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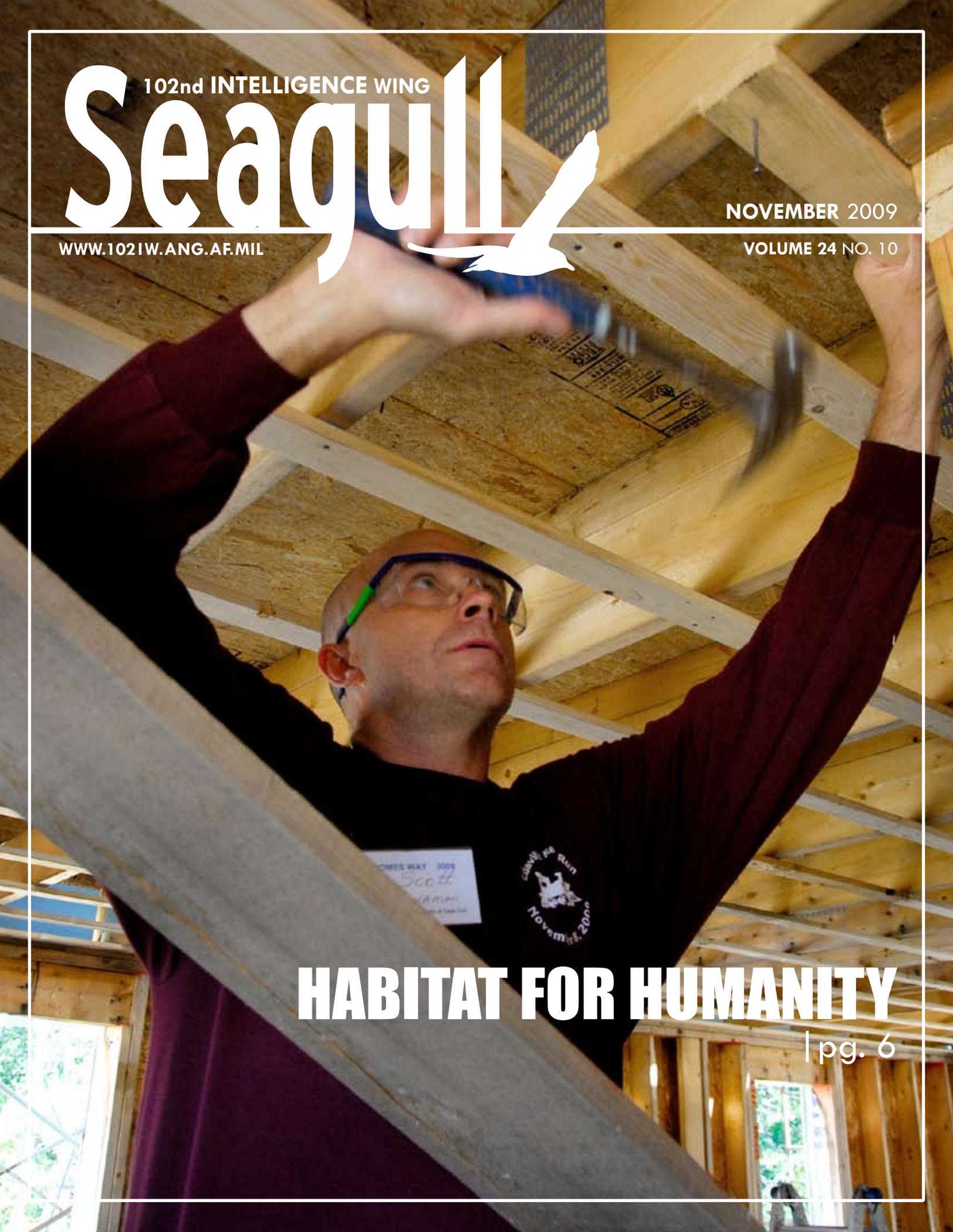
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## SEAGULL IDEAS?

