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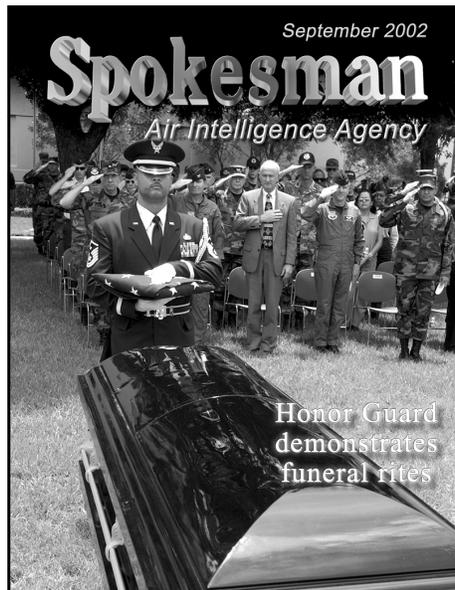
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Col. Harold J. Beatty, then 70th Intelligence Wing commander, passes the 373rd IG guidon to Col. Fred W. Gortler III. See page 10.



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Honor Guard demonstrates funeral rites

photo by Boyd Belcher
MSgt. J.D. Davis, HQ Air Intelligence Agency first sergeant and AIA Honor Guard member, stands with the folded American flag before making the presentation to family members, during a funeral service demonstration. In observance of AIA Honor Guard Appreciation Days, honor guard members performed a simulated funeral service for AIA members to observe. For more photos from the appreciation days, see page 13.



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ACC-AIA integration enters most significant phase Oct. 1

"The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance."

Nathaniel Branden
author and speaker

"Change starts when someone sees the next step."

William Drayton
social entrepreneur

By Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras
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It's been a year since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Those events changed our nation, our view of our position in the world, and accelerated the changes already under way with the first phase of AIA's integration with Air Combat Command.

The first results of ACC/8th Air Force/AIA teaming began to show with our operational successes in support of the war against terrorism. It started with the stand-up of the National-Tactical Integration Cell at NSA and the Air Operations Desk at the National Security Operations Center three months ahead of the intended start date. Since Oct. 29, 2001, the AOD has provided sigint reports to our war fighters around the world. Besides providing real-time links between the Combat Air Forces and NSA, we have deployed several Air Force mission crews, including six linguists who departed on just 48-hour notice to support the movement of detainees to Guantanamo Bay.

Our involvement in Operation Enduring Freedom has continued at a high level ever since. Airborne crews have conducted more than 200 missions on board RC-135 aircraft and provided direct support to more than 500 special

operations missions, while DCGS crews at Beale and Langley have exploited intelligence from more than 570 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sorties, pushing at least 3,100 images to the AOC.

We saw the first Global Hawk sorties in combat, U-2 extended tether operations, and have integrated several Air National Guard units into the real-time exploitation process. In addition, our Electronic System Security Assurance crews have monitored more than 300,000 phone calls and more than 950,000 e-mails to assist in maintaining our crucial communications security.

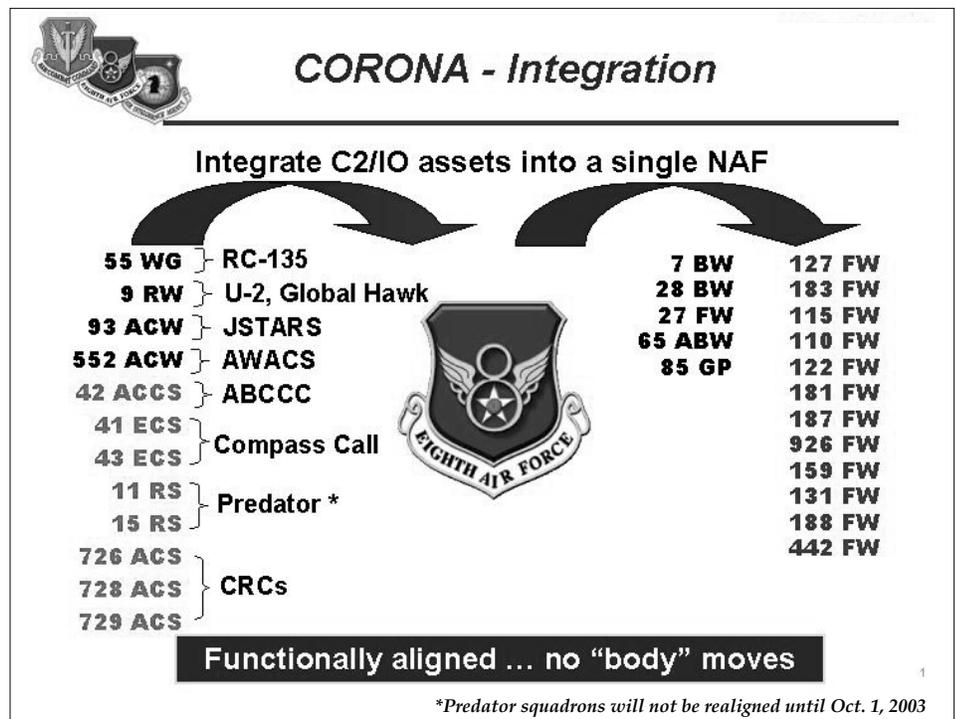
Our centers have made their own contributions to OEF. The Air Force Information Warfare Center developed a firewall for Air Force telecommunications systems and assessed 6,000 Air Force systems and networks for vulnerabilities, and NAIC produced at least

