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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? Exercises, deployments and other operational information is always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your organization. *(Please limit articles to 500 words.)*

The March/April Seagull deadline is Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011.

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Members of the 102nd Security Forces Squadron participate in pepper spray training on Jan. 7, 2011.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

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 102nd Intelligence Wing COMMANDER

By Col. Anthony E. Schiavi



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As this month's issue of the Seagull reaches you, we will have just completed our Winter Wingman/Safety stand down day. I want to thank everyone in the wing for their participation, sharing of personal stories that demonstrate resiliency as well as reaffirming our responsibility to be good wingmen for each other.

I know that with all we have on our plate it can be difficult to carve out four hours of our schedule on short notice, but for those who read the vice chief of staff of the Air Force's memo related to this event, especially our leadership (officer and enlisted), the urgency should have been readily apparent.

I was given some very good advice early on in my wing tenure after a disturbing event happened on base. That advice was simply this, "Don't ever presume that you know what someone else needs when dealing with a difficult issue, problem or event that has occurred."

I truly believe we are all resilient and have the ability to "bounce back" when necessary but the way we deal with it, our coping skills, are all different and have developed to different levels. Therefore, it is critically important that we as individuals, and as good wingmen, know and recognize when our own, or our buddy's coping skills are not working. In addition, we must be keenly aware of signs when inappropriate coping mechanisms are being used, such as drugs or alcohol. Why? So we can either seek help or help each other.

In addition to discussing resiliency and suicide awareness, we addressed the importance of ensuring our Airmen are familiar with the vast array of resources available to them if needed. Military One Source is a good example, as well as the Wing Chaplain's office and our medical professionals.

As we move forward into another busy year, Wingman Day and wingman skills are not just a four hour block to be forgotten when completed. We must all remember our responsibility to ourselves and our coworkers; to be the best wingman we can be.

The wing had many great accomplishments in 2010 and it was a busy year of on-going mission expansion, deployments and construction. Well, 2011 will be no different and I know you are ready for the tasks ahead.

In March we will have our second mega-training weekend, which if last year was any measure will be very successful and will yield more time during the rest of the year to train in our wartime skills.

The Air Operations Group is scheduled to come out of conversion in April and they are going strong.

Two new military construction projects are now underway for an addition to the intelligence building and our new headquarters building.

Around the time our Security Forces Squadron personnel are scheduled to return home from Iraq, we will be saying goodbye to some of our intelligence personnel deploying in support of operations in southwest Asia.

A large portion of the remainder of the year will be spent preparing for a multi-command Unit Compliance Inspection scheduled for late October. I have full confidence that each of you will do your part to ensure the success of your section as well as many wing-level programs that require all of our participation to complete. Please be thorough and critical during your self inspections so any deficiencies or areas of improvement are identified early and fixed in a timely manner.

I sincerely appreciate everything you do and I look forward to sharing in all of the great accomplishments that await our people, our units and our wing.



BIG WIN: CONGRESS EXPANDS POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFITS

Courtesy of the NGAUS Washington Report

Thousands of National Guard members who stood watch over federal property or flew air patrol missions over cities after America was attacked nine years ago soon can take advantage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill now that legislation prompted by NGAUS has passed Congress.

A near-unanimous vote in the House of Representatives Dec. 16, 2010 followed approval by the Senate earlier in the week.

Congress' action on the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act fills a hole in the original bill, which passed in 2008 and became effective in 2009. That law was historic in its scope as it was the largest improvement to veteran education benefits since the original Montgomery GI Bill that followed World War II.

However, the law inadvertently omitted fulltime Guardsmen who served under Title 32 status (federally funded but under state control). This includes most of the Guard's fulltime Active Guard Reserve personnel and those called by the president for such missions as Operation Jump Start on America's border with Mexico and Operation Noble Eagle, which provided security for airport and airspace operations following the 9/11 attacks.

NGAUS pointed out the omission soon after the law passed and has pushed Congress to take action since then. Senator Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, introduced legislation correcting the oversight in early 2010.

Representative Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, introduced a measure in the House. Some of its contents were merged into Akaka's bill.

NGAUS members have responded to several Legislative Alerts asking that elected officials be contacted and urged to support the measure.

