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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? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your section. 500 word maximum.

The next Seagull deadline is 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER DINING HALL MENU

Hours: 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Yankee Pot Roast
Scalloped Ham and Potatoes

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Chicken Tetrazzini
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SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Baked Stuffed Chicken
Chili Mac

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

Country Fish Filets
Shepherd's Pie

ON THE COVER >>



This beautiful summer scene was captured in the afternoon along the bike trail in Falmouth. There is plenty to see on the bike trail as it passes beside the Falmouth beaches. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Smith)

UPCOMING 2008 UTAs >>

UTA duty hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday

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FROM THE DESK OF THE 102 AOG COMMANDER

By Lt. Col. Richard Sweeten

TOUGH QUESTIONS

"Do you still get to fly?" That is the most common question I get nowadays when people ask about the loss of the F-15s and our subsequent new mission sets. The second question is, "So what do you do now?" The first question (although painful) is easy to answer--and people understand. The second question is a bit more complicated. Most people are now aware that we are the 102nd Intelligence Wing and that most of the new jobs are intelligence related with the Digital Ground Station (DGS). But few are aware of the new Air Operations Center (AOC) mission and what it is all about. Even my wife has to repeatedly ask, "Can you explain to me again what it is you do?" It's not that it's all that complicated, it just can't be explained with a one liner like, "I fly fighter jets." So I thought I would use this forum to put it in layman's terms and then briefly describe our challenges as we stand up this new mission on October 1.

The last edition of the Seagull had a nice short article titled "What is an Air Operations Center?" It said, "An air and space operations center uses defined processes and modern information systems to plan, employ, coordinate, and control air and space power capabilities. It basically serves as the hub of all air and space activities during combat and humanitarian operations." While that is an accurate definition, it's a tough one to spit out unless you're holding a queue card. So here is an easier one --"We're the people that plan and coordinate a commander's air war." It's still not as simple as "We fly fighter jets," but it gets the message across.

Sun Tzu said in his classic 6th century B.C. military work "The Art of War" that a successful war strategy was not planning in the sense of working through a to-do list, but rather that it required quick and appropriate responses to changing conditions. History is full of examples of masterful war plans and execution that defeated a formidable enemy. The battle at Yorktown during the Revolutionary War, the invasion at Normandy during World War II, and the air attack on Iraq during the first Gulf War are but a few American historic examples. And over many centuries, the methods of war planning and execution have evolved tremendously. Long gone are the days of mapping out plans with a stick in the dirt or huddling around primitive maps in a dark command

headquarters. Today's high tech command and control systems take warfare to a new level. Planning is made simple with powerful computer programs and simulations. High tech intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), linked weapon systems, and inter-service coordination let the commander monitor the war and react in near real-time. But, the basic premise and secret to success remains unchanged--build and execute a smart and flexible plan. That is what the new AOC mission at Otis will be a part of--modern day high-tech war planning and execution.

The men and women of the 102nd Air Operations Group (AOG) will therefore train to the command and control mission of an active duty Air Force Air Operations Center. We will be functionally aligned with the 608th AOC at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. The 608th functions as the command and control element for Air Force Strategic Command's Global Strike mission. In a nutshell, if the United States ever decides to execute a global effects strike mission (using B-2s, B-52s, cruise missiles, or even cyber warfare), the 102nd AOG will be involved. It may mean packing our bags and heading to Barksdale to immediately bring their mission up to wartime manning levels. Or, it might mean we accomplish our part of the mission right here at Otis Air National Guard Base. Through "reach-back," we could accomplish specific tasks for Barksdale as required. Or, through "distributed operations," we could potentially work side by side with our active-duty counterparts to accomplish the mission "virtually" through video conference feeds, chat rooms, and linked computer systems. Much of that is yet to be decided and only time will tell how our part of the mission evolves. But in the meantime, we have a lot to accomplish.

