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*A six ship formation of F-15s fly up the coast of Massachusetts on their way to a military training area in Vermont for an aerial refueling mission with a KC-10.  
Photo by James "Hazy" Haseltine*

# Seagull

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## ON THE COVER

Maj. Martin "Opus" Richard checks left while trying to rejoin a formation of F-15's while on a training mission over northern Vermont. This and other photos by aviation photographer Jim "Hazy" Haseltine are displayed throughout this edition of the Seagull. For more on Haseltine see the article on page 5.



# Revenge of the nerds - a progress report from the OOT

By Lt. Col. James LeFavor

## Office of Transformation (OOT)

I don't know if anyone's noticed, but I may, on occasion, poke fun at an Intel guy. You see, in every fighter squadron I've been, there has always been constant mockery and derision among the pilots for every single thing we do. No action goes unchallenged, and all action is subject to public ridicule - the more embarrassing, the better. There's no real reason, it is just the way things are.

As the banter goes on, eventually into the squadron walks the Intel guy. Could be that he's straight back from Goodfellow Air Force Base, or that he's dressed differently, or because he's the only non-pilot officer around, but he's an easy target. Real easy. I've known and worked with many Intel guys, and some of them are the kind that still have the stamp on their hand from the 1992 Star Trek Convention. So it's just natural to roll in on them - almost mandatory.

So as I sit here today writing this, I am struck by the irony of it all as I am about to depart to Intel school myself. Perhaps it is the work of some horn-rimmed, pocket-protected deity that is exacting revenge on me. However this all happened, Intel guys and gals the world over are quietly celebrating this latest trend of Air Force transformation. To this disturbingly exuberant group, getting a Digital Ground Station or DGS mission is ten (no a *million*) times better than getting F-22s. Really, that's how they think. It is the quintessential intelligence mission. And now that is us. No matter how much the irony stings, you have to try and find some humor in it.

It has been a little over a year since we received the official notification that the DGS mission was coming to Otis. When we received the word on Aug. 15, 2006, we were also told that we had one year and eight months to reach Initial Operational Capability or IOC, and keep flying F-15 Eagles throughout. If I had not been experiencing this process first hand, I would have said this whole scenario is made up. It is a daunting challenge, requiring a thousand separate "miracles" to make it happen. Yet I can tell you with confidence that these miracles are in fact happening.

These major challenges can be summed up into five areas: personnel, training, facilities, and communications, and, of course - money. I have been very lucky to have an awesome transition team from the start. In my opinion, the most difficult hurdle has been on the personnel side. It is the most difficult

because it has to do with people and their livelihoods. We were not given much guidance on how to create an organization out of a fairly simplistic (and always changing) unit manning document. Our Unit Maning Document positions came only with a rank and an AFSC, but somehow, we have managed to educate, advertise, interview and select hundreds of full time and traditional guardsmen. By the time this is published, the full time hiring process will be complete. A workforce restructuring on a scale of this magnitude has never been done by either our wing or our state headquarters. Our state Human Resources Office has been tremendously flexible and helpful as we have worked together to sort through the rules and develop efficient plans. Our own Human Resources remote, Master Sgt. Maryanna Schmid, has been the cornerstone of the process. We could not have come this far this fast without her extreme diligence.

Our base education and training manager, Master Sgt. Colleen Archer, has done an excellent job in placing our people into various schools. She is the first stop for people as they move on to new mission positions. When a somewhat lost and confused new placement walks into her office and says, "OK, what do I do?" She gives them the step-by-step plan. We are going to heavily rely on her expertise in the coming months as we send our full time force out to re-train.

The DGS is all about comm and bandwidth. The sophistication and volume of encrypted data that soon will be pouring into Otis is staggering. It will make high-speed Internet seem like the telegraph. The behind-the-scenes expert who makes the new mission comm miracles happen is Senior Master Sgt. Deb Cho. She has been our liaison with Verizon (who will supply our bandwidth) and probably has learned more about contracting and service agreements than she has ever wanted. As of right now, we are fully on track to have our communications links for IOC.

Major Steve Demianczyk has been the lucky one to oversee that our IOC Senitive Compartmentalized Information Facility or SCIF, building 165 renovation, and new Final Operational Capability or FOC facility construction occurs on time and within budget. He has done a tremendous job, despite having

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# The OOT

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the entire plan radically altered halfway through the process. We are on track to have a 5,000 square foot IOC facility built on the hangar floor by spring of 2008.

Although there are many more "miracle" workers making this transformation happen, I don't have the room here to recognize them all. Please thank these folks when you see them, and don't forget they do all of this on top of their normal job of making this fighter wing run. We've come a long way in one year, yet there are still many big challenges ahead. As we tackle our next phase, the challenges will become more

individualized, as people will be in charge of their own success at the various schools.

By the time I return, all the jets will have been long gone, and we should have a new SCIF full of equipment and starting to be filled with newly trained folks. We will pull off this miracle and we have a very good chance of making it by our due date. Since we all will have been "re-trained" and maintain our fighter heritage, we won't be true, grassroots intel nerds, and can therefore still make fun of those who are.

Good luck to us all.

-- the OOT guy.

## Government Travel Card

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## Seagull ideas?

Do you have an idea for a Seagull article? Would you like to be the subject of a story, or even write an article? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your section. We have a new e-mail address to submit information to the Seagull Magazine, please use: [Seagull@maotis.ang.af.mil](mailto:Seagull@maotis.ang.af.mil)

## Seagull deadline



The deadline for submission of articles for the next Seagull is 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14. No articles can be accepted after this deadline.

The public affairs staff has the right to edit all articles for content and length.

