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By Col. Pete Hronek
120th Fighter Wing Commander

Our Mission & Inspection Preparations

We Continue to be a Model Wing in Our Nation with Over 100% Manning

Vigilantes,

Summer jumped right into winter here lately. The good news is the fire season is over, but now we have to deal with the shorter days and winter driving conditions. I do hope we get a little fall before we hunker down, but no matter what, we will continue to stay focused on our mission and inspection prep for next February. To help those who travel to the UTA, we took a little financial risk to go back to single billeting for the year. I hope this gives you more flexibility in your schedule and allows you more rest to travel safely back and forth and do good work here. Please continue to be good stewards of this privilege and follow the rules to keep this benefit going.

As I said, winter is here and not only outside are things freezing, our mission is still frozen since this summer and I do not see a change until next year. There will be much discussion at high levels and I really do not have much to predict except we will continue to be a world-class flying Wing, the only variable could be the platform we will fly. Your focus on the mission everyday has kept us in the fight and will be our enduring legacy long into the future.

We finished the year over 100 percent manning and our retention is very strong. We are a model Wing in the nation! To me this is truly amazing with over four years of uncertainty. You all make this a great place to work and show what resilient Airmen you are. Continue to be great Airmen, tell the Wing and Air Guard story and bring your family and friends to see us and potentially join and serve in this fine organization.

In the next few months, I am doing my best to keep your schedule clean so you can focus on your job and prepare for the compliance inspections. The only Wing plans I have is the Awards Ceremony recognizing our outstanding Airmen, the Holiday Party for you and your families and a welcome home to our Airman who served so professionally and honorably the past 29 months at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. More information to follow on those events in the near future.

Finally, I ask you to reflect on our many accomplishments from this past year as we prepare to show our nation how good we are through the upcoming inspection. Please keep our deployed Airmen and their families in your thoughts and prayers and the 30 plus members of Security Forces that will deploy soon into the CENTCOM region. Thanks for all you do to fly, fight and win!

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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hooch and Staff Sgt. Melissa Smith hold onto a rope steadying the static F-15 as it is lifted by a crane and placed back into its place in front of Building 26. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson.

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120th Gets a Gold Medal Visitor

Soccer Star Abby Wambach gets a tour and takes a backseat F-15 ride.

Over 300 men and women of the Montana Air National Guard's 120th Fighter Wing assembled together for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to listen to an Olympic champion. Soccer great Abby Wambach of the United States Women's Olympic soccer team was invited to Great Falls by the "Get Fit Great Falls" organization to host a soccer camp and spread the important message of keeping our youth active to fight childhood obesity.

Wambach was invited by the 120th Fighter Wing leadership to share her experiences and message with the Airmen of the 120th.

"The Air Force is this diverse community and it's a community of people that care about each other and everybody has to play the role and everybody has to do the job to make sure things go smooth and I couldn't thank them more for the time I had today, and things went smooth," said Wambach.

The Airmen of the 120th were thrilled at the opportunity to visit with Abby and to hold her gold medal.

During her time Wambach repeatedly shared her pride in the professional men and women that serve her country. The impact of her visit was apparent across the base.

"It sounds like she's very passionate at what she does and I think I can speak for all of the women of the 120th, that we love what we do and if we didn't we wouldn't be here," said Maintenance Operations Center NCO, Tech. Sgt. Tammy Wajer.

Wambach's visit to the 120th wasn't all about speaking with the Airmen. She was there to also receive an orientation flight in the mighty F-15 Eagle. Wambach and her pilot, Lt. Col. Larry Gardner, conducted a 50 minute orientation flight over the big sky of Montana on Sept. 11. The meaning of this date was not lost upon the two-time gold medalist.

"I couldn't be more proud to be flying on this day. Obviously for people, this is a hard day, but this for our country it is a day that I think we all can remember that we stood together, we stood strong, and flying in remembrance of the lives we lost on September 11, 2001-I couldn't have been more proud," said Wambach.