There are three big pieces of this new mission that we are currently working on--facilities, equipment, and training. We will be working out of the old F-15 operations building, and it needs some major renovation and remodeling to become capable of augmenting an Air Operations Center. That takes money and time. We also need the equipment, called the "Falconer Training Suite," that will allow us to practice the AOC mission and actively participate in Barksdale's mission when required. That equipment can't be installed until we have the finished facilities. And lastly, all 102nd AOG members need specific training. Some still need to attend tech school to acquire the Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs) related to their new line of work, and many must also attend AOC School at Hurlburt AFB, Fla. We won't let these hurdles stop us from helping with the Barksdale mission immediately. Productive visits between the bases have already occurred. But we won't see Initial Operational Capability (IOC) until the end of 2010.

So, in the future, if someone asks YOU to explain the role of the new AOC mission at Otis Air National Guard Base, you can give the simple response, "They plan and coordinate a commander's air war." Again, not as easy (or cool) as, "They fly fighter jets," but it will get the message across.

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>

FREE WEEKEND AWAY WITH YOUR SPOUSE

*Marriage Enrichment (Strong Bonds)
PREP Approach (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program).
Pre/Post Deployment Marriage Enrichment Workshop.*
All married members who are deploying or returning from deployment are encouraged to attend this workshop. Focus is on communication - this is not therapy. Schedule is ongoing. Contact Erin Creighton, Family Program Office at (508) 968-4855, for upcoming dates.

SAVE THE DATE

Veterans Day Ball to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington, Mass., on November 1. More information to follow.

THANK YOU

The members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing thank The Eagles Nest for their generous \$500 contribution toward the Family Day and Legacy Celebration. We are very appreciative of their continued support of our military members and their families.

OTIS HERITAGE PLAZA

Order your personalized brick. The brick pavers are for the walkway by Building 197 from the parking lot to the flag pole. (Phase I). For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Celeste Trepanier at (508) 968-4134.

Operation: New DoD Travel Card

Issued by Citi®

Info Courtesy of: Citibank®

DoD's current Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) contract with Bank of America is ending this year. As the Travel Card Program transitions to the new SmartPay® 2 contract, all government travel cardholders will receive new cards during the fall of 2008, beginning in September.

The new GTCCs will be ready for use on November 30, 2008 after the current cards issued by Bank of America expire on November 29 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Your new GTCC will be mailed to your mailing address on file with Bank of America, so please ensure it is current. If you do not receive your new travel card by October 31, notify your Agency Program Coordinator (APC).

If you are scheduled for a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, please make sure that your address is updated in the database. Your new Travel Card will be sent to the address on file. Any mail that is sent to an incorrect address will be returned to sender. APCs will not have the option to forward the mail to your new address.

Traveling during the cutover:

If you will be traveling during the cutover (November 29-30), you should charge all official travel expenses up to, and including, November 29, on your

Transition checklist for cardholders

- ✓ Cardholders will need to pay all outstanding, undisputed charges on their Bank of America GTCC before November 29, 2008.
- ✓ No credit balances can remain on the current Bank of America GTCC after November 29, 2008. If your Bank of America GTCC has a credit balance, call the phone number on the back of the card to request that it be sent to you.
- ✓ After the cutover, Bank of America will continue to accept and receive payments for charges previously made on its cards.

current Bank of America GTCC. Travel expenses incurred from midnight EST on November 30, 2008 should be charged to your new GTCC issued by Citi®.

Important Note: Remember to verify receipt of your new travel card to ensure that you will be able to use it on November 30. You can verify receipt of your card by phone or online anytime after August 15. The contact information will be on a sticker that is affixed to your card. As part of the receipt verification process, you will be asked to accept the Cardholder Agreement Terms & Conditions. You must agree to the Terms & Conditions in order to use your new Travel Card.



STOP

November 29, 2008



START

November 30, 2008

*Check your mail for your new Government Travel Charge Card, arriving in September.