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 organization. *(Please limit articles to 500 words.)*

**The next Seagull deadline is noon Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009.**

## DINING HALL MENU | Hours: 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Saturday:

The traditional Thanksgiving meal will include turkey with stuffing or roast pork loin, red bliss mashed potatoes, candied yams, mixed vegetables, Italian garden soup, clam cakes, fried chicken wings, mixed nuts and candy, apple cider, tossed caesar salad, baked rolls, apple crisp and assorted pies for dessert to include pumpkin and Boston Cream Pie.

### Sunday:

Main Dishes: Baked crispy chicken and roast pork chops with gravy

## ON THE COVER >>



Tech. Sgt. Scott Manamon and several members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing and their families selflessly volunteered their time to help build homes in Harwich, Mass., with Habitat for Humanity.

U.S. Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki

## UPCOMING UTAs >>

Unit Training Assembly duty hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE 102 AOG COMMANDER

By Lt. Col. Richard Sweeten



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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### PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

A "SQUARE TO FILL" or a "STEP TO TAKE"

Like most, I dreaded completing PME at every point in my career. It always seemed inconvenient.

As a young captain on active duty, I attended Squadron Officer School (SOS) not because I wanted to, but because the Air Force made me. I enjoyed it, but it was mandatory fun. As a major in the Massachusetts Air National Guard, I put off Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) as long as I could, and then used "dirty purples" and notes from other classes to pass the tests—anything but actually reading the material! Who has time? Then as a lieutenant colonel, my ways finally caught up with me. Air War College (AWC) is the final PME required in most officers' careers. Again, I put it off as long as I could, but finally signed up. I made it through the first multiple choice test (again using notes and study materials). I bit the bullet and studied to pass the short essay test, and did my paper on an issue related to our new Air Operations Group mission. So far so good. But the last multiple choice test got me. Using my established pattern of study (with a 70 percent required to pass), I busted the test with a 69.9 percent. No...really. And failing a test twice is not a good thing. So I decided to do something completely radical. I decided to prioritize my time and actually read the three volumes of books assigned in the first place. And as I read the material, I came to a startling conclusion—the stuff was important! I was actually quite embarrassed to realize that I would have been satisfied to "squeak by" on that test with a 70 percent. It became very clear to me that not having a firm grasp of the issues and discussions in those texts would have set me up to be a much less capable officer—and I never would have known it. I realized at that point that PME was not a "square to fill," but rather a "step to take" in my growth as an officer. While I can't go back and change my attitude about the PME I should have taken more seriously, I can at least pass my lesson learned to those who still have PME on the horizon. So with the recent release of the state's PME policy, I thought it a good time to go over some of the new requirements for officer and enlisted members in the Massachusetts Air National Guard and emphasize how important it truly is for career progression.

Air National Guard Instruction (ANGI) 36-2301, "Professional Military Education," provides guidance on all PME. Recently, the state released two supplements that further detail the requirements for members in the Massachusetts ANG. Supplement one covers officers, and supplement two covers enlisted. The first step in your new outlook on PME is to READ THEM! Not knowing the requirements for promotion will be no excuse and will certainly result in short term planning to "get it done" at the last moment. Look at your career progression early and plan for how to best accomplish the education. Some PME is now required in-residence, so proper planning (especially for traditionals) is essential. Here are some highlights for those of you who still prefer to just look at the notes rather than read the material!