Items should be sent over the LAN to [Seagull@maotis.ang.af.mil](mailto:Seagull@maotis.ang.af.mil) or prepared on a floppy disk, preferably in Word for Windows.

Articles on disk also should be submitted with a printed copy to the Public Affairs Office, Building 158, room 209. For more information call 508-968-4090.

## Upcoming drill dates

Sept. 15-16  
Oct. 13-14  
Nov. 3-4  
Dec. 1-2

Drill hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays.

A wooden sign with a rough, hand-cut appearance, hanging from a string. The sign has the words "Out to LUNCH!" written on it in a bold, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a background of a double-lined rectangular border.

Out to  
LUNCH!

**Saturday, Oct. 13**

Fried Chicken

Chili Mac

**Sunday, Oct. 14**

Baked Fish

Meat Loaf

# Jim “Hazy” Haseltine, aviation photographer, flies with 101st Fighter Squadron

Aviation photographer Jim “Hazy” Haseltine visited the 101st Fighter Squadron in June and took some of the last professional photographs of the squadron’s aircraft. A few of those photos appear on the cover and throughout this month’s Seagull.

Haseltine grew up an Air Force brat, traveling around the world with his father from Air Force base to Air Force base. This fostered a great passion and fascination for the military and airplanes. He grew up always dreaming of flying F-15s and F-16s.

Today he flies on a regular basis for the Air Force and contractors in various supporting roles to do his part to provide support for their missions. Haseltine said perhaps his favorite job has been as an aerial photographer at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. flying with some of the most modern aircraft in the world. He currently works for Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the USAF on flight test programs for advanced tactical data links like TTNT (Tactical Targeting Network Technologies) and a new reconnaissance system called AMARS (Advanced Multi-mission Airborne Reconnaissance System).



*Jim “Hazy” Haseltine*

## Sara Sweeten wins Saving Makes “Cents” poem contest

*Program promotes the “ABC’s” of money management with elementary school students*

State Treasurer Tim Cahill honored elementary school children from across the Commonwealth for their participation in a contest highlighting the ABC’s of money management. Treasurer Cahill hosted students, parents, school administrators and elected officials at a ceremony in the State House’s where he announced the winners of the Saving Makes “Cents” acrostic poem contest.

Over 1,500 entries were received from more than 100 elementary schools throughout the state. The contest called for students in Grades 3 through 6 to express their thoughts on what saving money meant to them through an acrostic poem using the five letters from the word “money”. The winners in each grade level were rewarded with \$500 savings bonds provided by sponsor banks.

Sara Sweeten from Bourne Middle School received a \$500 savings bond from Sovereign Bank. She is the daughter of Lt. Col. Richard “Nemo” Sweeten, 102nd Fighter Wing, Operations Support Flight commander.

Saving Makes “Cents” is a school banking program run by Treasurer Cahill’s Financial Education Department. Local schools and banks work together to teach basic monetary concepts, including how to open a savings account, the origin of money and basic budgeting. Treasurer Cahill’s office provides a curriculum that is taught by classroom teachers and bank representatives, and bank representatives give students opportunities to open savings accounts and make regular deposits at school. Saving Makes “Cents” operates in more than 400 schools statewide thanks to the help of nearly 175 financial institutions.

*M - Millions and millions would be nice.  
O - Or maybe you can double that twice.  
N - Now that you know you can save in an account.  
E - Even if you don’t have a grand amount.  
Y - You can start a savings account, this way you will never run out.*



*Sara Sweeten receives award from State Treasurer Tim Cahill*

## **Master Sgt. David C. Nurse** **Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter**

Senior Master Sgt. David C. Nurse is a member of the 102nd Maintenance Group. He was selected for Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for excellent performance, outstanding professional attitude, leadership abilities, improvement efforts, and military representation. In March 2007, he deployed to Bagrham Airfield in Afghanistan in support of the 182nd Air Wing, Air Expeditionary Force, Operation Enduring Freedom. At Otis with the 102nd Fighter Wing, he guided the non-destructive inspections shop through the Unit Compliance Inspection with excellent results, and within the Air National Guard he is considered a single point of contact for F-15 non-destructive inspections. Sergeant Nurse has been offering training to his counterparts at the 104th Fighter Wing where his teamwork attitude is of great assistance to that wing as it transitions to the F-15 mission. He is a resident of Sandwich where he is involved with the local soccer club and Parent Teachers Organization.



Master Sgt. David C. Nurse

## **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Jones** **Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter**

Technical Sgt. Thomas Jones is a member of the Mission Support Group, 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron, where he is a structural craftsman and considered a specialist in his field. He trained and secured licensing for approximately 35 deploying troops on the JLG Articulating Personnel Lift, and assembled, cleaned and issued proper personal protective equipment to deploying members. He is a "hands on mentor" for his Airmen and conducts upgrade training for the Airmen assigned to the structures shop. He meticulously set up and maintains the structures' shop fall protection program - a model used by the rest of the engineering squadron and lauded by his squadron commander as mission first, safety always. With short notice he procured, constructed, and shipped end of deployment awards to Yuma, Arizona, in support of Operation Jump Start for presentation to Task Force Diamondback hosts and brother units. Sergeant Jones can always be counted on to be when and where needed - a true wingman.