After her aerial viewing of Montana, Wambach delighted ground crew and observers alike by professing a desire to "go for a run." Her exceptional physical fitness enabled her to pull high G forces during her flight, yet she still felt capable of completing a rigorous work out.

"She is a testament to why physical fitness is so important to what we do in the military," said Maj. Jennifer Cinq-Mars, 120th Force Support Squadron Commander.

One thing is certain-the Vigilantes of the 120th Fighter Wing will not soon forget Abby Wambach's visit.

Wambach professed, "I can't believe that men and women around our country get to do that for a job. I thought that I had the coolest job in the world. I think that I may be reconsidering. (It was the most amazing experience I think I ever had," she said.

By: Maj. Cody Smith
120th FW Public Affairs

Safety First this Hunting Season

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks offers the following tips for hunters



- Hunt with a partner, let someone know your plans, and periodically check in.
- Be familiar with the area.
- Never shoot at a sound or movement. Be 100 percent certain of your target.
- Make sure your shot path is safe.
- Never assume you are alone in the woods.
- Never assume that other hunters are acting responsibly.
- Get harvested game out of the woods as soon as possible.
- If you make a kill, immediately separate the carcass from the gut pile.
- If a bear has claimed the carcass, leave it alone and immediately contact FWP.
- Never wave or make sounds to make another hunter aware of you- this movement may attract fire. Yell in a loud voice and stay hidden.
- Observe from a distance and signal your approach by making plenty of noise when returning to a carcass.
- Never drink alcohol before hunting.
- When sitting up against a tree or rock, make sure it is wider than your shoulders. This will prevent a hunter coming up behind you and mistaking you for a target.
- Carry survival gear at all times (first aid kit, compass, map, fire-starter, and high calorie foods).

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Recognizing our Hometown Heros



Thirteen members of the Montana Air National Guard were recognized for completing deployments during a Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony held at the Hampton Inn during the August Unit Training Assembly. The Air National Guard sanctioned program is designed to thank the personnel and their families for the service and sacrifices made while serving their country far away from home.

Family members, congressional representatives and community leaders joined MTANG senior leadership in welcoming home the Guardsmen.

"My only charge to you as Hometown Heroes is to tell the story. It's very difficult to talk about the experiences you've had but it is so important that we do not forget the sacrifices that were made over there of those that served," said 120th Fighter Wing Commander Col. J. Peter Hronek.

The Guardsmen received recognition based on the amount of time they spent deployed overseas. The MTANG members who served tours from 30 to 179 days received a framed Hometown Heroes coin with a letter of appreciation from the Director of the Air National Guard. Those who served between 180 and 365 days received a framed United States flag.

120th Civil Engineering Squadron member Tech. Sgt. Anthony Barille was recognized for his 90 day deployment to Southwest Asia. He appreciated that the program recognized his family and the outpouring of support they provided to him during his deployment.

"It was a great program to be able to honor us as well as let our families understand the things we went through and also honor them as well, because they definitely served alongside us even though they weren't with us," said Barille.

Barille's father, 120th Logistics Readiness Squadron member Tech. Sgt. Frank Barille, appreciated the recognition he received for serving his 90 day tour to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

"I think it just a rich tradition in knowing that people take care of you, you're looked after and rewarded for your efforts. And it just makes it so much special," said Barille.

This was the fifth year that MTANG has honored its members and their families with the Hometown Heroes Salute program. Holly Wick, the Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager, organized the ceremony that honored each of the Guardsmen and their families.

"I think it's so very important to honor our service members and their families in this way because they don't get the recognition other members that come in groups and units may get. These members deployed one at a time or five at a time and they don't have that big support as a group. So they quietly serve our country and come back. So it's great to honor them this way," Wick said.