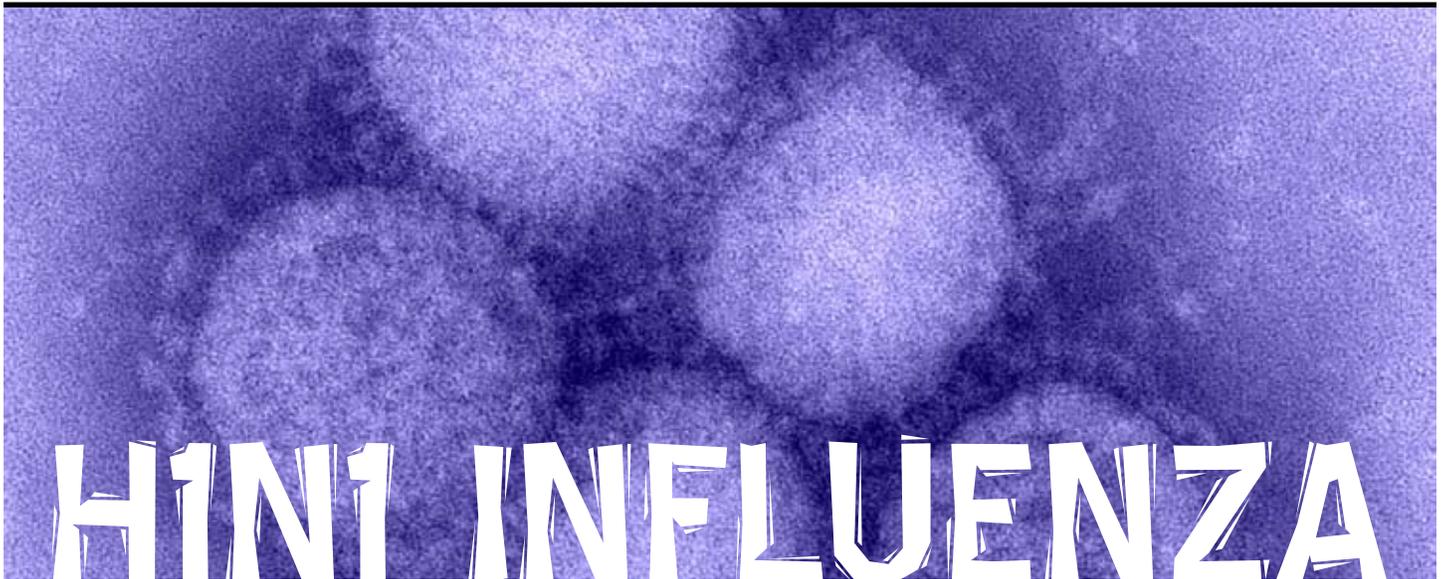
### Officers

If you are a second lieutenant commissioned after Aug. 9, 2009, the Air and Space Basic Course (ASBC) is mandatory within 15 months of commissioning date and is required for promotion to captain. The Wing policy, however, makes ASBC mandatory for all second lieutenants commissioned after Sept. 1, 2008. Attendance in-residence should occur as soon as possible. It is a six-week course and takes place at Maxwell AFB, Ala. For captains who want to make major in a Unit Vacancy Promotion (UVP), SOS is now required in-residence. SOS is a four-week course at Maxwell AFB. While there is still an option to complete SOS through correspondence, promotion to major will only be possible through the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (ROPMA). The other two officer PME courses, ACSC (for majors) and AWC (for lieutenant colonels), can still be accomplished through correspondence and are required for promotion to the next grade. Opportunity for in-residence programs is available for members of the Guard, but these schools are a year long and the application process is competitive.

### Enlisted

Enlisted members must also complete the appropriate PME to be promoted through a UVP, Deserving Airman Promotion (DAP), or the Exceptional Promotion Program (EPP). Promotion to staff sergeant requires Airman Leadership School (ALS) and can be accomplished either in residence or by correspondence. Promotion to master sergeant now requires completion of the USAF Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) in-residence program. However, completion of the satellite NCOA seminar program also meets this requirement and is an excellent way to get it done on a more flexible schedule. If you are currently a master sergeant and did not attend in-residence NCOA, the distance learning version must be accomplished by Oct. 1, 2010. Promotion to senior master sergeant now requires that either NCOA or Senior NCOA be accomplished in-residence. If you are currently a senior master sergeant and did not complete in-residence NCOA, then you must sign up for the next available in-residence SNCOA course. Promotion to chief master sergeant now requires completion of the ANG Chief's Executive Course in-residence program. If you are currently a chief master sergeant and did not attend the Chief's Executive Course, then it must also be completed by Oct. 1, 2010. Chiefs must also complete the USAF Chief's Leadership Course. Further details on eligibility and time lines are available in the MA ANG Sup 2.