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Jones

## **Senior Airman Chad R. Pimental** **Airman of the Quarter**

Senior Airman Chad R. Pimental is a member of the 102nd Operations Support Flight where he serves as an Intelligence Operations Specialist. He was selected as the Airman of the Quarter for his superior initiative, demonstrated leadership, valuable contributions to combat capability, and the highest military professionalism and bearing. He is "hands down the best intelligence Airman in the 102nd," He provides lasting and positive contributions to both the intelligence shop and his peers through superior job knowledge and tireless work ethics. He performs well above his stripes and years of service. Airman Pimental consistently demonstrates sound and seasoned judgement directly providing wing leaders with accurate analytical briefs. He is a consummate team player, willing to help anyone at anytime no matter the task which keeps moral at high levels. He reorganized the entire shop inventory of over 2,400 maps, charts, and imagery graphics and digital files. He is a member of a "Superior Performer Team," lauded by the ACC IG during the 2006 Unit Compliance Inspection. His efforts during the UCI were paramount to the intelligence shop's 100 percent compliance on 12 CCO line items.



Senior Airman Chad R. Pimental

# EDP: What's it all about?

By Senior Master Sgt. Michael J. Poirier  
Human Resource Advisor

The internet has opened the door to countless and numerous resources. One valuable online resource available to members of the Air Guard is the Air Force Portal (<https://www.my.af.mil>). There are far too many benefits of the **Air Force Portal** (AFP) to list them all in this article, therefore the focus will be on the most significant benefits of having an AFP account.

Accessibility is the first and foremost item that the AFP provides. Once an account has been created, the AFP can be accessed from non-mil networks and home computers. This allows personnel to access the Air Force Portal anywhere there is an Internet connection. (On military networks your CAC allows a quick login; on civilian network or home computer, you'll need to enter your password.)

One area of the portal that can help all enlisted Air Force personnel is the **Enlisted Development Plan** (EDP) or MyEDP. This site provides a wide range of online tools to help an individual in their Air Force career; MyEDP is one of the top ten most-visited sites within the entire Air Force Portal.

Accessing MyEDP for the first time will require the individual to provide limited information in order to establish a personalized account. An individual's MyEDP will open in a page specific to their current rank. The site is broken down into three different "modules": Education and Training; Leadership; and Job Experience. Each of these areas has information or links to topics specific to rank, including the requirements for progressing in your military career. MyEDP is not Guard-specific, so the requirements are oriented toward active duty airmen.

Throughout the AFP, there is a ton of information packed into each module. Each person's MyEDP main page is no exception; on the far left side are links to all the topics likely to be of interest to enlisted personnel. One particularly interesting feature under MyEDP is "Forums." The forums allow personnel to ask questions, read other's responses and add their own comments about issues relating to enlisted Airmen. These forums cover a wide range of topics, with responses from all over the Air Force.

Located in the center of the MyEDP page is an outline of suggestions for professional growth, with supporting links to appropriate sites (Professional Breadth, Leadership, etc). This page is specific to rank group: Airmen, mid-tier NCOs and senior NCOs (staff sergeants and tech sergeants are grouped



together; senior NCOs are broken out by individual rank). In addition to information specific to your rank, individuals can access information for other rank groups as well.

This ability to access other rank groups will lead personnel to my favorite feature of the EDP site — the ability to mentor via MyEDP. Located on the right hand side of the page are links under "My Account" that allow members to share their EDP with someone else. This tool is another method that can be used in mentoring. The catch is that to share with someone else, both parties must have established a MyEDP account on the portal.

Under this menu, you have the ability to create journal entries that both mentor and mentee (aka protégée) can access. A great example I recently viewed was from a recently promoted NCO who had career goals listed out and a time period in which the goals were to be accomplished. I was able to view this page because the NCO had granted me access. As a result, I was able to read the journal and provide guidance and feedback. Through this process, MyEDP provides a simple and effective means to mentor others.

The Air Force Portal (AFP) is a great online tool. It is accessible, loaded with countless resources, provides enlisted personnel with the Enlisted Development Plan (MyEDP) to help guide our careers, and, best of all, **IT'S FREE!**

Anyone requiring information on the Air Force Portal and/or EDP, please contact Senior Master Sgt. Mike Poirier at extension 4661.

# Summertime at the base where working is a learning experiencing

By Catherine Tonello  
Public Affairs Staff

The Title V Student Temporary Employment Program, also known as STEP, is an opportunity for high school and college students to experience a summer job like no other.

While other students may just “kick back” during the summer, STEP employees are given the opportunity to be involved with our nation’s military. Whether it’s a position as an office aid, general laborer, or a motor vehicle operator, students perform their job in a unique context, surrounded by dedicated members of the Air National Guard.

The 102nd Fighter Wing typically hires clerical and general laborer positions. Kimberly Scudder, the wing director of civilian personnel says that these “STEP employees gain marketable skills and earn money while enjoying their summer vacation.” The STEP employees are thoroughly briefed on their job as well as the overall purpose and management of the fighter wing.

Of course, one of the many orientation briefings is from an Air National Guard Recruiter. The students are certainly encouraged to consider joining the branch they are working with! Typically, students are hired for 60-90 days, with a start date sometime in the month of May or June. As always, the positions are temporary.

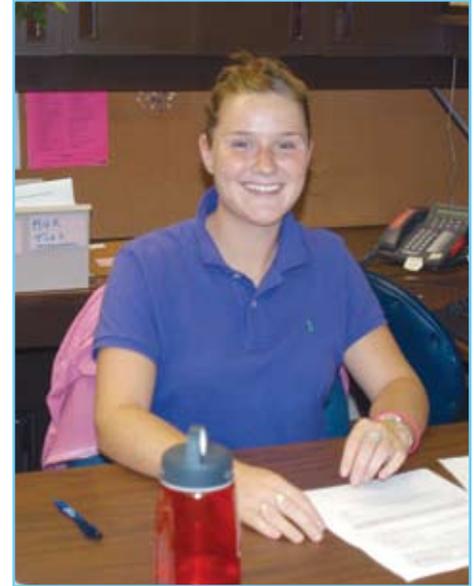
Out of the twenty students that were hired, fifteen are general laborers and five are administrative clerks in various offices around the wing. Returning as one of those five clerks is Allison Akeley. She worked last year in the contracting office and is currently in operations administration.