A final Legislative Alert on the matter was distributed

Dec. 15, 2010 and more than 1,000 NGAUS members took action prior to the House vote 24 hours later.

Retired Maj. Gen. Gus L. Hargett Jr., the NGAUS president, said, "We applaud Congress for bringing the letter of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in line with the spirit of the legislation. Thousands of National Guardsmen who helped secure our nation's skies, borders and sensitive facilities will soon be eligible for the educational benefits they were denied by inadvertent exclusions in the original measure. NGAUS was the first to bring the exclusions to the attention of Congress. And we worked hard with several members of the House and the Senate to eliminate them."

Hargett praised the membership of NGAUS for keeping members of Congress informed of the bill's importance to men and women of the Guard.

According to a report that accompanied the bill, an additional 131,000 Guardsmen will be immediately eligible for benefits. Each year, 8,000 more will qualify.

The bill is expected to take effect in August 2011.

The additional benefits include \$1.8 billion in direct spending for the National Guard during the first 10 years it is in effect, but the costs will be more than offset by other provisions in the bill, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The new law also will:

- Allow veterans to apply their benefit to vocational and trade schools and distance learning in addition to four-year schools;
- Expand the housing allowance to more veterans;
- Increase assistance for the purchase of books and supplies;
- Extend the time severely injured veterans and their caregivers have to use the benefit.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE PROVIDES MOTIVATION, INSPIRATION

*By Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Burger
102nd Airman and Family Readiness Program*

The 6th Annual Massachusetts Conference for Women was held Dec. 9, 2010 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. During this year's conference, with the theme "Your Time is Now," the women of the Commonwealth came together for a truly motivational and inspirational day. Attendees had the opportunity to meet and listen to women who represent the best and brightest in their fields, including Victoria Reggie Kennedy, Elizabeth Lesser, Jessica Herrin, Judge Glenda Hatchett, Massachusetts First Lady Diane Patrick, Auma Obama, Christy Turlington Burns and Gloria Steinem.

The attendees were "Dared! Double dared! Double DOG dared," by Judge Hatchett to find their passion and purpose. Gloria Steinem advised, "Trust your instinct, the wisdom in your heart. Create community. Have people



around you who make you feel smart and valuable. Behave as if everything you do matters. Be fully alive in the present."

After lunch, women were awarded time to attend breakout sessions. Session topics included leadership, career advancement, personal development, health and wellness, finance and small business/entrepreneurship.

At the end of the day, attendees left the conference with new connections, leads and inspiration to change their life or career.

"Coming together with so many intelligent women to share experience and lend support was really powerful," said Col. Christina Stevens,

102nd Intelligence Wing vice commander.

The 7th Annual Massachusetts Conference for Women is scheduled to be held on Dec. 8, 2011.

Airman in the Spotlight



Senior Airman Andrew Beckford

Senior Airman Andrew Beckford joined the 102nd Medical Group in 2008 and is assigned as a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician. He works full time as a Logistics Management Administrator at IFCO Systems. Airman Beckford

joined the military to further his education and foster his professional experience. He joined the Air National Guard for the challenges and education that a military career offers and he believes it has positively

influenced his civilian career. Working for the 102nd Medical Group influenced his decision to pursue a degree in Physician Assistance.

Hobbies: Weight lifting, jogging, playing basketball with friends.

For Fun: Going out with friends in Boston and keeping a healthy lifestyle.

Personal thought: "There is something different about the military, and those people who serve, that is missing on the civilian side. I love the military and I want to be here for a long time."

If you would like to nominate a 102nd Intelligence Wing member for the monthly "Airman in the Spotlight" feature, contact Capt. Evan Lagasse at (508) 968-4003 or e-mail evan.lagasse@ang.af.mil.

CYBERSPACE SYSTEMS NCO OF THE YEAR

By Lt. Col. James Hoye
102nd Communications Flight commander



A Massachusetts Air National Guard master sergeant received an Air National Guard-level award at the ANG Communications and Information Awards Banquet, Dec. 9, 2010.

Master Sgt. James V. Moynihan, 102nd Communications Flight, was presented with a trophy in front of his peers at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., for being selected as the Cyber Space Systems

Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the year for 2010.

Sergeant Moynihan was selected for this award out of all Cyber Space Systems NCOs within the 88 Wings of the Air National Guard.