Running for the Twins

By Tech. Sgt. Aaron Smith
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

On a sunny Cape Cod Sunday in August, a field of more than 10,000 runners, including many of the best American and international runners, lined up outside the Capt. Kidd Bar and Restaurant in the village of Woods Hole, Mass. They were there for the 36th Annual Falmouth Road Race, a seven-mile race along the coast which ends near Falmouth Heights Beach.

As the runners lined up, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Lovering and 2nd Lt. Jennifer O'Connell, both members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing, were there along with the eight other members of their team.

The team was racing for a cause dubbed, "Running For The Twins." It was originally started four years ago by Keith Buohl, with the goal of raising money for a cause that is important to them all; to help two 7-year-old twin girls.

Alexia and Kailyn Deboe are like any other 7-year-old kids. They live life to the fullest; dancing, playing soccer and going to camp. They are Sgt. Lovering's cousins and often play with her children who are around the same age. In addition to all this though, Alexia and Kailyn are dealing with a life-threatening blood disorder.

The twins have the most severe form of a genetic blood disorder called Thalassemia. It effects the body's ability to produce normal red blood cells and without treatment, can be fatal.

Since the age of three, both girls have had monthly blood transfusions, a daylong process, that keeps healthy red blood cells in their system. Unfortunately, these

transfusions cause an iron overload in their blood, which requires daily medication to remove the excess iron. Both girls also had an operation last year to remove their spleens in an effort to help their struggle against the disorder.

All of this treatment comes at a cost and even with insurance that cost can be an astronomical number for most families.

The "Running For The Twins" team raises money that goes toward helping pay treatment costs. Each member of the team had their own goal of how much they wanted to raise this year. So far they have raised \$12,500, with donations still coming in. In the years since it started, the "Running For The Twins" team has raised more than \$40,000.

Sergeant Lovering, who is not an avid runner, spent the last few months training. Working up to the race, she ran six miles, three to four times a week, to prepare. This was her first time running in the Falmouth Road Race.

When describing her training routine, Sgt. Lovering talked about coming home exhausted after runs but said, "Nothing compares to what these girls go through monthly, so I just suck it up and deal."

As team members crossed the finish line after the lengthy seven-mile run, they were greeted by a smiling Alexia and Kailyn, standing in their usual spot with their parents and other family members.

To make a donation or to inquire about taking part in the race next year, contact: Sgt. Jennifer Lovering at jennlovering@gmail.com or (774) 392-4766.

AFTER DUTY:

Cape Cod

With more new Airmen than ever joining the 102nd and coming to work at Otis, we have decided to put out a guide to help Guardsmen get out of the dorms and out on the town during their off-time. Below is a list of select places the locals like to visit, and some information on the areas surrounding Otis Air National Guard Base.

Local Links

Where: www.capecodchamber.org

What: The site gives you an overview of the whole Cape (events, dining, activities) and has links to each town's individual Chamber of Commerce for even more specific information.

Where: www.capeguide.com

What: A quick, easy listing of places to eat, drink and visit while on the Cape, with Web site links and phone numbers. There is also a section for free Wi-Fi spots on the Cape.

Useful Information:

Looking for free wireless internet? Check out the Sandwich and Falmouth public libraries. Local bars such as the BBC in Falmouth, Sandwich and Hyannis also offer free Wi-Fi. And don't forget coffee shops like Java Journey in Sandwich or Starbucks in The Mashpee Commons and Falmouth.



Activities / Recreation

Walking / Biking

There are numerous walking and biking paths on Cape Cod that let you enjoy the unique scenery the Cape has to offer.

Cape Cod Canal Path: has free parking lots along its length and is about 15 minutes from the dorms. Enjoy walking under the Bourne or Sagamore bridges while watching barges and other boats float through the canal. The path runs 6 ½ miles along both sides of the canal.

Shining Sea Bike Path: this path meanders through and along woodlands, marshes, swamps, salt ponds and seascapes. The path starts in Falmouth and follows the coast for three miles as it leads down to Woods Hole. A good source for directions, information and pictures of these and other paths is (www.capecodbiketrails.com), click on the CC shell.