Akeley is a recent graduate of the New Testament Christian School. She is considering attending the University of Maine in Augusta with a major in forensic science. She heard about STEP through her sister Andrea Akeley, who works in the 102nd Medical Clinic.

As an administrative clerk in operations, Akeley does a lot of clerical work, such as filing, copying, shredding, and getting the mail. She also fills out and



*Suzanne Green*



*Kelly Duchemin*

distributes orders. One of the most exciting parts of her summer was going on the flight line to watch the jets take off.

Akeley said that she would like to return to Otis next year; however, her family will be moving to Maine this coming winter. Overall, Akeley said that she has enjoyed working on the base and interacting with the different members of the wing.

It’s the first year at the base for college student Suzanne Green. She is majoring in business management at Cape Cod Community College. She heard about the student employment program through a friend who has worked at Otis for the past few years.

So far, Green has been trained as an administrative clerk to organize orders for training and leave. She also handles entering time cards every other week. Approved request forms are sent to her to be printed and filed. Compared to other summer jobs that she has had, she said that this job is very different. There is more computer work involved, and she feels that it has been a great learning experience.

When asked if she would apply again, Green said that she would really like to. Another option that she’s considering is coming on part time during the school

year.

It is Kelly Duchemin’s first year at Otis, but close family friend, Kimberly Scudder, has been encouraging her to apply for some time.

This college junior played Division I field hockey in Maine before transferring to Bridgewater State College to major in business management. She is being trained as an administrative clerk in human resources this summer.

Duchemin said that with this job she is able to interact with a lot of different people. She answers phones, enters information into computers, and works with a maintenance database that keeps track of employee information. She said that she would like to apply again next year, and possibly come on part time during the school year if her schedule allows.

Josh Little-Parks is no stranger to the program or the base. This summer is his fifth year working as a summer hire.

Little-Parks is a junior at Thomas College in Waterville, Maine. He is majoring in criminal justice. He also plays for the school’s Division III basketball team as a guard.

For the past five summers, Little-Parks has been a general laborer on Otis. His job includes cutting grass, planting shrubs, and making sure the base grounds are



Allison Akeley



Josh Little-Parks (left) and Allen Nancarrow (right)

presentable. He said that he enjoys his job and plans on coming back next year.

Allen Nancarrow is also a general laborer at Otis this summer. This is his third summer working on the base. He enjoys the outdoor work and how quickly the days pass.

This Bourne High School graduate will be attending Cape Cod Community College for his first year of college. He then

plans on transferring to the Universal Technical Institute.

Like Little-Parks, Nancarrow is involved with "base beautification," as the boys jokingly called it. If possible, Nancarrow said that he would like to work year round while attending school full time.

The benefits and experiences are ones that these students are sure to remem-

ber. The skills that they have learned will give them a platform from which to launch whatever career they choose. Whether they join the military, or make a career as a civilian, the National Guard has provided these students with the opportunity to improve basic professional skills which will be useful in any occupation.

## IMPROVED HEALTH CARE PLAN FOR RESERVISTS STARTS IN OCTOBER

Reservists can begin signing up for more affordable Tricare Select Reserve health care that starts Oct. 1. All drilling reservists, including individual mobilization augmentees, will have access to the health care benefit at its lowest premium rate. Interested reservists, including those who are currently enrolled in Tricare Reserve Select, must fill out a newly developed Defense Department Form 2896-1 to take part in this restructured program.

All drilling reservists will pay the lowest premium, \$81 a month for single coverage. Monthly premiums for reservists and families will be \$253. Tricare will adjust premiums annually on Jan. 1. All drilling reservists are qualified for the restructured Tricare Reserve Select program starting Oct. 1 with one major exception: If they are eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits or are currently covered under FEHB (either under their own eligibility or through a family member's eligibility), they are not eligible to purchase Tricare Reserve Select.

For more specific information, go to the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.mil> or contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center toll free at 800-525-0102.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123063654>.

## Thank You

My wife, Donna, and I want to take this time to thank all the people of the 102nd Fighter Wing and the MMR for their support in our daughter's battle with cancer.

Kimberly is in the final stages of chemotherapy treatments and her carcinoma is expected to be in remission. We are so deeply grateful for the overwhelming response of truly wonderful people.

Thank you for sharing your stories of your loved ones afflicted by this dreaded illness. You have helped me get through some very challenging days at work. You helped me to stay focused by your kind words and being able to identify with similar situations.

We have a very small family but you have made us feel as though we have a very large one. Thank you again for your support, your thoughts, and prayers. God Bless You All.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jankowsky



*A six ship formation of F-15s are seen in formation with a KC-10 Extender from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. while conducting a training mission over northern Vermont.*

Photo by James "Hazy" Haseltine

*Two F-15s maneuver and drop flares while conducting an air-to-air training mission over Vermont.*

Photo by James "Hazy" Haseltine





# New Otis Fire Crash and Rescue Station open for business

**By Cliff McDonald  
Public Affairs Staff**

The new Otis Fire Crash and Rescue Station is but one of a series of new construction and base improvements championed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Congressman William D. Delahunt to transform the Massachusetts Military Reservation from an aging base fraught with environmental problems to a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the nation's emerging security needs.