250 battle damage reports for CENTCOM and deployed a team forward to exploit foreign material. One particular group of innovators at NAIC devised a method to determine the accuracy of humanitarian daily rations airdrops to people in rural Afghanistan.

Though we all have good reason to be proud of these accomplishments, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. Next month, we will complete the last major organizational actions of the AIA-ACC integration.

Because this is the most far-reaching change to our agency since it stood up as the U.S. Air Force Security Service, I'd like to tell you what it will entail and what benefits we will see as a result.

The most significant part of the integration will take place Oct. 1 with the realignment of organizations under 8th AF. As shown in the diagram, all of the kinetic units listed on the right will be



commander's comments

reassigned to other NAFs, replaced by the C2 and IO assets shown on the left. I want to emphasize that this will not entail the physical relocation of any units or personnel; the units will simply shift subordination to different NAFs. This realignment will result in some significant positive changes for the Air Force.

One of the major advantages will be the presentation of all information operations forces—with one exception—through one Air Force component commander to all combat commanders.

In the past, we've had to work with a variety of convoluted command arrangements. For example, Rivet Joint squadron commanders came under the operational control of ACC while the DCGS units came under the operational control of two separate NAFs within ACC.

Now, for the first time, processing and exploitation crews will belong to the same wings that operate their airborne mission platforms. This gives the wing commander insight into the entire mission as well as administrative oversight, eliminating the tugs-of-war of the past between flying wing commanders and AIA or signals intelligence wing requirements.

Likewise, for the first time in Air Force history all crypto-linguists will be placed in one operational command, 8th AF. Until now, RJ crews and direct support operators came under AIA while Compass Call linguists were ACC assets. Integration will enable us to develop a more rational structure, integrated training, and cross decking.

The ACC-AIA integration also allows us to achieve a better linking of national capabilities with our tactical forces. For example, it lets the Air Force leverage NSA capabilities to push forward near real-time data, at the collateral level whenever possible. It also provides situational awareness of the air campaign, including both plans and operations, to NSA. In fact, the AOD breaks out the ATO for the NSOC. The result is a smarter push of SIGINT, as well as a clear feedback loop from for-

ward-deployed Air Force elements. The integration also puts additional eyes at all levels, from Ft. Meade through forward NTI cells to the AOCs and AEFs.

Integration strengthens peacetime "prepare for war" functions as well, because the commander who presents forces in wartime will be the one responsible for peacetime organizing, training, and equipping. As the AF/SCE, dual-hat as the 8th AF/CD-IO, I will remain the commander who focuses on SIGINT and the General Defense Intelligence Program, along with such additional aspects of the IO mission as PSYOPS, OPSEC, military deception, electronic warfare, and our aggressors in AFIWC. This will ensure we meet national level requirements while still able to leverage our capabilities for operational and tactical level requirements.

Integration also normalizes the inspector general program under the Air Force structure. Many of you probably recall the incoherence of two inspection regimes for DCGS squadrons, and the difficulties of ascertaining joint inspection criteria. AIA inspectors have been incorporated into ACC's IG teams to cover cryptologic missions areas. At the same time, we will integrate some of our SIGINT personnel into 8AF's standardization-evaluation function. These moves will increase in both the effectiveness and the efficiency of the inspection and stan-eval processes.

For years, we in Air Force intelligence have wanted to be considered part of the team, but we have always been organized as a separate entity. Integration of AIA into ACC makes us part of the CAF in the fullest sense. It mainstreams cryptologic personnel into flying wings, ensuring that more wing commanders understand the details of career development, training, and retention issues.

In addition, cryptologic – as well as GDIP — issues will now have much greater visibility with the HQ ACC staff. Though we have used NSA technology and tools in the past, migrating it to airborne platforms, integration will assist that process, helping it become more



Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras

organized as we take a holistic view of the platform. Previously, ACC focused on the airframe while AIA focused on the back end; now, ACC has ownership—and a vested interest—in the entire platform.