Beaches

Although summer is winding down, the sun is still shining. So, while the weather lasts, here is a list of popular nearby beaches listed by town. A complete list of area beaches with locations, parking and amenities is available at (www.oncape.com/beaches)

- **Falmouth** - Chapoquoit Beach, Old Silver Beach, Surf Drive Beach, Falmouth Heights Beach
- **Mashpee** - South Cape Beach
- **Barnstable** - Craigville Beach, Sandy Neck Beach
- **Sandwich** - Sandy Neck Beach, Sandwich Town Beach

Inside the Gate

Base Services

A few of the services offered on the Massachusetts Military Reservation include a bowling alley, golf course, movie theater, swimming pool, and a recreation center. There is also a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation ticket office offering discounted tickets to local attractions including free beach parking passes. To see locations, hours, movie schedule, and more, check out the Coast Guard's services Web site at: (www.uscg.mil/d1/units/ascapecod/mwr.htm)

Vital Facts:

Otis postal code: 02542

Towns Surrounding Otis:

Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich

Otis Gates Hours:

Bourne Gate

Always Open

Falmouth Gate

M-F and UTAs: 5:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

and 1:45 p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Sandwich Gate

M-Sun: 5 a.m. to Midnight

Dining / Drinking

Restaurants / Bars

The British Beer Company: With locations in Falmouth, Sandwich and Hyannis, the BBC offers a full menu and bar in a British Pub style. They offer live music several days of the week and with no cover, its hard to go wrong. (www.britishbeer.com)

The Courtyard: Located on the Bourne / Falmouth line. The Courtyard changes from a restaurant to a bar as the night goes on offering dancing and live music throughout the year. In the summer months, the stone courtyard and fountain area outside are open for patrons to mingle in the open air. (www.courtyardcapecod.com)

Sandwich Taverna: The Taverna has a slight western flair, live music most nights and a large high-ceiling dining area which serves as a dance floor when bands are playing. (www.sandwichtaverna.com)

Dan'l Webster Inn: Providing lodging in the heart of Sandwich for the last 300 years. The Dan'l Webster Inn offers fine dining plus a tavern in the classic colonial elegance of a small Cape Cod Inn. (www.danlwebsterinn.com)

Cape Cod Dinner Train: Reasonably priced and open through the end of October, you can enjoy a scenic three-hour train ride from Hyannis, passing over the Canal Railroad Bridge to Buzzards Bay. Enjoy an elegant five-course meal served on crisp white linens in vintage dining cars. (www.capetrain.com)

Roo Bar: Located in Falmouth and Hyannis, it has a fresh and upscale metropolitan atmosphere. (www.theroo.com)

Local Hotspots

Places to go

If you are looking for centers of activity around the base, places with a little bit of everything, from shopping to restaurants to bars, these are the main areas around Otis with a wide selection of things to do.