By: Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson
120th FW Public Affairs



Left: Senior Master Sgt. David Gifford is thanked for his participation by Montana Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Bradley Livingston. **Above:** Lt. Col. Daniel McGee is presented with a Quilt of Honor recognizing him for having earned a Purple Heart Medal during his deployment.

Right: Home Depot District Operations Manager Eric Stout is presented a certificate of appreciation from Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserves Mike Flaherty, his civilian employee Senior Airman Holly Heffley and Montana Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Bradley Livingston.





MTANG FIGHTER HISTORY



F-89 Scorpion

Morale peaked as the first F-89's arrived in August 1955. The unit's flying opportunities expanded as the F-89's had a two man crew, pilot and radar observer. The transition to the F-89C continued into 1956.

The 120th began five minute runway alert on October 1st, 1958. The unit's F-89H Scorpions and their two man crews, stood alert for 14 hours a day. They were under the control and direction of the 29th Air Division at Malmstrom Air Force Base. Once launched, the interceptors were directed to the area of the target by the 29th's controllers.

In March of 1960 the 120th entered the nuclear arena when the unit's F89H's were replaced with J models. The J's were equipped with the "Genie" nuclear missile.

The morning of November 4th, 1966 was a bittersweet day for the 120th as the last F-89 Scorpion left for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, to be placed in storage. During its 10 year stay with the unit the F-89's flew over 50,000 hours. One F-89 remained and became the 120th's gate guard.

Compiled from MTANG history files



Back in Front of Building 64

Static F-15 Move Provides Valuable Training for Crash Team Members

Members of the active duty 819th RED HORSE Squadron assisted the 120th Fighter Wing Crashed, Damaged, Disabled Aircraft Recovery (CDDAR) Team in placing the unit's static F-15 back into its position in front of Building 64 Sept. 18.

The F-15 had been temporarily relocated to allow for landscaping and base construction to be completed in the area. The active-duty Airmen had been on the Air National Guard base working on another project with their crane, so it provided the CDDAR Team an opportunity to complete a required training task.

"The crane on the hill gave us the opportunity to perform an actual lift and do the training in the process and put the aircraft back into place. As a team chief every three years I have to perform an actual lift. So now our program is covered for three years," said CDDAR Team Chief Master Sgt. Luke Grisby.

Grisby is seen as being one of the top CDDAR Team Chiefs in the Air National Guard and often provides assistance and training to other units in the nation.

"He is one of the most experienced crash members and is constantly fielding calls from other units on approving their programs. He does have a great program and goes above and beyond the actual job. He takes it all really seriously," said Inspection Section Supervisor Senior Master Sgt. Mike Donahue.

Members of the Wing Safety Office and Quality Assurance joined with the Maintenance Group personnel that make up the CDDAR team to ensure it was a safe and successful aircraft move.

CDDAR team members receive initial training and continue with annual training to remain current in this critical job specialty. The members appreciated the quality of the hand's-on training that the lift involved.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Smith connected the specialized F-15 sling to the aircraft and helped guide the plane to its final location.

"The training was good. To actually be able to do it and move the plane instead of viewing slideshows was very helpful," she said.

The static F-15 allows unit personnel to reconnect with the rich history and tradition of the unit, but the movement exercise provided more than an improvement to base aesthetics. The training that the CDDAR Team received helps ensure that they will be ready to respond in case of an accident.

"It's a resource they need to have available in the event of an emergency. We need to be trained and take care of that task at hand," said Grigsby.

The F-15 is one of many aircraft on long-term loan to the 120th Fighter Wing by the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Collection Management Division, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The 120th Fighter Wing maintains a retired F-89 Scorpion, F-106 Delta Dart, F-16 Fighting Falcon and T-33 Shooting Star located just off base in the wing's Heritage Field. An F-86 Sabrejet is mounted on a pole at the southeast corner of the base and serves as a directional weather-vane at the Great Falls International Airport.

