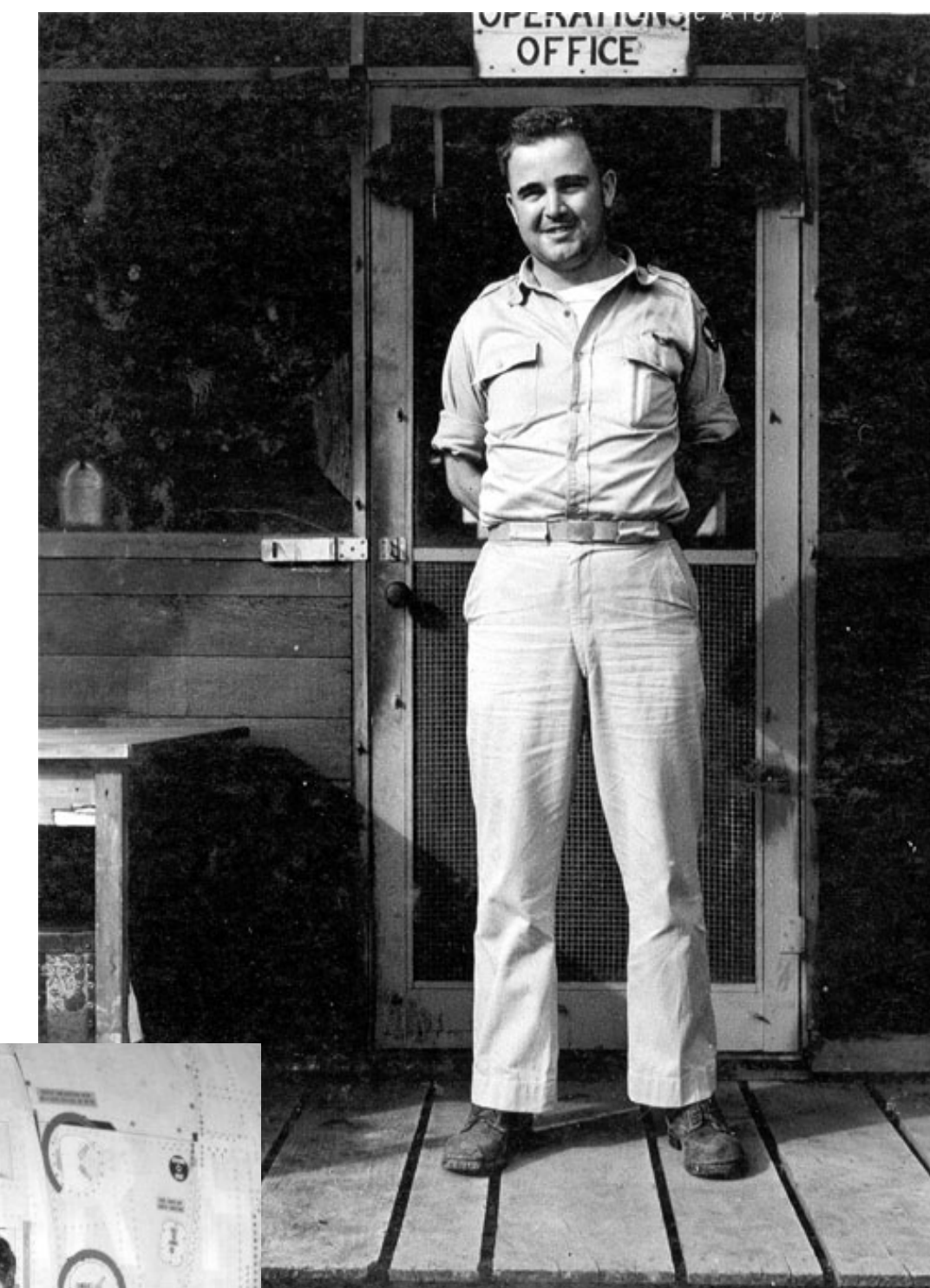
Due to the reluctance of the Japanese to surrender, despite this destructive blow, it was decided that the second bomb should be dropped on Aug. 9, Major Sweeney was named to pilot the second B-29 atomic bomber, this time over Nagasaki.

On the second raid, Major Sweeney not only had weather problems, but mechanical trouble prevented him from pumping gas to his engines from special bomb-bay tanks. Only his special training on how to squeeze

every possible mile from his initial supply kept the plane aloft.

Despite the unfortunate incidents, the mission was completed. Through a break in the heavy cloud formations, the deadly missile hurtled to pinpoint accuracy into history, destroying 60 percent of Nagasaki. These two historic missions virtually and effectively ended the war against Japan, and with it the Second World War.

General Sweeney passed away in 2004 at the age of 84.