Meanwhile, AIA will be responsible to DIRNSA for all matters involving the conduct of cryptologic activity, including support to military ops, electronic combat, OPSEC, COMSEC, and COMPUSEC. This gives AIA direct access to and communications with Air Force units performing cryptologic missions, and authority to issue instructions and orders to those units to execute DIRNSA functions and responsibilities.

Completing the ACC-AIA integration will bring challenges, because significant organizational change is always difficult. A mitigating factor is that everyone in AIA has a real-world mission, day-in and day-out, and we all understand those missions. We are doing great work supporting Air Force – and joint operations – worldwide.

If we commit the same effort and dedication to making the ACC-AIA integration work that we do to our operational missions, then our integration efforts will be a great success. I know that everyone in AIA is up to the challenge, and the end result will be a far more capable intelligence and info warfare force than we have ever had.

AIA commander receives second star

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, who assumed command of the Air Intelligence Agency and the Joint Information Operations Center, both at Lackland AFB, Texas, in March 2002, was promoted to his present rank on Lackland's Security Hill, Aug. 5.

The general received his second star during a ceremony held in the Bernard A. Langer Auditorium at Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Space Command officiated the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Lebras expressed his sincere thanks to the many distinguished visitors, family and friends in attendance. The ceremony concluded with the playing of the Joint Service Medley by the Air Force Band ensemble and was followed by a reception honoring the general and his wife, Kris.

Lebras was commissioned second lieutenant and entered the Air Force in 1971. He has served as a targets analyst, operational intelligence officer, staff officer, intelligence analyst, squadron commander and as director of intelligence at two major commands. His previous assignment was in Washington, D.C., where he served as vice director for Intelligence, Joint Staff, and vice director for Intelligence at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As the 8th Air Force deputy commander for information operations, he is the Air Force component cryptologic authority and exercises complete authority over all cryptologic activities of the 67th Information Operations Wing, headquartered at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the 70th Intelligence Wing, headquartered at Ft. Meade, Md.

The Air Intelligence Agency is a

primary subordinate unit of Air Combat Command. Its mission is to gain, exploit, defend and attack information and information systems to ensure superiority in the air, space and information domains.

AIA delivers flexible collection, tailored air and space intelligence, weapons monitoring and information warfare products and services to operational commanders, the Joint Staff and other Department of Defense agencies.

Subordinate to the U.S. Space Command, the JIOC's mission is to assist in planning, coordinating and executing information operations. The center deploys information operations planning teams worldwide at a moment's notice to deliver tailored, highly skilled support and sophisticated models and simulations to joint commanders, Joint Task Forces and the Joint Staff.



photo by Boyd Belcher
At center, Army MSG Theodis Sumler from the Joint Information Operations Center unfurls the two-star flag honoring newly promoted Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, AIA and JIOC commander. At left is Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Space Command, who officiated during the ceremony.

25th IOS earns best in DoD

By MSgt. Darrell Brewer
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The members of the 25th Information Operations Squadron recently earned Department of Defense-level honors by being named the National Security Agency's Travis Trophy winner for 2001.

The NSA director awards this prestigious honor annually to a DOD military unit or civilian organization in recognition for outstanding operations over a calendar year. For 2001, NSA awarded the Travis Trophy based upon outstanding mission accomplishment during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Earning NSA's prestigious Travis Trophy Award is a great honor for the men and women of the 25th IOS," Lt. Col. Chuck Allison, 25th IOS commander, said. "Earning this recognition reflects our Team 25th IOS approach to doing business ... all three main missions areas, Silent Shield, Electronic Systems Security Assessment, and Information Warfare Flight, along with our Mission Support branch are key to our successful OEF mission accomplishment.

"Part of this award belongs to the families of the 25th IOS who gave their support to our unit and kept the home front going while our troops were deployed doing great things for our country," he said. "Finally, this award highlights our unique combat capabilities and our commitment to be combat ready to go 'Any Time, Any Place as full up Air Commandos.'"

The 25th IOS conducts a variety of combat and garrisoned intelligence operations. One of the first information warfare squadrons ever created in the Air Force, the 25th IOS provides

services relating to each subset of information warfare - attack, exploit and protect.

Like their mission, earning the NSA award was no small task. Before being considered at the DoD level they had to first compete at the 67th Information Operations Wing, San Antonio, Texas, level and then at the 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La. All together the squadron was judged against more than 330 military units and civilian organizations DOD wide, according to Maj. Timothy Sipowicz, 25th IOS director of Operations.

"We competed against other SOF (Special Operations Forces) units such as the Army SOT (Special Operations Team) A Teams, Navy Special Warfare units, and other special mission organizations (military and civilian). As far as units of our type, this award is as big as it gets in our business," Sipowicz said.