The awards banquet was held on the final evening of the National Guard Bureau Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Conference. Among the many distinguished guests at the banquet was retired Maj. Gen. John W. Maluda, who

served as the guest speaker, and Col. David Stickley, Air National Guard communications (A6) director.

The award reflects the dedication and skill Sergeant Moynihan brings to his profession. One of Sergeant Moynihan's many specialties is wiring infrastructure. Most people will notice the jack in the wall but behind the jack there are literally miles of wiring and cable routed in the building and underground through conduits that ensure the jack connects to the outside world.

Among many reasons Sergeant Moynihan received this award was the incredible amount of time and effort he expended ensuring the base communications infrastructure and the specialized communications infrastructure required by the 102nd Intelligence Wing's new missions were operational and exceeded standards.

In addition to the countless hours spent planning installations, Sergeant Moynihan was responsible for the successful reroute of existing fiber optic and copper cables. This project alone could have cost the government thousands of dollars in penalties if it had delayed construction of the 102nd Intelligence Wing's new mission building. In the span of only a few months, he ensured a successful cable installation that enabled the new construction to proceed without any delays. Sergeant Moynihan coordinated with users, the 102nd Civil Engineer Squadron, commercial companies, and units from other bases to enable this time-sensitive project to succeed.



102nd Security Forces Squadron Pepper Spray Training



Airmen from the 102nd Security Forces Squadron learn first-hand how it feels to be sprayed with pepper spray, Jan. 7, 2011, during a training exercise at Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.

Members of the squadron were sprayed with pepper spray so they know what it feels like if they ever come in contact with the substance during a real-world situation. Due to the training, the Airmen are better able to maintain focus and control of security situations involving pepper spray.

*U.S. Air Force Photos by
Master Sgt. Aaron Smith and
Staff Sgt. Kerri Cole*



MOVING FORWARD

Demolition of the JP-8 fuel tanks that were an icon of the flying era at Otis



On Jan. 5, 2011, demolition of the fuel storage tanks at Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass., that once held JP-8 fuel in support of the fighter aircraft formerly stationed here, was started by Testa demolition company. Over the next several months, the tanks will be removed and the area will be returned to natural real property.

U.S. Air Force Photos by Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki

To view more photos and video of the project please visit the 102nd IW public website:

www.102iw.ang.af.mil



LOCAL RECRUITER SELECTED FOR GUARD BUREAU STAFF

Submitted by the 102nd Recruiting Team



A member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard (ANG) has been hand-selected as the first Guardsman from the state to join the National Guard Bureau (NGB) staff as a member of the Air Force Recruiting Information Support Service (AF-RISS) staff at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Nilka K. Alleyne, a recruiter for the 102nd Intelligence Wing (IW), was recently chosen to head to the epi-

center of all Air Force recruitment communications to join a tight-knit team comprised of five Airmen who run AF-RISS, the computer-based core mission system of record responsible for generating, identifying and processing leads for all accessions (enlistments and commissions) for the Air National Guard.

"I'm really looking forward to continuing my career with the Air Guard, and staying within the recruiting and retention family," said Sergeant Alleyne. "I can't wait to assist recruiters who are still working in the field."

The 13-year veteran of the active duty Air Force began her military career in her home country of Panama. After enlistment, Sergeant Alleyne spent time in both the supply and finance career fields before becoming a recruiter. After four years of recruiting in southern New Jersey, she learned the Air Force planned on rotating her back into her previous career field.

"I love this gig. This is the only job where you get a cell phone, credit card, laptop and a car and the Air Force says 'go.' I wasn't ready to give it up," she said.

It was her passion for recruiting that motivated Sergeant Alleyne to apply for a position with the Massachusetts ANG in July of 2009, and she expressed that her transition from active duty Air Force to the Guard component not only challenged her abilities as a recruiter but also helped her grow as a person.

"I found recruiting for the Guard was much more difficult than the active duty," she said. "The expectations of applicants were far more specific and the Guard's disqualification factors are more stringent. I had to take a step back to re-evaluate and adjust my approach," Sergeant Alleyne explained.

In order to combat this, Sergeant Alleyne visited her schools early and often, preaching a positive message in hopes of keeping teenagers out of trouble. Her goal was to educate potential applicants on the Guard's benefits as well as the requirements for enlistment.