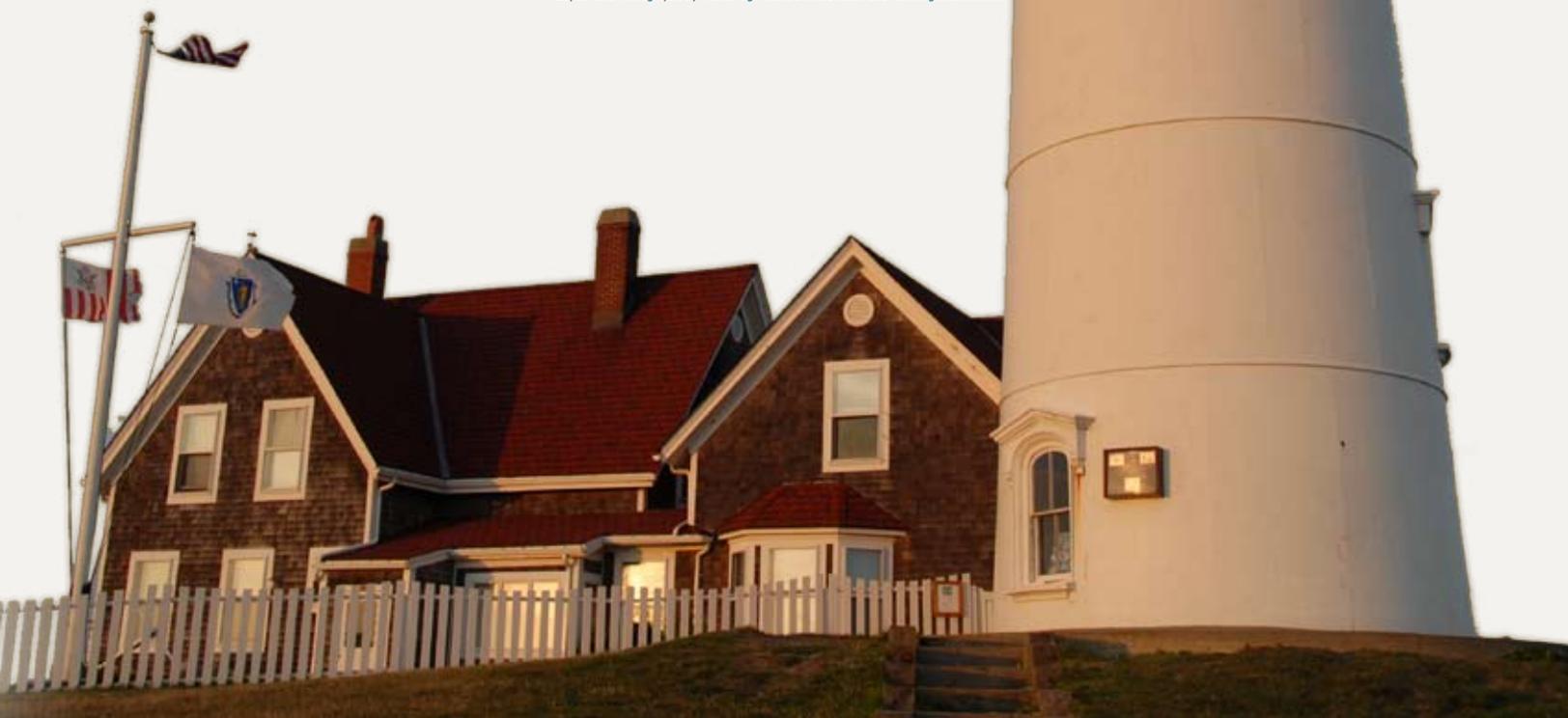
Mashpee: Approximately a 10 minute ride from the MMR going out the Sandwich gate. The Mashpee Commons offers over 90 various shops with eight restaurants and bars.

Falmouth: Approximately a 20 minute ride from the MMR leaving through the Bourne gate. With historic churches alongside the Village Green and a bustling Main Street, it offers a variety of dining experiences from clam shacks to gourmet restaurants.

Hyannis: The largest of the three local downtown areas and also the farthest, approximately 30 minutes away from the MMR leaving through the Sandwich gate. Hyannis' restaurants cover a whole range of tastes including Italian, Thai, Greek, Mexican and Indian. Hyannis also has a variety of bars and pubs along Main street.



Layout and Photographs by Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Smith



ENLISTED *Spotlight*

Staff Sgt. Marisela Garcia

Hometown: Framingham, Mass.
 Time in service: 4.5 years
 AFSC: 2S0X1, Supply
 Full-time: Logistics
 Readiness Squadron
 Document Control
 Hobbies:
 Hanging out
 with friends



Staff Sgt. Carlos A. Ayuso

Hometown: Carolina, Puerto Rico
 Time in service: 8 years
 AFSC: 3P0X1, Security
 Forces
 Full-time: Security
 Forces Squadron
 Hobbies:
 Drag Racing