The new project replaced an existing antiquated fire station originally built in the early 1950s that was ill equipped to handle the complexity of current base fire fighting operations. The new facility supports all aircraft at the Massachusetts Military Reservation including the US Coast Guard, the Army National Guard – and the F-15s belonging to the 102nd Fighter Wing that streaked toward New York in response to the September 11th attacks.

This project is the first base construction project approved

in two decades, and also included construction of a fire-fighting equipment storage facility that will protect the MMR and assist local firefighters in surrounding towns. The Otis station is a key provider of mutual aid to local communities surrounding the MMR.

In recent years, Delahunt has worked to position the MMR to become a regional center for homeland security training. A Pentagon study initiated by Delahunt concluded that the MMR should be a regional training center – especially given the presence of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Pentagon noted new training requirements of the military, the Coast Guard's expanded role in regional port security, law enforcement and maritime safety as well as first-responder and public safety training at the MMR.

Each modernization step takes us closer to realizing the potential of this unique military resource that just a few years ago seemed inconceivable. Today, the MMR is a national model for environmentally responsible, innovative reuse of our military facilities.



The new Otis Fire Crash and Rescue Station

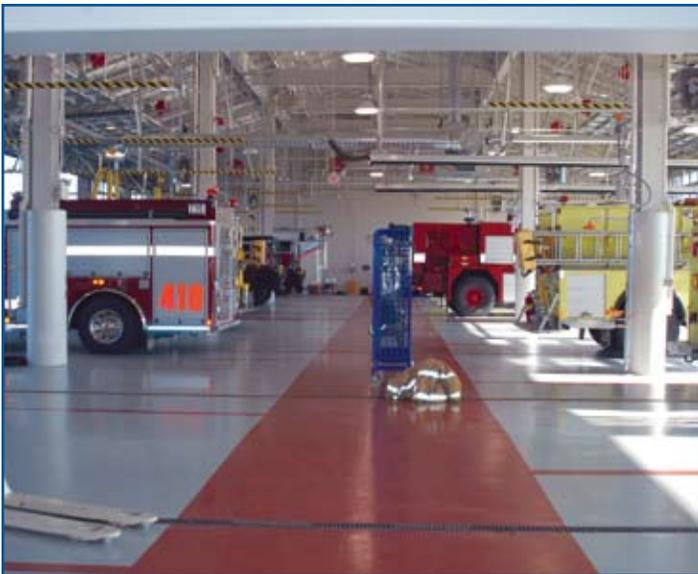
*Photo by CWO Edward Ivers*



*Fire bay from front side of station.*



*Fire bay from rear side of station.*



*Fire bay from inside of station.*



*Physical training room.*



*Command and control dispatch room.*



*Station's kitchen.*

# Looking back on the 102nd Fighter Wing Boston Airport - Logan years



MANGHA/PROPERTY

## Part I

**A**s the 101st Fighter Squadron begins to stand down in its final phase of existence, it is appropriate to look back on its proud history.

The squadron will soon begin to transfer its F-15 Eagle fighter jet to the 104th Fighter Wing, at Barnes Air National Guard Base. The process is expected to be completed in early 2008. The 102nd Fighter Wing in which the 101st Fighter Squadron now serves will continue its service to the nation as a non-flying Air Force intelligence unit.

The 102nd Fighter Wing finds its traditions in the glorious history of its founders, men who were fresh from the high-flung adventure in the skies above the Western Front, who brought it into being a few scant years after the Great War of 1914–1918 as the 101st Observation Squadron, Massachusetts National Guard.

The Bay State sent more youths into the air services of the United States and its allies during World War I than any other state in the Union. It was these young veterans of the war in the air that Massachusetts looked to when the organization of an air unit as a component part of her citizen soldiery seemed to her patriotic leaders a necessity to round out the Bay State's contribution to the National Guard.

The numerical designation of the 101st Observation Squadron, now fighter squadron, dates back to the organization of the 101st Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Force at Kelly Field, Texas on Aug. 22, 1917, and redesignated the 101st Service Squadron in 1918. This unit served in Europe from Dec. 27, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and was mustered out on April 14, 1919.

In the spring of 1921, Maj. Leonard H. Drennan, USA, Air Officer, learned

that in the organization of the division which Massachusetts was pledged to raise under the National Defense Act, provisions were made for the formation of certain units, of which aviation formed a part. He mentioned the subject at a luncheon of the "Archie Club," an organization of Bay Staters and New England men who shared the memories of war-time combat with the enemy on the various fronts of World War I. At their luncheon, action was initiated that resulted in the authorization to form an air unit of the Massachusetts National Guard.

On June 30, 1921, the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, in paragraph V, General Order 7, granted authority to form such a unit. Fifteen of these young men in the Archie Club signed up with Maj. Drennan to form the nucleus of the new air unit.

Maj. Drennan, together with James K. "Joe" Knowle, famous World War I ace, who became the squadron's

first commanding officer, Lt. Louis E. Boutwell, Capt. Gardiner H. Fiske, Capt. Harold B. White, Capt. Charles H. Wooley, and Mr. James T. Williams, the editor of the *Boston Transcript*, finally succeeded in surmounting legislative difficulties and convinced the political powers that a means should be provided for the formation of this new air unit.

Organization had been proceeding during the days when actual recognition of the squadron was held in abeyance. The first federal inspection of the new unit was made in early November 1921, and federal recognition followed on Nov. 18, 1921. The 101st Observation Squadron, predecessor of the 102nd Wing was born.

In 1922, the first Field Training Period of the new unit was held at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York, then a regular Army Air Service post.

Returning from its first tour of field training, the new unit girded itself for a new battle, this time to secure a place to fly. They found a remarkably suitable area for a flying field, a great expanse of newly made land created by the filling of East Boston tidal flats at Jeffries Point. This area is now known as Logan International Airport.