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Below: A crane assigned to the 819th RED HORSE Squadron gently moves the F-15 back into its static location in front of Building 26. **Right:** Master Sgt. Evan Jones holds tight to a rope as the aircraft is lowered into position. **Left:** Staff Sgt. Melissa Smith and fellow CDDAR team members work on connecting the F-15 sling to the aircraft.



Help is there when you need it

Sexual Assault Prevention Continues to be a Priority Item in Today's Air Force

The Air Force has focused on sexual assault prevention and response for several years, with special emphasis on victim care. Unfortunately, sexual assault continues to burden our Airmen and degrade our mission effectiveness.

"Sexual assault is a crime, and there is no place for this behavior in our Air Force. We demand better of ourselves." This was the message sent by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley to all members of the Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve in March of 2011. Over a year and a half later, sexual assault is still at the forefront.

With preventative training, education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and accountability, the 120th Fighter Wing's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPR) is reinforcing the Air Force's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault.

"The National Guard SAPR program is part of the overall national Department of Defense strategy to reduce the occurrence of sexual assaults within the military," said Maj. Cody Smith, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "The program is designed to educate members of the military in preventing sexual assaults and to focus resources on healing victims of sexual assault."

As military members, victims have two options when reporting a sexual assault: unrestricted and restricted.

Unrestricted reporting is for victims who desire medical treatment, referral services and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unrestricted reporting, you should use current reporting channels, e.g. chain of command, law enforcement or report the incident to the SARC, or request healthcare personnel to notify law enforcement. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Restricted reporting allows victims to confidentially disclose the assault and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the official investigation process. However, the sexual assault must be reported to a SARC, victim advocate, or healthcare provider in order for it to remain restricted. It not only documents the event, but allows victims to decide whether and when to move forward with initiating a criminal investigation.

"With today's SAPR program a victim in the Guard has access to a full spectrum of health, legal and investigative resources to help the victim to heal and seek justice if they so choose," said Smith.

Although Smith serves as the single point of contact for coordinating appropriate and responsive care for sexual assault victims, he relies heavily on victim advocates as an additional resource.

"Our victim advocates are key to maintaining that support as they are embedded at the unit level," said Smith.

Victim advocates help the individual navigate the process of sexual assaults ranging from explanation of the medical exam to just listening when they need someone to talk to. The VA ensures victims receive the necessary care and support from the initial report through case conclusion, or until the point the victim no longer requires assistance.

The SAPR office is always actively recruiting for victim advocates; however Airmen in certain career fields are barred from becoming one due to their duties. Those Airmen who are in law enforcement, commanders, first sergeants, chiefs, judge advocates, equal opportunity, or traditional Guardsmen are ineligible. Fulltime Guardsmen and competitive civilians can apply to become advocates.

"That limits the pool of eligible candidates significantly," Smith said. "If the previous list does not exclude them then we can interview them to see if they can handle the work. Being a VA/SARC can be emotionally difficult and not everyone is cut out for it."

The Department of Defense defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does or cannot consent. It includes rape, forcible sodomy, and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (to include unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.

If you feel you have been a victim of sexual assault and need help, please call the SARC at 791-0159 or contact a victim advocate.

By: Tech. Sgt. Christy Mason
120th FW Public Affairs

DoD Safe Helpline
Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

Live 1-on-1 Help Confidential Worldwide 24/7

When you don't know what to do or who to talk to, contact Safe Helpline for confidential sexual assault support...24/7, worldwide access to trained professionals.

Click www.SafeHelpline.org
Call 877-995-5247
Text* 55-247 (INSIDE THE U.S.)
202-470-5546 (OUTSIDE THE U.S.)
*Text your location for the nearest support resources

Want to go mobile? To download the free DoD Safe Helpline app, visit the App Store or Google Play.

HISTORY Of THE MTANG

From the November 1962 Scorpion archives.