Master Sgt. Dennis Mills

Hometown: Woburn, Mass.
 Time in service: 23 years
 AFSC: 1C5X1, Supply
 Full-time: Command
 and Control Specialist
 Hobbies:
 Fishing
 motorcycle riding,
 camping and
 diving



Staff Sgt. Dave Mendoza

Hometown: Gilber, Ariz.
 Time in service: 8 years
 AFSC: 3A0X1,
 Knowledge Operations
 Full-time: Temp. Digital
 Ground Station,
 Knowledge Operations
 Management
 Hobbies:
 Family, fishing
 and baseball



Senior Airman Mark Gregory

Hometown: Sandwich, Mass.
 Time in service: 3 years
 AFSC: 1N0X1, Intel
 Full-time: Intel
 Operations Specialist
 Hobbies:
 Camping,
 sports and friends



Staff Sgt. Meghan Gehl

Hometown: Plymouth, Mass.
 Time in service: 6 years
 AFSC: 1N4X1, Intel
 Full-time:
 College Student
 Hobbies:
 Hanging out
 with my husband



Master Sgt. Mark Sutherland

Hometown: Heuytown, Ala.
 Time in service: 25 years
 AFSC: 1N1X1, Intel
 Full-time:
 Imagery Analyst
 for Boeing
 Hobbies:
 Golf and music



Airman Kelsey Ivers

Hometown: Forestdale, Mass.
 Time in service: 1 year
 AFSC: 3A0X1,
 Knowledge Operations
 Full-time: Temp, Finance
 Hobbies:
 Shopping, watching
 movies and going
 to the beach



Master Sgt. Robert Mitchell

Hometown: Falmouth, Mass.
 Time in service: 31 years
 AFSC: 3S0X1, Personnel
 Full-time: Personnelist
 Hobbies:
 Scuba, dirt bike riding,
 motorcycle riding
 and going to
 bike week



Air Force Portal Migration

102nd Intelligence Wing earns top award for Air Force Portal migration

By Evan C. Lagassé
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

The 102nd Intelligence Wing earned top honors at the National Guard Bureau's Information Technology Conference held in Dallas.

Colonel Bruce Babcock, National Guard Bureau Communications Directorate deputy director, conferred a 'Certificate of Excellence: Gold Category' on the 102nd Intelligence Wing for 'Outstanding Achievement in Migration to the Air Force Portal.'

"Every unit in the Air National Guard, as well as the Air Force and Reserves, had a timeline to stand up a Web page on the Air Force Portal (guided by) a checklist of 21 required items. The result was a letter grade and the 102nd IW Air Force Portal page was rated 'A,' with a migration status of 100 percent," said Master Sgt. Tim Sandland, 102nd Communications Flight knowledge operations functional manager, and both the brain and muscle behind the migration.

While migration to the Air Force Portal has been mandated for all ANG bases, the 102nd IW was the only wing in Region 1, which spans the northeastern United States, to receive the Gold Award.

"We're very proud of Master Sgt. Sandland's accomplishment. The ability to get (this) information to all Guardsmen, no matter where they're located, it's just a boon to mission accomplishment," said Maj. James Hoyer, 102nd Communications Flight commander.

The mandatory migration to the Air Force Portal is a dual-faceted effort by the Air Force to bring more attention to the Air Force Portal and to standardize the countless private Web sites and intranets currently being operated across the Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and Air National Guard.

"The push is to get individual bases to centralize their information as much as possible at the Air Force Portal level so that there is a standard format, because right now if you go from one base's private Web site to another, they all look completely different," said Sergeant Sandland.

Currently, information specific to the 102nd IW is



The new version of the 102nd IW homepage on the Air Force Portal.

located on the intranet which can only be accessed from computers logged onto the base's network. The migration to the Air Force Portal has alleviated access to information issues.

"When Airmen are away from their home base, they can't get access to their intranet. With the Air Force Portal, it's available everywhere, including at your home. If there is important information that needs to be disseminated, Airmen can access it from home between drills, which is important from an ANG perspective, and if they're TDY (or deployed) they can still see what's going on at their home base," said Sergeant Sandland.