PME is an extremely important part of our growth as Airmen. Failure to complete the state's requirements may result in delay of career progression, factor into annual retention decisions, and possibly result in separation from the Massachusetts Air National Guard. Plan early and give it 100 percent effort. Take it from me, it can be very easy to put off until the last moment and then "squeak by" on the minimum. Life gets busy. The mission at hand consumes our time. But to do anything other than embrace the challenge and put these opportunities to good use will hurt you, as well as the people that will someday work for you and rely on your experience. Don't consider PME a "square to fill" but rather a "step to take" on your professional path of success. You will never regret that decision.



## Background

A global pandemic of H1N1 influenza is underway. More than 70 countries and all 50 of the states in the U.S. have reported cases. Outbreaks are ongoing and in some cases with intense activity. H1N1 in conjunction with seasonal influenza poses the potential to cause significant illness. Although most who have become ill with H1N1 have recovered without significant medical care, it is anticipated that more cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with this pandemic will occur.

## Preventive Measures

**Wash hands often** with warm water and soap, especially after you cough or sneeze — alcohol based hand cleansers are also effective. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or use crook of elbow when you cough or sneeze. Discard used tissues in trash cans.

**Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth — Germs spread this way.

**Avoid close contact** with sick people.

**Clean surfaces** of tables, desks, door knobs, keyboards, and phones.

**Get adequate rest** and eat well to help your body fight off infection.

**Follow public health advice** regarding social distancing.

## Response measures

**Individuals** have an important role in protecting themselves and their families.

**Seek attention** from a health care provider if you develop a fever, headache, extreme fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

**Limit contact with others** if you are sick with flu-like symptoms.

## Immunizations

**Obtain your seasonal influenza vaccine** as soon as it is available to you unless advised otherwise by your health care provider.

**Vaccination will be an important countermeasure** to both seasonal and H1N1 influenza. Efforts are underway to produce a safe and effective H1N1 vaccine.

Further information regarding DoD, State, and Local efforts in planning for and executing an H1N1 influenza vaccination campaign will be forthcoming.

## Information

Use your Health Care Provider, Chain of Command, and the below websites as sources of information.

<http://www.flu.gov/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

<http://fhp.osd.mil/aiwatchboard/>



## ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB

By 102nd Force Support Flight

Armed Forces Vacation Club offers luxury vacation opportunities: Resort condos in Europe, Latin America, and the U.S. (Florida, North Carolina, Branson, etc.) for only \$329 per week. The Armed Forces Vacation Club offers all DoD affiliated personnel (including civilians and contractors issued DoD ID cards) the opportunity to book a seven-night luxury vacation, on a space available basis, for just \$329 per week for the unit, regardless of unit size, unit occupancy, unit configuration, date, or location. There are no membership applications to fill out, fees or dues to pay or timeshare presentations to attend. For more information, visit the Armed Forces Vacation Club web site at [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com).



## 253rd COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP CHANGE OF COMMAND

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano



U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano

*Lt. Col. Arthur Wunder assumes command of the Group from Maj. Gen. Michael Akey, Massachusetts Air National Guard commander.*

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Wunder assumed command of the 253rd Combat Communications Group Oct. 3 during a ceremony at Otis Air National Guard Base.

Outgoing commander, Col. Donald Mofford, will be working directly for Maj. Gen. Michael Akey, Massachusetts Air National Guard commander, as the Massachusetts National Guard Communications and Electronics director.