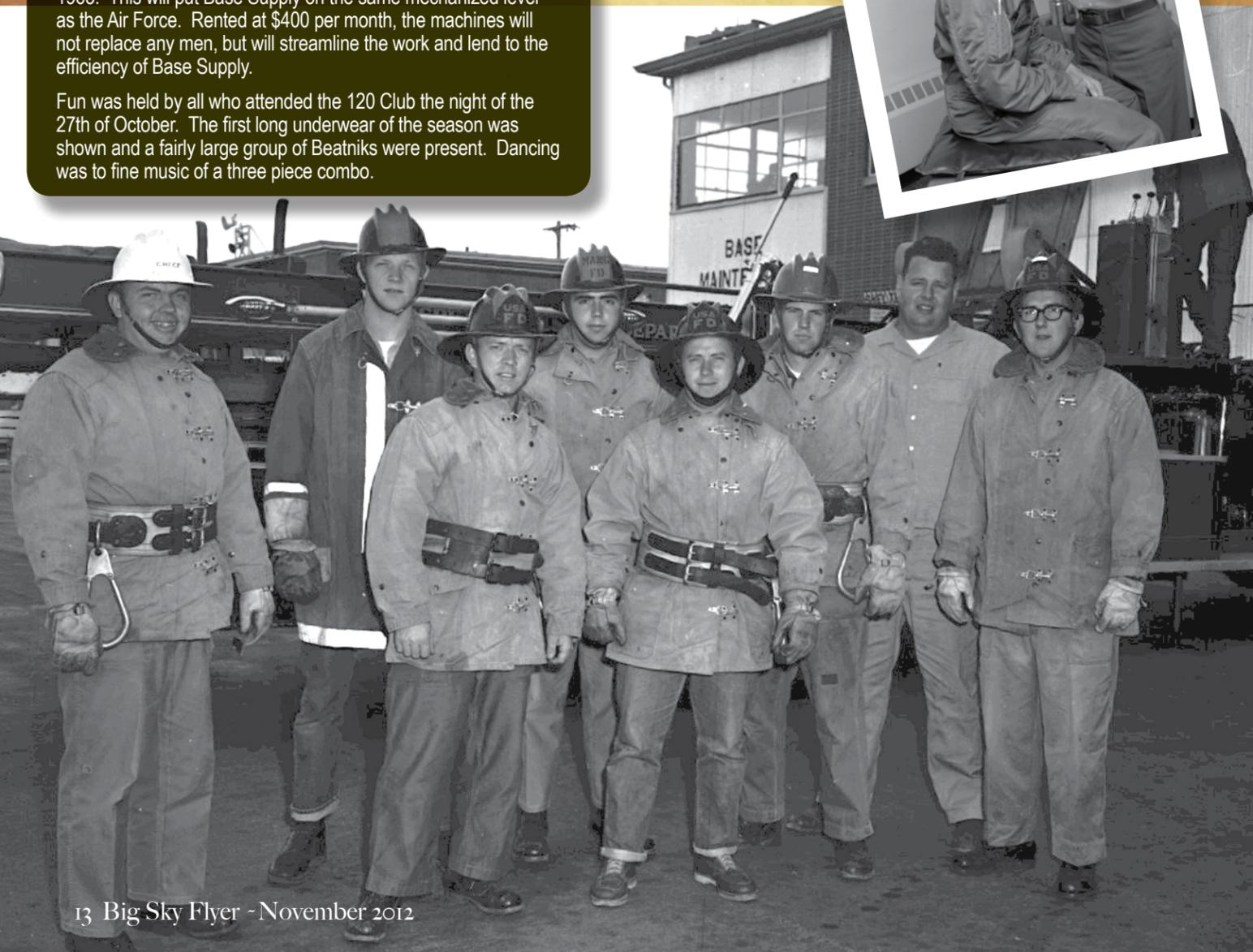
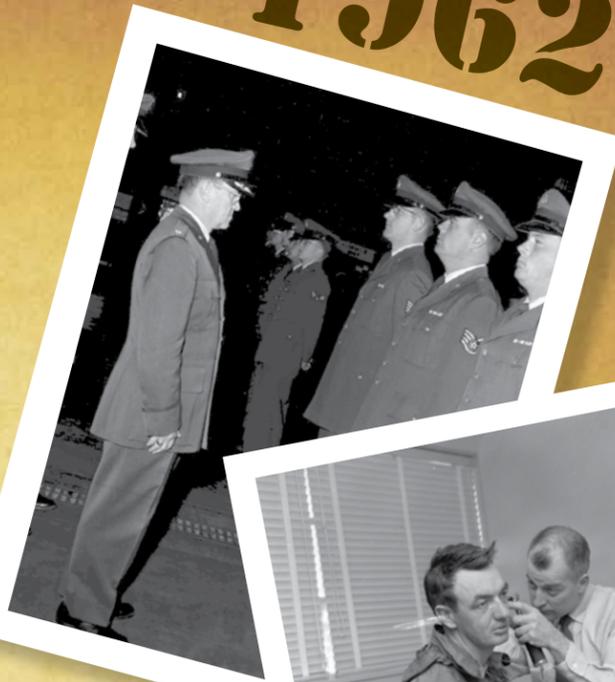
To all Guardsmen! We need radar observer trainees. If you are the least bit interested or know of someone who might be interested in going through Aviation Cadet Training and becoming a Commissioned Officer Radar Observer, or in going through training as a 2nd Lt. If you qualify, make sure you get to the special interviewing session that will be set up this coming drill meeting. Tell your buddies about this program. They don't have to be Guardsmen now to take advantage of this terrific opportunity. Particulars of the interviewing will be announced at Saturday morning formation.