PROMOTIONS

SENIOR AIRMAN

Asare Agyeman
Reneau Bouchard
Wilson Tiburtino
Erne Doroliat

STAFF SERGEANT

James McMillian
Charles Agyemang

TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Andrew Hill
Taylor Thomas

MASTER SERGEANT

Patrick O'Connor
Michael McFarland

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Cynthia Thomas

**Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Brian Porter on your perfect (100%)
Air Force Fitness Test! Way to go!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIEFS COUNCIL CORNER

102nd Intelligence Wing Outdoor Recreation offers the area's best prices on boat, camper and trailer storage, with a secure on-base location to serve you. New customers are welcome now! Fees and charges are \$125.00 per calendar year. Please take a look at us, located inside the I-Gate next to Eagles Nest. We currently have nine slots open with plans to add additional spots this summer. E-mail Chief Walsh for terms and conditions at: michael.p.walsh6.mil@mail.mil or call 508-968-4380.

MASSACHUSETTS TUITION AND FEES WAIVER

Eligibility for the Massachusetts Tuition and Fees Waiver Certificate for state schools is determined by your status as a member of the 102nd Intelligence Wing. Members are eligible for the benefit the day they enlist or appoint with the Massachusetts Air National Guard. The benefit may be used at any point during your membership with the 102nd IW. Contact the Base Training Office for more information at 508-968-4189

FREE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

The National Guard Association of Massachusetts is offering five scholarships to Massachusetts National Guard members and their families. The application is easy, and the scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. If you would like an application or need more information, please contact Major Erik Anker via email or at x4512.

HONOR GUARD OPENINGS

The 102 IW Honor Guard is seeking motivated airman of any rank to fill volunteer rolls in the Base Honor Guard. This is a rewarding opportunity that will allow you to show your dedication the Air Force and your strong military bearing. Honor Guard members are required to participate in a minimum of four details per year. These details include military funeral honors as well as wing and community colors events. While the Honor Guard would be glad to have you participate anytime of the month, if you can only participate on drill weekends that is acceptable as we are currently working on having at least 2 members from each squadron train to do retirements and special occasion events. Please stop by or call 968-4431 and see an Honor Guard member and inquire about this rewarding all volunteer force opportunity.

2017 MILITARY SAVES CAMPAIGN

The Department of Defense has designated February 27 to March 4, 2017 as the kick-off of the 2017 Military saves Campaign. This is part of a nationwide America Saves Campaign and is conducted in cooperation with the Consumer Federation of America. It is an opportunity for the military community to join forces with federal, state, and local partners and installation banks and credit unions to focus on the financial readiness of Service members and their families, including the reduction of debt and saving towards personal and family goals. To learn more visit www.militarysaves.org

WING FIRST SERGEANT VACANCY

Drill Status Guardsmen selected to fill a senior master sergeant wing first sergeant position, a new term will be incurred based on the date of assignment to the new position. Qualified First Sergeants currently possessing 8F000 SDI. Member must be immediately promotable to Senior Master Sergeant. Application packages will include civilian or military resume, current copy of their vMPF Records Review Listing (RIP), a current Fitness Assessment, and letter of intent indicating the applicant's reasons for desiring the position, with unit Commanders endorsement. Applications must be received no later than 1600 hours on 05 March 2017. Check your email for the full job announcement or contact the Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Karen Cozza at 508-968-4503 for more information.

2017 SEAGULL DEADLINES

SEAGULL SUBMISSIONS

<i>for issue</i>	<i>submit by</i>
JANUARY	December 27, 2016
FEBRUARY	January 30, 2017
MARCH	February 16, 2017
APRIL	March 20, 2017
MAY	April 24, 2017
JUNE / JULY	May 22, 2017
AUGUST / SEPTEMBER	August 14, 2017
OCTOBER	October 2, 2017
NOVEMBER	October 23, 2017
DECEMBER	November 20, 2017

The 102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs Office welcomes your feedback and submissions. Got a great story idea? Is your unit or shop doing something impressive? We welcome articles written by unit members on topics of interest to the wing and its personnel.

WRITTEN STORY SUBMISSIONS

If you like to write and would like to submit a full article for publishing in the Seagull, we would be happy to take a look at it. Typically written stories are between 500-800 words and are formatted in the Associated Press (AP) format. Stories should have some relevance to the wing, its mission or its people. We reserve the right to review and edit your piece but will talk any edits over with you.

TELL US YOUR STORY IDEA

If you aren't interested in writing your own story but would still like to call attention to someone or something great happening in the wing, contact wing PA. Give us some background details and we will take it from there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Got something to say that doesn't warrant a full article? Send us your announcements and we will include them in the appropriate section of the Seagull. Please limit your message to a short paragraph or less.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Did you capture some great shots while training on a cool piece of equipment at some obscure training site out in the woods? Maybe you went to a great going away luncheon or a promotion ceremony. Maybe you snapped a picture of you and your team working hard and building camaraderie. Send us your shots! Public Affairs can't always be there but we still want to share those moments with the wing. For submissions just give us a few lines about what was going on, where the photo was taken, who is in it and who took the photo. We might be able to get them in the Around Otis section of the Seagull and possibly on our Facebook page.

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