After leaving active duty, Wunder joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard in 1997 with the 101st Air Control Squadron in Worcester. He transferred from the 101st ACS to the 267th Combat Communications Squadron in 1998 and became the unit's commander in 2001. During his tenure with the squadron,

Wunder was activated three times in support of Operations Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He became deputy commander of the 253rd Combat Communications Group in 2005.

The new commander is a 1989 graduate of the Air Force Academy. He graduated from the academy with military honors and a Bachelor of Science Degree. Additional military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College.

Wunder has been awarded the Master Weapons Controller Badge, the Master Communications and Information Badge, and Officer Aircrew Wings.

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## 102nd Airmen spend a Saturday helping raise the walls on future Cape Cod homes

*Story and photos by Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki*

On Sept. 19, several members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing and their families selflessly volunteered their time to help build homes in Harwich, Mass., with Habitat for Humanity.

Master Sgt. Kimberly Harris, 102nd Air Operations Group first sergeant, coordinated the volunteer effort for the Wing.

"It's great to be able to lend my former construction skills and labor to help them out for the day," said Master Sgt. Joseph O'Brien, 101st Intelligence Squadron supervisor.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1976 to build safe, decent and affordable houses and shelters for families in need. Throughout the day the volunteers dug holes, framed houses, painted and provided a multitude of services to get the houses ready for their new owners. The 13 houses which are located on Gomes Way are ECO friendly homes. They were constructed with environmentally friendly materials that help reduce energy consumption.

Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator, Hilary Greene, was especially grateful for the volunteers who helped with this project.

"It's really great that people from the base came to help in big groups with qualified people who know how to put in a good days work," said Greene.





*Top photo: Master Sgt. Marybeth Van Damme and Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Rich take a break from painting trim to pose for a photo.*

*Bottom: from left to right, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Walsh, Master Sgt. Kimberly Harris, Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Rich, Master Sgt. Joe Johansen and Master Sgt. Marybeth Van Damme. Right: Master Sgt. Larry Tate marks the cut lines in plywood to be used for framing in one of the Habitat homes. Left: Master Sgt. Joe Johansen works on scaffolding outside the house.*

# DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO ANNOUNCE BALANCED SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

By Heather Forsgren Weaver / American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Defense Department officials plan to forward a social media policy to the department leadership within the next two weeks that will balance the pros and cons of social networking sites, the department's top public affairs official said on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation" Sept. 22.

"I think there are two issues that need to be balanced," said Price Floyd, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. "No. 1, you need to recognize the benefits taking part in social networking sites and social networking media give you, as well as the risks involved. And I don't want in any way to shortchange the risks.

"I believe [the policy] ... will encourage the use of social networking because of the benefits that are there, but also understand and underscore the risks there," he added. Social media generally refers to using Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and other interactive media tools to communicate with ever-expanding networks of family, friends and colleagues. Currently, Mr. Floyd said, the department does not have a policy on the use of social media.

"Right now there is no policy on working with or in social networking sites or media. It's currently under review," he said. "It's on course to be finished within about two weeks."

Introduced on NPR as the department's "social media guru," Mr. Floyd said not everyone in the department feels the same because they worry that operational security -- OPSEC -- will be violated.

"In the past, when a Soldier, Airman, [Sailor] or Marine sent home a letter to their family or loved ones and had information in it that might have been sensitive, it could have been read by two or three people, and that was it," he explained.

"The problem now with social networking is that when you Twitter that information that might be sensitive ... or put it on your Facebook page, thousands of people see it immediately, and then thousands more could see it as it's forwarded on to others," he said. "The ramifications of making a mistake, of putting things that shouldn't be on there on those sites, are even greater than they used to be."

Noah Shactman, editor of Wired magazine's National Security Blog 'Danger Room,' was also a guest on the NPR program. He noted there are dozens of overlapping policies about what various branches of the military are allowed to do. The Marines, for example, recently banned Twitter and Facebook from its official networks, while the Army ordered that its networks be allowed access to the sites.