The Veterans Administration advises veterans to think about changing their GI term insurance to ordinary insurance. Most WWII veterans are nearing their 40th birthday, if not past it, and at that age term-insurance costs begin to rise sharply.

IBM machines will handle requisitioning stock balance reports, and other bookkeeping activities of Base Supply at the first of 1963. This will put Base Supply on the same mechanized level as the Air Force. Rented at \$400 per month, the machines will not replace any men, but will streamline the work and lend to the efficiency of Base Supply.

Fun was held by all who attended the 120 Club the night of the 27th of October. The first long underwear of the season was shown and a fairly large group of Beatniks were present. Dancing was to fine music of a three piece combo.

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The News You Can Use

FY 13 Billeting Policy

Single Billeting Authorized

1. Effective Oct. 1, 2012, the UTA billeting program for all eligible MTANG Airmen will change. The new billeting program will allow Airmen whose primary residence, home of record, is outside the local commuting area and not a full-time MTANG employee to request two nights of direct billed, single occupancy lodging for FY13.
2. Please remember billeting is a privilege for ANG members, not a right and is subject to change due to funding requirements. If members are found to be violating the billeting agreement, their billeting privileges will be revoked.
3. The POC for billeting program is the Sustainment Services Flight and can be reached at 791-0321 or 791-0259 or via email at: 120fw.svs.billeting@ang.af.mil

Events for the Upcoming Year

Here is a new listing of events going on this next year. Please call or email me with questions, concerns, or to sign up for an event.

STRONG BONDS EVENTS: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT/SINGLE SERVICE MEMBER WEEKEND/FAMILY RETREAT
ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE

November 16-18 - Couples - Whitefish
January 25-27 - Couples - Lewistown
March 9-10 - Singles - Red Lodge
May 17-19 - Couples - Chico
July 20-21 - Singles - Whitefish
July Date TBD - Family Retreat
August 16-18 - Couples - Yellowstone

Checking Out Your Credit Score

GREAT NEWS! Our friends at FINRA Investor Education Center have graciously provided another month of FREE access to finding out your FICO(r) credit score.