The sum of \$35,000 was made available from state funds for the lay-

ing out of two cinder runways. This amount fell short of that required to complete the job. The National Guard airmen enlisted the aid of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and \$15,000 more was raised by public subscription insuring completion of the task. From this start, a great international airport has sprung.

On June 13, 1923, Boston's first aircraft touched down on a 1,500 foot cinder runway (piloted by Lt. Kitchell Snow) on the then tiny airfield known as Boston Airport built by the U.S. Army on 189 acres of tidal flats.

On September 8, 1923, Boston Airport was officially dedicated. The original airfield was used primarily by the Massachusetts Air Guard and the Army Air Corps (only 20 years after the Wright Brothers historic first flight).

The squadron played a big part in the first around the world flight of the United States Army Air Service. The official return to the United States for these pioneers came when they landed at Boston's Airport on the first westward crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in history by an airplane from Europe. These aircraft were prepared for the last lap of their journey by the 101<sup>st</sup>.

In 1927, a fellow Guardsman, Lt. Col. Charles Lindbergh, came to Boston in his famous "Spirit of St. Louis," which was housed and care

for in the 101st hangar.

The squadron was called into state service to perform flood duty in 1936 and again in 1938 when a severe hurricane ripped into Massachusetts.

The clouds of World War II began to build up and on November 25, 1940, under the command of Maj. Albert L. Edson, the 101st Observation Squadron was inducted into federal service at Logan Airport. From Logan it moved to Otis Field at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod.

The War brought a variety of assignments for the 101st, as it did for most Guard units. Assigned to the Ninth Air Force, the squadron served in France, returning to the United States in August of 1945. The squadron was finally deactivated from federal service on July 29, 1946.

After World War II, the 102nd Wing, as we know it today, was federally recognized on October 15, 1946 under the command of former 101st Squadron Commander, Brig. Gen. Louis E. Boutwell.

The post-war period saw a tremendous expansion in the air arm of the National Guard. The 101st Observation Squadron became the first Air National Guard unit in the United States to conduct training after the war, and it was performed at Otis Field, Camp Edwards - an old home to the squadron.

In 1950, the 101st was recalled to active duty, and assigned to the Air Defense Command. The Logan-based unit stood runway alert from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the Korean Conflict.

The aircraft used by the 101st Fighter Squadron at Logan varied from year to year. The famous F-47 Thunderbolt, and the equally famous F-51 Mustang of World War II fame were flown on many missions. As time went by, these aircraft were replaced by jet fighters - the F-84, the F-94, and the F-86 Sabre Jet.

In 1961, the world situation took a turn for the worse. A wall was built

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# Airmen can earn bachelor's degrees through Air University

By Carl Bergquist  
Air University

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN)** -- Starting June 15, Airmen can apply their Community College of the Air Force credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of universities and colleges. This can be done through the Air Force Virtual Education Center which links a prospective student to the new Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative program.

The vision of the Air Force is to provide distance learning and bachelor's degree opportunities for Airmen, and the AU-ABC program aligns with this Air Force vision, said Bettie Varnado, CCAF chief of media and distance learning. It also meets AU's near-term goal of providing enhanced educational opportunities for our enlisted force.

The Air Force Portal acts as the gateway to the AU-ABC program, which allows students to do everything they need online, Ms. Varnado said.

"Those utilizing AU-ABC can

do all academic administrative functions online, to include virtual counseling and applying for tuition assistance," she said. "We are thrilled that we were able to set up the program at no additional cost to the Air Force."

To participate in the AU-ABC program, registrants must be active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard. However, degree requirements can be completed after a member retires or separates from the service.

"A benefit for students is the binding degree completion contract the student enters into with the college or university," she said.

"This locks in the transfer credits and remaining degree requirements. It doesn't matter where the student is located. They can even be deployed, and still work on their degree online."

Students use their Common Access Cards for identification and go to the Air Force Portal to access the AFVEC, which was developed through a partnership between the Air Staff and CCAF. Once there, they click on the AU-ABC link that

brings up information about all AU-ABC programs.

"The Airman then checks the list for their Air Force Specialty Code, clicks on that and all programs for their AFSC will come up," she said. "They can then open a course offered by a participating college or university and will get a degree plan that shows the required credits for the course, the CCAF credit transfer and the remaining credits needed to complete their degree."

College and university homepages are also linked to the AU-ABC page and can be brought up to familiarize the student with any of the participating schools. All information about admissions, AU-ABC enrollment and other AU-ABC program information is available on the site.

Currently, there are 71 bachelor's degrees offered by the colleges and universities involved in the program that cover every CCAF degree program. Regular visits to the AFVEC will help keep students apprised of all news and updates to AU-ABC, and will allow them to view informational resources on the program.

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## Military Equal Opportunity Officer Position Opening

**Position Title/Grade:** Military Equal Opportunity Officer/O4.

**Minimum Grade eligible to apply:** O1 or eligible for commissioning.

**Unit:** 104th Fighter Wing.

**Supervisor:** Lt Col Susan Hebert, Chief of Staff.

**Application Deadline:** Close of business-Oct UTA (October 14, 2007)

**Board Date:** November, 2007.

**POC for more information:** Lt Col Susan Hebert, DSN: 698-1504 or Commercial: (413) 568-9151, Ext 1504, susan.hebert@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

**Technical Background Required/Desired:** An undergraduate degree specializing in business administration/management, sociology, psychology, public administration, human resource management, or education is desirable.

**Special Qualifications:** Appointment is contingent upon completion of the Academy of Military Science (AMS) for commissioning and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) for technical school training.