Currently, the 102nd IW Air Force Portal Web page features wing leader bios, links to relevant Air Force and Cape Cod news, current weather information, wing policies and much more.

To access the Web page, log onto the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil, type '102 IW' in the search box located in the upper right hand corner, click search and select the link that reads '102 IW - 102d Intelligence Wing - MA.'



Master Sgt. Timothy Sandland sits at his desk displaying the new 102nd Intelligence Wing Web page. Sergeant Sandland received a certificate of excellence for his work in creating the page.

SCHOOL HONORS >>

SERGEANT LOUIS H. FISCHER AWARD

Staff Sgt. David Simmons earned a 97% or higher GPA and qualified expert with assigned weapons. (Security Forces Apprentice Course, Lackland AFB, TX)

TOP GRADUATE

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Hirl (1N131 Imagery Analysis Apprentice Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX)

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Senior Master Sgt. Steven Brown
Tech. Sgt. Christopher DeLuca
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Hirl (1N131 Imagery Analysis Apprentice Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX)

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Senior Master Sgt. Steven Brown
Tech. Sgt. Christopher DeLuca
Tech. Sgt. Todd James
Tech. Sgt. Stephen O'Connor
Tech. Sgt. James Stiers
Staff Sgt. Bradley Chase
Staff Sgt. Jason McGarrahan for a 90% or higher GPA (Imagery Analysis Apprentice Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX)

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

Master Sgt. Edward Veneto (1N531 training at Goodfellow AFB, TX)
Senior Master Sgt. Wing Ng and
Master Sgt. Charles Mignault (Ops Intelligence Apprentice course, Goodfellow AFB, TX)
Staff Sgt. Justin Thomas (Electronic Principles portion of 2E231 training at Keesler AFB, Miss.)

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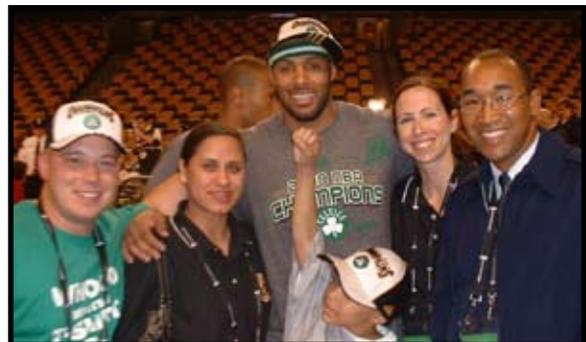
Kelsey Ivers

HONOR GUARD PRESENTS COLORS AT NBA FINALS >>



Photo Courtesy of: The Boston Celtics

The 102nd IW Honor Guard presents the Colors in a pre-game show for the Boston Celtics before their championship win over the Los Angeles Lakers.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. John Mallard

Senior Airman James Hightower, Senior Airman Maria Escobar, Tech. Sgt. Jenn Lovering, Staff Sgt. Dave Harris, with Boston Celtics player Eddie House after the Celtics won the NBA Championship.

CHAPEL CALL

By Chaplain (Maj.) David G. Berube
102nd Intelligence Wing Head Chaplain

"Perseverance or stubbornness?"

On rainy days, when people don't go to the beach, something interesting happens in my town. Those days it seems everyone with a car, truck, minivan, or moped comes to the center of town to look for a parking space. Since the town isn't that big, and there are nowhere near enough spaces, traffic quickly becomes a tangled mess.

Now, coming into town in the rain, rather than going to the beach, isn't unusual. What's interesting to me (and frustrating if I need to get anywhere) is that people drive around the same small loop of streets in this knotted mess of traffic many, many times. Even when that means following the same line of cars six, seven or more times around, people don't give up. They don't try going to a different part of town even a few blocks away. It doesn't seem to matter that only rarely does a space appear. All the zombie-like, gridlocked drivers believe they'll be in the lucky car when one does, like a strange motorized version of musical chairs where the music never stops.