As you are aware, the focus of the program is to provide FICO(r) credit scores free of charge to servicemembers and their spouses who are at risk financially or have financial problems that could lead to security clearancerevocation or other negative occurrences. The program is intended to provide one credit score per servicemember (and spouse if appropriate) initially and a single follow-up score 90-120 days later. If you have not obtained your credit report before or checked it in the past year, here is the web site to go to:

<http://apps.finra.org/myFICO/2/default.aspx>.

In the box labeled "Financial Educator Code" put in this code: 1TDEYH54.

Complete all of the required fields (labeled with a *) as well as the Captcha, and follow the remainder of the prompts to obtain your FREE credit score. This will also give you an analysis of your credit report and

how you can improve your credit score. The code expires on Oct. 31, 2012. Remember, if you get to a site that asks for a credit or debit card number, you're in the wrong place. There is no cost for this service.

Military Discounts in Great Falls

This list does not constitute endorsement by the Montana Air National Guard of the information, products or services provided by the businesses that are listed.

- Walgreen's—15-20% on Thursday's
- Hickory Swings Golf Course - 10% any time/ Active/Guard/Reserve
- Super 8 - \$71.99 + tax 2 people \$79.99 Tax and \$5 per each additional person
- Golden Corral – Military appreciation Monday before Vet's Day 4- close - FREE MEAL
- Old Navy – Monday 10% not combine with other coupons
- Home Depot – 10% any time, have to show ID
- Great Clips – \$1 off any time
- Michael's – 10%
- Fuddruckers – if you ask they give discount
- Good Will – 10% any time
- Taco John's – 10% only if in uniform
- JB's - 10% any time
- Batteries Plus – yes 10% with ID any time
- Big Lots – one time a year with ID (around Vet's holiday)
- Champs – 20% any day
- Christopher Banks 10% any time
- CJ Banks 15% any time
- Holiday Casino – if she knows a group is coming in will give beverage drinks for \$1.75 or \$1.50
- Great Clips – \$1 off any time
- Hot Topic – 10% any time
- Jensen's Jewelers - 10% any time
- Foot Locker- 20% any time
- Lens crafter – 25% any time
- Master cuts – 10% any time
- Maurice's – 10% any time
- Payless shoes – 10% any time
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate factory – 10% any time
- Spencer's – 10% any time
- Buckle – 10% any time
- Vanity – 10% any time, except military holidays 20% off
- Mr. Wise Cleaners - 10% any time
- Rumors Restaurant - 10% military discount on food

Want to be in the Big Sky Flyer?

If you enjoyed this month's Big Sky Flyer center photo layout and would like to feature your shop or section in a future display, please contact Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson at 791-0226. We're always looking for opportunities to photograph our personnel in their work environment doing interesting and visual activities. This is a good opportunity for you to recognize your employees or co-workers for all of their hard work.

Faces of the Guard

Lt. Col. Jeffery Carlton moves on to the J5/7 Directorate at JFHQ.



Lt. Col. Jeffery Carlton joined the 120th Fighter Wing in 2002 after serving in the Navy for more than a decade. Carlton has piloted many fighter aircraft, including the F/A-18 Hornet, F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-15 Eagle.

He has deployed all over the world and flew over 20 combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and over 40 others in support of Operation Southern Watch, Kosovo and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The 2008 deployment to Balad, Iraq stood out to him as demonstrating the high quality of the men and women of the 120th Fighter Wing.

“Everybody came together, worked as a team, knowing that as soon as we got home we were losing the F-16,” he said. “In spite of being in limbo over the aircraft I was impressed with how mission focused and professional everyone was.”

Carlton also served as the 120th Fighter Wing Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander. During his diverse career, he has placed an emphasis on unit members taking care of their wingmen.

“Take care of each other. Some of the best quality people I’ve ever seen in my career are up on this hill. What happens externally to the Montana Air National Guard won’t matter as long as you take care of each other,” he said.

He will now serve at Joint Force Headquarters in Helena as the J5/7 Directorate working on joint doctrine, training and force development as well as strategic plans and policy and the State Partnership Program with Kyrgyzstan.

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