"That's just one example of how there's a lot of tension within the military about whether to use these sites or not, and that's why I think this review is very helpful," said Mr. Shactman.

Operational security concerns "might be a little overblown," Mr. Shactman said, noting that a 2006 study revealed independent military blogs only had 28 security violations during the course of a year, while official military sites had more than 1,800 violations of those same security policies.

Mr. Floyd said he used his Twitter account to get feedback on the Marine policy ban when it was announced. Most people who responded said they wanted folks to have access, but "a large minority" said they understood there were security concerns.

"These people were on Twitter saying, 'Yes, this should be blocked,' so not everyone who uses social networking sites is in favor of having complete and open access," he said.

Many of the people who called into the NPR program spoke in favor of more regulation of social media sites, even as they pleaded for more constant access to their deployed loved ones.

One former soldier, Matt, who served two tours as an officer in Iraq, said using social media in Iraq earlier this decade was distracting to his troops.

"I've also heard comments from other commanders on the ground that they need to be focused on the fight, not what's going on at home," Mr. Floyd said.

"But I've also heard lots of comments about how it was easier to reintegrate once they came back."

Mike, a noncommissioned officer who served a tour in Afghanistan and two tours in Iraq, said for his soldiers to have "seamless communication with their families was absolutely helpful to morale."

Kira called in to say she talks to her deployed boyfriend in Iraq via Skype, a free video chat service. She thanked Mr. Floyd for being able to use social networking, but she said she also recognizes the risks it poses.

"It might seem innocuous, but if the right pieces of information are put in the right order, then that can really put our troops in danger," she said. "I think [operational security] needs to be emphasized more within the military community."

Mr. Floyd pointed out that some military commands have been using social media for years: Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, commander of U.S. European Command and NATO's top military commander, launched his Facebook page and blogged while leading Southern Command.

Recruiters also are using social media to keep in touch with troops who have signed up but have yet to report for duty, Mr. Floyd said. "I was at the Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky, several weeks ago, and they're going to use Twitter to keep in touch with recruits before they show up," he said. "They also use Twitter to let their recruits know how they can earn credit towards promotion even before they show up for their first day of duty."

Overall, Mr. Floyd said, he believes there is a general misunderstanding about social media.

"A lot of people think of it as a new way to get information out. So in that sense, when we went from blast faxing information to blast e-mailing, people were so excited you could push one button and reach so many people," he said. "And they believed that Web 2.0 is just the next extension of that. I believe that's just a fundamental misunderstanding of what Web 2.0 is all about."

It's not so much a way of getting more information out, he said, it's also a way of engaging the American people, and "in the case of the military, engaging internally with our internal audience of several million members of the Defense Department."

The department's newly revamped Web site, [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov), is designed to engage the public in discussion, Mr. Floyd stressed. He added that he is not concerned that things may be posted that haven't been strenuously scrubbed - "things that may not be -- quote-unquote -- 'approved talking points' from public affairs."

"I actually welcome that sort of talk and chatter on the Web," he said. "I believe it shows a Pentagon that has multiple voices, and it gives a transparency to our decision-making process that I believe is good."

# MEMORIAL OFFICIALS CALL FOR PHOTOS OF VIETNAM VETS

Courtesy of American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The National Call for Photos, a campaign to gather images of the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was launched recently at an event here hosted by officials with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and FedEx Office.

FedEx Office officials will use their locations across the country to help in gathering photos.

Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial here, promoting healing and educating people about the impact of the Vietnam War.

The fund's latest initiative is The Education Center at The Wall, an underground facility near the memorial that is being designed to help visitors discover the stories of those named on The Wall and celebrate the values embodied by service members from all of America's wars.

Exhibits will include a wall of photographs of people whose names are on The Wall, a selection of the more than 100,000 items that have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a time line of key military events of the Vietnam War and a history of the memorial.