"Drugs, alcohol, arrests, tattoo guidance - I tackled it all," she said.

Master Sergeant Galon "Chip" Barlow, 102nd IW Recruiting Office supervisor, is confident she'll represent the Commonwealth well.

"Nilka's energy and work ethic have breathed a new life into our team. She will be greatly missed," he said.

Sergeant Alleyne's departure leaves Technical Sgt. James P. Regan single-handedly responsible for covering the Braintree recruiting office while managing schools and events in Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk counties.

"James is, by far, one of the best recruiters I've ever had the pleasure to work with - Guard or active duty. He's professional, charming, and I'm completely confident he'll continue to manage the area and represent the Air Guard to the fullest, in spite of the increased responsibilities. He is just that good," said Sergeant Alleyne.

For more information on recruitment opportunities, please contact Sergeant Barlow at (774) 836-0650.

RED CROSS INTRODUCES "COPING WITH DEPLOYMENT" COURSE

The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter announces a special Coping with Deployment, Psychological First Aid for Military Families course. The course will be offered free of charge at the Chapel Support Building on the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Feb. 12, 2011 from noon - 4 p.m.

The course is available to the family members of Reserve, National Guard and active duty servicemembers, including spouses, older children, parents, siblings and significant others, as well as to servicemembers who take it with their family. Veterans and their family members are also eligible.

The Coping with Deployments course was developed by the American Red Cross, specifically to address the stresses and strains that deployments place on the families of servicemembers. The Red Cross worked closely with subject-matter experts from all service branches—

along with National Guard and Reserve components—to complement what is offered in their courses.

The course provides important information on resiliency strategies for adults and children, as well as explaining the steps required in performing psychological first aid (PFA) for others under stress. It contains an adult module, a children's module and a comprehensive resource and referral section.

This is the only national-level course specifically designed for military family members, including parents and significant others, that bridges all lines of service and provides hands-on tools to help families cope with deployments.

To sign up for this free Coping with Deployment course, registration is required by calling (508) 775-1540 or by e-mailing ttarozzi@cape.com. Space is limited.

UPDATE: DEPLOYED 102ND SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON AIRMEN

By Tech. Sgt. Steven Frietas
102nd Security Forces Squadron

Members of the 102nd Security Forces Squadron (below) are deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn and are attached to the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. While deployed they had the opportunity to participate in a local community event. The 447th Air Expeditionary Group Rising Six Council holds an event called the Good Neighbor Program, an all volunteer group of U.S. Air Force Airmen who have the opportunity to visit an Iraqi community on base. The visit was intended to help Iraqi families and foster U.S./Iraqi relations through generous donations of clothing, toys and other essential items to the children and families of Iraqi soldiers. Of the 50 total U.S. Air Force volunteers, the 102nd Security Forces Squadron represented 11 of the 18 security forces Airmen in attendance.



Staff Sgt. Michael Anderson (above) was awarded the Warrior of the Week for the 447th Air Expeditionary Group in the NCO category for week ending Sept. 4, 2010. The Warrior of the Week program recognizes superior performance as well as self-improvement and community involvement.

We also had three promotions in theatre: Senior Airman Adam Sassone and Senior Airman Keith Soares were promoted to the grade of staff sergeant and Airman 1st Class Natanael Gouveia was promoted to the grade of senior airman. All three promotions were effective Aug. 25, 2010.

REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

By 102nd Intelligence Wing Judge Advocate

On Dec. 22, 2010, President Obama signed a bill ending the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ("DADT") Policy, which was initially passed in 1993.

Ultimately, this bill will allow gay servicemembers to serve openly in the United States Armed Forces, **BUT NOT YET**. At the present time, and until further notice, DADT remains the law of the land.

On Jan. 6, 2011, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen outlined the repeal process in three steps:

(1) update regulations and policies and clarify changes to military benefits prompted by the repeal;

(2) prepare training materials for commanders, chaplains, personnel specialists and other leaders on regulatory changes prompted by the repeal; and

(3) train all members of the armed forces on the repeal and its consequences.

Once President Obama, Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen certify that these steps have been completed and that the new policies and implementing regulations are consistent with standards of military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion and retention, DADT will remain in effect for an additional 60 days and only then will it be officially repealed.