**Note:** Verification of AFOQT scores is required upon interview.

**Application Procedures:** Please submit a resume that includes all experience relevant to this position, both military and civilian, no later

than the application deadline to Lt Col Susan Hebert, Chief of Staff, 104 FW/HQ. You may submit copies of any certifications that are required or that apply to the position. Please make note of any special qualifications listed above. Non-members of the 104th Fighter Wing must submit references from their previous three military supervisors.

**Additional Instructions:** The board will make a selection based on the demonstration of the core competencies most valued by wing leadership. You will be notified by letter of the time and place of your interview and of any other instructions. If you are not eligible to meet the board, you will be notified by letter.

# Brazilian Jiu-jitsu is his sport

By Cliff McDonald  
Public Affairs Staff

A trim and lean Staff Sergeant Brian Colacone has plenty of unused energy that needs to be burned off after spending a deskbound day in the 102nd Fighter Wing Command Post where he is assigned as a controller. How does he do it? Well, how about trying to pronounce Jiu-jitsu, a Brazilian form of martial arts fighting.

Sergeant Colacone is part of a team of Jiu-jitsu / mixed martial arts fighters who have opened a new training school in Mashpee in conjunction with USA Judo and Barnstable High School wrestling. Classes are offered for kids to adults, at all levels from the hobbyist to the professional fighter. He says that the sport is a great way to instill courage, honor, and commitment among base kids and teenagers.

All of the schools' coaches are professionals and committed to the development of all student fighters, whether they are male or female, 10 years old or 40.

Thirty year old Colacone holds a Blue Belt rating in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, and also holds a black belt in American Kenpo Kick Boxing. He has been a certified USA boxer since 1998. There are two elements to the style of fighting Colacone practices and teaches. He describes Brazilian Jiu-jitsu as his base, it involves ground work or ground

fighting - chokes, joint manipulations, and submissions. Fighters wear a "gi," similar to a karate uniform, but thicker. The uniform can be used to subdue opponents by choking them or pinning them to the ground.

The idea behind Jiu-jitsu is not to attack an opponent's full body, but to assault a single limb such as an arm, leg, head or neck to restrain them. Colacone says he may not be able to defeat a larger opponent by assaulting them in many areas, but he can defeat them if he pits his entire body and energy against an opponent's single limb to disable them.

Colacone also combines mixed martial arts with Jiu-jitsu which makes up the second element of his fighting style. Mixed martial arts are boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, judo mao-tai and other forms of fighting. He explained that he is not an active participant fighter in mixed martial arts, but does train and coach this element of the sport.

Colacone and his team, Club Feijau, travel to professional competitions across the country from Maine to California; he actively competes four to five times a year as a ranked and sanctioned Brazilian Jiu-jitsu fighter and submission wrestler. Last year, he took a bronze medal at the New England Championships. Some of his team members have traveled as far as Brazil to compete.



*Staff Sergeant Brian Colacone, left, spars with a partner at Jiu-jitsu / mixed martial arts traing school in Mashpee.*

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by East Germans, dividing East Berlin from West Berlin. The infamous Berlin wall resulted in the call-up of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing and all its units on October 1st of that year. November 1<sup>st</sup> found 78 F-86s of the wing on the ramp at Phalsbourg Air Base in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France, all operationally ready.

Perched on the Rhine River, under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Charles W. Sweeney, a famous World War II B-17 pilot credited with flying the "Fat Man" Atom Bomb to Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945, the wing furnished close air support to the NATO Seventh Army.

In July of 1962, the first flight took off from Phalsbourg, returning the

initial group of Airmen to Boston. On Aug. 20, 1962 the wing was released from active duty and returned to the Air National Guard.

In 1962, field training continued on Otis Air Force Base, Brig. Gen. John J. Stefanik became the new wing commander, and Col. Ralph Leader the 102nd Tactical Fighter Group commander.

The wing, with its roots bound to the former tidal flats where its aircraft were the first to ever land there, somewhat sadly left Logan International Airport its home of over 45 years on Aug. 17, 1968, for its new home on Otis Air Force Base. They looked forward to changing missions and newer, faster more versatile aircraft.



*The famed Seagull Insignia was designed by Paul F. Seavey, and was approved for use on Nov. 19, 1924. It is the oldest patch still in use in the U.S. Air Force.*

(To be continued in a later edition of the Seagull.)

## Client Support Administration comes to Otis

**By MSgt. Timothy D. Sandland  
Information Management Functional Manager**

In July, the Otis ANG Base Information Management community welcomed an instructor from HQ Air Mobility Command's Communications and Information Division.

TSgt Thomas Gipson, a former instructor at the Information Management Tech School at Keesler Air Force Base, trained a dozen Information Management (AFSC: 3A0X1) and Communications-Computer Systems Operations (AFSC: 3C0X1) personnel from the 102nd Fighter Wing and 267th Combat Communications Squadron in the ways of the Client Support Administrator. The two 3C0X1 personnel from the 267CBCS attended the course to enhance their skills when performing help desk operations.

What is significant about this is that it represents a shift in the career development of our Information Managers from a traditional administrative role to a more "21st Century" mind-set of Information Technology. This migration has been underway in the Air Force for many years but the arrival of July's 'CSA' course was the tipping point to the new way of doing business here.

Information Managers trained, and later certified, through this program will hold the title of Client Support Administrator or CSA. The CSA is the first line of help you should contact to resolve problems. CSAs possess developed knowledge of hardware, software, and communications principles, and have the capability to install, configure, and operate client/server devices. They are empowered to resolve the day-to-day administrative and technical system problems that folks encounter on a daily basis.