I was watching this recently and wondering why people didn't just go home and read a book, take a nap, or have a stimulating conversation with their passengers. I wondered if it was perseverance or stubbornness that kept them locked in the traffic vortex.

Perseverance is all about sticking with something until we meet a goal, get to a destination, or complete a task. It's about maintaining motivation, no matter how slow our prog-

ress, without giving up. Perseverance engages our whole being, including our mind, in an effort to improve ourselves or benefit society. It is productive and helps us grow.

Stubbornness is about unthinkingly doing what we've been doing because it's what we've been doing, or because we refuse to stop doing it. It is repeated behavior without an eye toward progress, or the goal, or any thought of completion. Stubbornness doesn't engage our mind, although it often involves banging our figurative head against a wall. It doesn't benefit society or us and keeps us from growing.

In all our lives there are many situations that call for perseverance – learning new jobs, maintaining good relationships, advancing in our careers. It's important we stay appropriately focused upon our goals, maintain positive motivation, and concentrate on progress. It's also vital we keep our minds engaged so we aren't just "looping the block" out of habit or complacency.

I think it's important we all take inventory of our lives from time to time to ensure we're persevering and not just being stubborn. It's essential we look at what we're doing in life and ask, "Where is this taking me?" "What is my goal?" "Am I any closer to my destination than the last time I checked?" Our answers will help us determine if we're productively persevering, or if we need to adjust unproductive stubborn behaviors.

102nd Intel Wing goes wireless

By Evan C. Lagassé
102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

The United States military has been on the cutting edge of technology for many years and an Air National Guard initiative is ensuring it stays that way.

The 102nd Intelligence Wing was scheduled to be up and running with high speed wireless internet by the August unit training assembly.

"We had our site survey in early May where (the contractor) came in and mapped out exactly where they are going to put the access points and (the rest of the equipment). We (received) the final plan in mid-June. The equipment should start arriving the last week of July with installation beginning the week of Aug. 4. The physical installation should be done (by Aug. 8) and then testing and configuration will take place for the next two weeks (Aug. 11 – 22). So if everything goes according to plan, we should have wireless internet for the August unit training assembly," said Maj. James Hoye, 102nd Communications Flight commander, in a July 23 interview.

As part of the installation process, antennas will be strategically placed across the base to afford the best wireless coverage possible. However, with an intelligence mission, certain buildings are off limits.

"It will be similar to most wireless networks in the fact that you have to be within range of the access points (to connect). We covered (the office areas) as much as we can, some limited outside areas and the scattered buildings. We made sure meeting rooms and multi-function rooms



were covered but we also had to be sure that we didn't put (antennas) in places where security was an issue. At this point there will not be wireless internet access within the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility. The SCIF will be a wired location," said Major Hoye.

The ability to connect to the base network wirelessly should increase work efficiency for laptop users who frequent other work areas or conference rooms during the course of a duty day because they will be able to pick up and work on the go.

It is important to realize, however, that Airmen will not be able to use a personal laptop to connect to the base network. In the same way a desktop computer must be properly configured in order to access the network, every laptop that requires wireless access will need to be reconfigured.

"It's an extension of the base network. It's not like going to Starbucks; no personal laptops...will be allowed to access it just like (they can't) plug into the base network but for personnel that need it for their job, we will make sure they have it running on their laptops," said Major Hoye.

Airmen who need access to the wing's wireless internet network should contact their unit's Client Support Administrator who will be trained and ready to take action.

*Congratulations
on your promotion!*



Colonel Stevens' husband, Jeff Stevens, and Col. Anthony Schiavi, 102nd Intelligence Wing commander, pin on Colonel Stevens' new rank.



Colonel Stevens' family attended the promotion ceremony. (L to R: Jeff Stevens, Kelly, Colin, Catherine, Brennan and Col. Christina Stevens.)



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