Until 60 days after this certification, military members should behave as if DADT is still in effect. This means that if you are a gay servicemember, you should not engage in a "homosexual act" as defined by DADT (i.e., statements, acts or marriage). Military members should also remember that DADT prohibits harassment of servicemembers on the suspicion that they are gay.

Finally, all homosexual discharge cases in the Air Guard are still required to be approved by the Secretary of the Air Force.

If you have any questions, please call us at (508) 968-4036 or e-mail Lt. Col. Meaghan LeClerc at meaghan.leclerc@gsa.gov or Maj. David Jaffe at dmjaffe@cvs.com.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLAINTS >>

Equal opportunity complaints may be filed by any member of the 102nd Intelligence Wing who, while on military status, was discriminated against based on Race, Color, Religion, Gender (Sexual Harassment), National Origin or Reprisal. The initial informal complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days from the date of the alleged incident (seek assistance from EO, building 197). The member's chain of command is the primary channel for resolving an EO complaint. Conflict resolution (also known as Alternate Dispute Resolution) may be offered. If a member's EO complaint is unresolved after 30 days (or the next UTA period) for traditional guard members or 14 days for Active Guard Reserve, the complainant withdraws the informal complaint and re-files it as a formal complaint. Formal complaints are forwarded to the wing commander who orders an EO investigation. The wing commander attempts resolution within 30 days (for traditional guard members) or 14 days (for Active Guard Reserve members) of receipt of the complaint from the subordinate unit. If resolution is not achieved, the file is transferred to state headquarters whereby the adjutant general has 90 days to attempt resolution. If the complaint is still unresolved, TAG will request a final decision from the National Guard Bureau.

The Airman's Council ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Facebook** The Airman's Council has an official Facebook page. Search : "102nd Intelligence Wing Airman's Advisory Council" and 'Like' for council updates and reminders on Airman's Council activities.
- **Wi-Fi at the Dorms!** Thanks to many months of persistence from the Mission Support Group and Communications Flight!
- **Rubb Tent is open!** Behind the Eagle's Nest there is a Rubb Tent which houses a large projection screen for movies, video gaming, and other activities. Open the same hours as the Eagle's Nest. What would you like to see at the Rubb Tent? Guitar Hero? A Halo Tournament? Let us know!

The Airman's Council meets every Saturday of the UTA at 2 p.m. in the Wing Conference Room and is open to all E-1 to E-6 personnel.



PROMOTIONS >>

Staff Sergeant

Shavonne Hinds

Senior Airman

Corey Scott
Jonathan Estrella
Michael Morgante
Kathryn Messina

Airman

Anthony Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>

MAJ. GEN. AKEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

In honor of Maj. Gen. Michael D. Akey's retirement from the Massachusetts Air National Guard, his family, friends and military colleagues request the pleasure of your company as we thank him for his service to our great nation and wish him well for the future. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, 6-10 p.m. at the Wyckoff Country Club (233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, MA 01040). Business Casual Attire. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please make all checks payable to 'HQ MA ANG Fund.' For tickets, please contact Maj. Nicole Ivers: (508) 968-4664, nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil or visit Building 158, Room 230.

WING INFORMATION LINE

Winter has arrived and it is important for all personnel to keep the Wing Information Line phone number handy. For the most up-to-date information on the Base's Operational Status, simply call (508) 968-4433 and listen to the recording. As always, Airmen are expected to apply the principles of Operational Risk Management (ORM). Be safe and avoid unnecessary risks.

NEW LOCATION FOR FUELS MANAGEMENT

The 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Branch has moved from Building 31950 (Trailer) to Building 753 (Pass & Identification).

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

The Salvation Army has money available in their Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund to assist those in need with heating expenses and broken heating system repairs. Please contact Edna Bargan by calling (339) 502-5934 or send an e-mail to ebargan@use.salvationarmy.org. Another resource is available by calling 1-800-632-8175. Follow the recorded directions, enter your zip code and they will put you in touch with your nearest community action program location. For more information, please visit www.massresources.org/massachusetts_energy_assistance_d.html.

DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

The National Graduate School will offer a Bachelor's Degree Completion Program beginning in March on the Mass. Military Reservation (MMR). The program is open to anyone with base access: active duty, reservists, all dependents, retirees, civilian and contract employees. For more information, please contact Jim McLoughlin, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, by calling (508) 968-6440.

CHAPEL CALL

By Chaplain (Capt.) Mary Scheer
102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain

“Still married, but not speaking”

Four ways to improve communications with those you love

A friend sent me an e-mail the other day asking if my husband and I were still married. The e-mail came on the heels of a terrible football game where the Green Bay Packers beat the Chicago Bears.

My husband, a Wisconsin boy, holds fierce loyalty to his beloved Packers. However, as a born and raised Chicago girl, I match his passion with my own loyalty to the Bears. You would think though that he would only ‘woohoo’ in my face when it was his Packers beating my Bears, but no, he ‘woohoo’s’ when anyone beats my Bears, and that’s just mean!

Our bantering is mostly in fun and while my e-mail reply that ‘we were still married but not speaking’ was a joke, it made me think how many relationships are ruined by small arguments

that get out of control and how many relational problems can be avoided with good communication.

It’s helpful at the beginning of a new year to take time to review the principles that guide your communication. Look for areas that have not been a helpful part of your communication style and replace them with those offering better results. Our words are powerful, they can help or hurt. There are four proverbs that offer helpful guiding principles for communication that helps.

The first principle stresses the need to become a good listener and to listen well before answering.

“To answer before listening – that is foolishness and shame.” (Proverbs 18:13)

The next two show the power our words have to make a difference in

someone’s life for the better.

“Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.” (Proverbs 12:25)

“Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” (Proverbs 16:24)

Lastly, our words have the power to stir up anger or avoid anger.

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1)

To our wingmen, our words can make a big difference. We can be encouragers, offering support and hope, showing respect and wisdom through our choice of words.

“The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” (Proverbs 12:18)

102ND IW

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

By Bob Blair

102nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Sustainable, Renewable, Build Green. Sure, you’ve heard the words before, but what do they mean to us? Plenty; they’re our future and they have one thing in common: Energy. How we save it, conserve it, and use it most efficiently has a direct impact on our mission here at Otis.

To quote the Air Force Civil Engineer Maj. Gen. Timothy Byers, “Energy is the operations enabler allowing us to fly, fight, and win.”

So what are we doing to help the big picture? For one thing, we’re changing the way we design, construct, and operate our facilities. It’s no secret that the Federal Government is the largest property owner and energy user in the country. With an inventory of 1.2 million buildings, the energy bill to operate those buildings for fiscal 2008 was over \$7 billion.

A recent GAO report finds a lack of proper training and expertise was a major challenge for the Federal Government reaching its energy reduction goals. In response, Congress passed new legislation in December to ensure Federal officials and contractors have the training and resources necessary to operate government buildings in the most energy efficient manner. Entitled “The Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act,” it now awaits the president’s signature. Within 18 months, GSA and the Energy Department will be required to develop a recommended curriculum related to facility management and the operation of high-performance “green” buildings. This will improve energy management, sustainability, water efficiency, safety, and building performance measures.

That’s great, but what are we doing here at the 102nd?

Since 2007, the Air Force has required compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. LEED certification is awarded based on a point system with a minimum standard in several different areas of sustainable design and construction. For example, points are earned for utilizing a previously disturbed site (recycling), reducing light pollution, water use reduction with self generating sensor faucets, use of recycled building materials, and of course, optimizing energy performance. Even the colors we choose can affect the heat absorption of the building and earn a point. The Air National Guard has additionally mandated that all vertical construction meet the Silver Certification Level or better, which is a minimum of 33 out of a possible 70 points. Each of the three new facilities currently under construction at Otis are on track to achieve Silver certification, with the intelligence facility being the first building of its kind in the entire Air Force to achieve any level of certification. This is just a small example of the things we are doing locally to improve our energy footprint.

In the July/August 2010 *Seagull*, Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Raymondo asked, ‘Who is the most important Airman in the wing?’ The answer is the same. YOU are. Everyone’s contribution is integral to our success.

If we are going to be serious about reducing our reliance on foreign oil, there needs to be a culture change, and not just at the Agency and Department levels but at the individual level. So what will your sustainable initiative be?

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