During the intensive two-week course of study, students received detailed instruction on the inner workings of the personal computer, and the safety protocols required when working on them. Modules on troubleshooting, network concepts and security, and information technology requirements planning followed. The most intense block of training involved the installation, configuration, and use of the Microsoft Windows XP operating system.

Completion of the CSA course is merely the first step. Recent graduates will exercise their newfound knowledge during several months of hands-on training. As their experience and confidence

increases, their capabilities will follow suit.

Once confident of their skills, CSAs will be ready to step into the last phase of the process – task qualification. During this step, CSAs are given a number of tasks to complete with minimal assistance. After task-qualification, CSAs will be considered fully-qualified and ready to attack the challenges within their units and work centers.

As time goes on, more and more of our Information Managers will be trained and certified as Client Support Administrators. In addition, military personnel in other career fields and even some civilian employees (depending upon their positions) may join the ranks of the CSA.

I would like to thank each one of the following personnel for their professionalism and hard work during the course: MSgt Tracy Sylvia, 267CBCS; MSgt Kim Brown, 102MXG; MSgt Andrea Burgo, 102OG; TSgt Dawn Deacon, 102MXG; TSgt Sueann Costa, 102MXG; TSgt Kimberly Tule, 267CBCS; SSgt Christiana Foster, 267CBCS; SSgt Tracey Johnson, 267CBCS; SSgt John Kristant, 267CBCS; SrA Aramis Tirado, 102CF; SrA Jamal Ingram, 267CBCS.

# PERSONNEL INFORMATION

## Tricare Reserve Select

Affordable Health Care is now available. TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) health care plan will be eliminating the current three-tiered system with its complicated requirements and three levels of premiums effective October 1, 2007. The opportunity to enroll in the restructured TRS program began on 11 August 2007. All current TRS coverage will terminate on 30 September 2007. To continue TRS coverage, eligible members of the Selected Reserve must submit a new TRS Request form before September 30, 2007. If a member wants to disenroll from TRS, they need to contact Personnel at 508-968-4180.

## Emergency Data Locator (DD Form 93)

When listing family members on your Emergency Data Locator form, you must list their physical address. If the physical address is not known, all means must be utilized prior to listing, "Member unable to provide address at this time." Members may list an individual, other than their biological parents as a parent and recipient of the death gratuity payment if that individual is deemed as a loco parentis. A loco parentis is one who has acted as a parent for the member for at least one year prior to entering the Military. The death gratuity payment has increased to \$100,000 and is to pay for unpaid bills, helping family members with airline tickets, etc. It is not intended to pay for funeral expenses. The Veterans Administration will assist the family with funeral arrangements and payments. A death gratuity MUST be paid to someone. It should NEVER list "NONE" unless the member DOES NOT have a spouse, any children, parents, loco-parentis, or siblings. Unpaid pay and allowances CAN be left to a TRUST for the benefit of a child. DO NOT list just the child's name and address. When adding dependents to your Emergency Data Locator (spouse and children), you must provide a copy of the marriage certificate and birth certificate of the children and/or step-children.

## Eligibility and Benefits

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems (DEERS) determines Identification card eligibility, medical coverage eligibility (while on active duty), and Family Serviceman's Group Life Insurance eligibility. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that all eligible family members (spouse, natural child(ren), adopted child(ren), and step-child(ren) are enrolled in DEERS. The Personnel Readiness Support section, formerly known as Customer Service will assist members in updating DEERS. When your dependent's status changes; if you get married, divorced, have a child, change your address, go on active duty, your record must be updated in DEERS.

Please bring in the appropriate paperwork (Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, or Active Duty order) to the Personnel Readiness Support section. Note: Children are your dependents up to the age of 21 or 23, if a full-time student. Children with certain medical conditions may be eligible for permanent dependency status, regardless of age. If you have any questions, please call Staff Sgt. Nicole Arena at 508-968-4180.

## DEERS

We all have heard this acronym time and again but what does it mean? DEERS stands for **D**efense **E**nrollment **E**ligibility **R**eporting **S**ystem; it is the system that contains information about military members, their dependents, and determines eligibility for military benefits. As a military member, you are automatically enrolled in DEERS and *must* enroll your dependents to guarantee their eligibility to receive an identification card, use of benefits, dental coverage, medical coverage (while on active duty), and Family Serviceman's Group Life Insurance.

## Tricare or Uniformed Services Family Health Plan

Dependents of members who are on active duty for over 30 days are eligible for Tricare or Uniformed Services Family Health plan. Reserve retirees and their dependents are eligible for Tricare or Uniformed Services Family Health plan when the retiree turns age 60. Tricare for Life is available when the retiree turns age 65 and has Medicare parts A and B. For more information regarding medical insurance, please log on to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>, <http://www.usfhp.com/portal/default.asp>, or call 508-968-6582.

## Volunteers Needed

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program of the Cape and Islands is looking for dedicated and caring adult volunteers and children (ages six through teens). The adult volunteers will help children in the program cope with the special problems they face growing up in single parent homes. The primary goal of the program is to match children to dedicated and caring adult volunteers who will provide the friendship and one-to-one mentoring needed during childhood and adolescent years. In addition, the program provides group mentoring to matched and unmatched children with a variety of recreational and educational activities to enrich their lives and provide positive peer interaction. If you are interested in becoming a Big Brother, Big Sister, or your child(ren) in becoming a Little Brother or Little Sister, please call the Big Brother/Big Sister program of the Cape and Islands at 508-771-5150.



*A pilot's eye view while flying in close formation over Cape Cod with another F-15 Eagle as they rejoin in preparation to return to Otis Air National Guard Base.*

Photo by James "Hazy" Haseltine

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