The center also will celebrate the values embodied by America's service members: loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and courage, officials said. An exhibit will show images of those who have served in America's conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq.

More than \$20 million has been raised for the education center, including a \$10 million gift from Time Warner. It is estimated that the center will cost \$85 million to build.

Other Memorial Fund initiatives include educational programs for students and teachers, a traveling Wall replica that honors veterans and a humanitarian and mine-action program in Vietnam.

# RECRUITING OFFICE EXCEEDS ITS ENLISTMENT GOAL

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Reitano

The 102nd Intelligence Wing Recruiting & Retention Team exceeded its goal for the fifth consecutive year in Fiscal 2009 by recruiting 205\* Airmen for Otis' units.

"The work that the recruiters and retainers did was unprecedented," said Chief Master Sgt. Pete Johnson, Massachusetts Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention superintendent. "Their motivation and perseverance has helped rank the Massachusetts Air National Guard ninth in the entire nation in accessions. I could not be any prouder of the team."

Of the 205 recruits, 115 of them are prior service who wanted to make a move specifically to take advantage of career fields offered at Otis. "The goal of

recruiting is to provide our organization with the highest quality men and women. Basically, we supply talent and potential," said Master Sgt. Chip Barlow, 102nd Recruiting Office supervisor. Although recruiting exceeded its goal, it's still looking for high-caliber candidates, especially in the communications and intelligence areas. According to Barlow, the skill sets intelligence and communications offer are the biggest reasons for people wanting to come to Otis, and are also the career fields that had the most vacancies to fill.

The Air National Guard continues to attract quality men and women who are not only interested in the benefits the Guard offers, but the extensive training

and invaluable experience. "Every year, the aptitude required of our recruits increases," said Barlow. "The result is high caliber, academic-focused individuals who join the Air National Guard with a tremendous desire to learn and apply their skills."

Now that the Recruiting & Retention Office is operating in high-gear, there isn't going to be any room for taking it easy. "We will continue to position ourselves as a viable employer in the region," said Barlow. "We can't afford to sit in our offices. We must always be proactive and be in the public eye."

*\*Statewide, including the 104th Fighter Wing, the number of recruits was 314.*



**OFFICERS CALL | OCTOBER UTA >>**

Maj. Michael Cornell is promoted to lieutenant colonel during the officers call Oct. 3. Doing the honors are Cornell's girlfriend, Rachel, and Col. Anthony Schiavi, 102nd Intelligence Wing commander.

**SENIOR NCO CALL | OCTOBER UTA >>**

Senior noncommissioned officers from across the wing gathered in Building 158 to listen to Command Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Raymondo during the senior NCO call on Oct. 3.

**JOB OPENING | MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICER>>>**

The 102nd Intelligence Wing Medical Service Corps Officer will be responsible for managing health services activities to include plans and operations, human resource management, logistics management, administration, medical records, budgetary and fiscal management, medical manpower, medical facility management, medical reporting and statistical analysis, information systems, and medical recruiting.

Applications must include a resume containing the following information: work his-

tory (civilian and military), formal education, specialized training, licenses/certificates, awards/accomplishments, membership in organizations, and computer skills; college transcripts, and GRE or GMAT scores.

Forward application packages to Col. Maureen McCarthy, 102nd Medical Group, 156 Reilly St., Box 12, Otis ANGB, MA 02542-1330. All packages must be received no later than close of business Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009. Interviews will be conducted during the January 2010 UTA.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS >>****COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN**

The Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. The Otis Air National Guard Base CFC has already begun and is scheduled to end Dec. 15. Those who contribute by Nov. 10 will be entered into the Early Bird Raffle. Contact Capt. Nicole Ivers for a donation form: (508) 968-4664, nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil or visit Building 158, Room 230. Thank you for your generosity!

**FOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE AIRMAN'S COUNCIL**

The Airman's Council is sponsoring a food drive that will benefit the Mashpee Food Pantry. Drop boxes will be located in the entrance lobbies of Building 158 and Combat Communications during the November and December UTA weekends. Donated items must be non-perishable such as canned goods, peanut butter, dried rice and pasta mixes. For questions please contact Tech. Sgt. Janet McCarthy at (508) 968-4091.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Children's Christmas Party for children of 102nd Intelligence Wing members is scheduled for Dec. 12. The event will be held in the Aerospace Dining Facility from noon - 3 p.m.

Sign up your child by Dec. 6 with Tech. Sgt. Dawn Deacon, (508) 968-4896 or Dawn.Deacon@ang.af.mil. Parents will need to drop off a wrapped present for each of their children with the child's name on it (please try to keep it around \$10) to Sergeant Deacon by Dec. 9 in Building 165, Room 138.

**NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

November is National Native American Heritage Month. From the Revolutionary War to the present, National Native Americans have served in the U.S. military in a variety of roles. By the 1990s, about 10,000 Indians served, and estimates from Veterans Administration and Census Bureau suggest there were 160,000 living Native American veterans. In May 2008, President Obama visited the Crow Tribe in Montana, and was adopted into the Crow Nation. President Obama told those gathered he would acknowledge the "tragic history" of Native Americans over the past three centuries, and deliver to them promises of treaty obligations made by their forebears.

# CHAPEL CALL

By Master Sgt. Rose Gould

102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain's Assistant

It has been almost a month since I deployed to the Joint Special Operations Task Force in the Philippines. I would lie if I said I did not sometimes go to bed mentally drained and physically exhausted, but I wake up every morning thanking God for having a job I love and a great husband who supports me in these endeavors. Below are some of the things I learned so far and some fun pictures of my work. *Miss you all, Rose*

## Living Condition Lessons:

- I will never complain about not having a bathroom off the bedroom. We have to walk outside (sometimes in the monsoon rains) for approximately 160 feet to reach the women's bathroom. I will not complain about the occasional lizard in my living quarters as one of the other sites I visit has problems with Cobra snakes in theirs. In typical military fashion, when the snakes were caught and killed, they put the skins above the living quarters as a warning to other snakes and renamed their housing the "Cobra Inn." That's creative problem solving.
- You can survive without Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Starbucks Hot Chocolates. Although the detox is brutal.

## Lessons with the Locals:

- Children are the same everywhere; they just want to be loved.
- Many of the Filipino people have hearts of gold.

## Working with Special Operations Personnel:

- SOP would win awards for the most effective and efficient meetings. Battle Update Briefings for example, are held right on time; the doors are locked at one second past with a Marine standing guard outside. There are no excuses for being late. Meetings are held standing up and people brief in less than one

to two minutes regardless of the subject matter. There are no egos, no personal agendas, no excuses and no obstacles. Just a "Get 'er done attitude."



*Master Sgt. Rose Gould on working with local nursing students: "We are working to conduct some training with local hospitals and schools on trauma, PTSD, and crisis intervention."*



*"Bringing Marines with me as I drop off donations at one of the local orphanages."*

# UNIT SPOTLIGHT

102nd Legal Office



The 102nd Legal Office provides professional legal support and advice to command and other staff agencies on a variety of issues, including military justice, contracts, labor, environmental and operations law. In addition, servicemembers and their families and military retirees, can receive personal legal assistance on civil matters. Personal civil matters include questions about wills, domestic matters and consumer issues. The legal office also processes claims for damage to, or loss of, household goods and other personal property during permanent change of station or temporary duty shipments and vandalism occurring on base.

NOVEMBER IS

## MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

There are about 12,000 military children from all service components that live in Massachusetts.

In the next year about 2,000 families will be affected by MA National Guard deployments alone.

That's nearly six families for every city and town in the Commonwealth!

*Thank you  
families for  
all of your  
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