Unlike their Army and Navy SOF counterparts who are tasked to operate and remain linguistically proficient within a defined region or theater, the 25th IOS is tasked with a worldwide mission. In 2001, the squadron encountered the highest operations tempo in its 10-year history. During OEF, direct support operators flew with 16th SOW aircrews and provided real-time direct threat warning, situational awareness, and targeting.

"The DSOs flew more combat missions than any other SOF aircrew members in the war," Col. Joe Tyner, Joint Special Operations Air Component deputy commander, said.

One doesn't have to travel halfway around the world to find examples of the squadron's handiwork. The squadron also performs a slew of operations at Hurlburt Field as

well. Among their better-known missions is their work in the area of operations security.

The squadron's Electronic Systems Security Assessments Team, monitors DoD e-mails, pagers, phones and other transmissions, all of which were highlighted in the squadron's package for their outstanding work in ensuring base-wide OPSEC maintainence throughout the war.

The squadron's Information Warfare Flight was also singled out for outstanding wartime operations. These members deployed to various locations within the Persian Gulf region to provide specialized IW support to the Joint Air Operations Center and the Joint Forces Special Operations Command Center. These deployments represent the first time 25th IWF deployed with an IW-specific combat mission.

In addition to the Travis Trophy, the squadron's efforts in 2001 also earned them the Air Force Command Language Program of the Year award (second year in a row) and the 67th IOW Vern Orr Award (competing at the 8th AF).

What makes these accomplishments even more impressive is that the unit continues to excel despite a severe manning deficit and significant equipment shortfalls.

"We train extremely hard to meet our mission's requirements...the mission we perform onboard the 16th SOW's aircraft does not allow room for error," Sipowicz said. "We get one chance to get it right, anything less is unacceptable. Awards such as these are bi-products of this philosophy and our hard work. The real award is being able to meet our tasked missions and bringing everyone home alive."

26th IOG honors annual winners

*By MSgt. Alan Ambrose
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Col. Ronald Haygood hosted the 26th Information Operations Group's fourth annual group awards ceremony in Garmisch, Germany, April 3.

Col. Thomas Kopf, EUCOM Joint Planning Group, was the guest speaker, speaking about EUCOM's role in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Airman

SrA. Carmeisha Layton from the 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, was selected as the 26th IOG Airman of the Year. She is a materiel storage and distribution clerk who is entrusted with enormous responsibilities. She monitors warehouse functions for \$50 million of assets and daily coordinates with the base transportation squadron to maintain a superb 98 percent stock effectiveness rate.

Through her skillful inspection of Big Safari Program system, she ensured 1,000 documents were screened for errors and corrected. She is heavily involved in base and community events, working to raise

more than \$4,000 for charities, representing the Air Force on the RAF Mildenhall Honor Guard and speaking at ARJROTC events. Layton was recently selected as below-the-zone promotee as well as the 67th Information Operations Wing's Airman of the Year.

NCO

SSgt. Mary Ellen Sheehan, 426th Information Operations Squadron at Vogelweh Cantonment AIN, Germany, was selected as the 26th IOG NCO of the Year. Sheehan is a cryptologic analyst who works closely with USAFE and theater partners. When the EP-3 made an emergency landing in China, she quickly assessed the ramifications of the event by identifying systems, materials, and database info likely to fall into enemy hands and relayed the impact to the United States Air Forces in Europe commander. Sheehan also identified key messages indicating an imminent threat to the President of the United States and Secretary of Defense while traveling, reconciling scheduled itineraries for dignitaries and issued alert warnings, ensuring leadership safety. When the three Aerospace

Expeditionary Task Forces stood up at RamsteinAB, Germany, to provide humanitarian relief drops in Afghanistan, she researched and compiled an analysis of air/air defense threats along the flight route, enhancing the relief operation and ensuring safe delivery of tons of food and cold weather supplies. Sheehan cross-flows daily with the 32 information warfare flights and tactics shops, compiling and issuing reports that assist each of these entities with crucial planning.

She recently has completed two Community College of the Air Force degrees and is now working on a bachelor's degree. In addition, she is learning numerous software and database applications to improve her CSG analyst skills. Sheehan is an avid organizer for Special Olympics and sports enthusiast who keeps unit members motivated to maintain health and fitness.

Senior NCO

MSgt. Scott A. Van Voorst, Det. 2 26th IOG, at Bad Aibling Station, Germany, was selected as the 26th IOG Senior NCO of the Year. Van Voorst is the detachment superintendent and is



From left to right are: Col. Ronald Haygood, 26th IOG commander; SrA. Carmeisha Layton, Airman of the Year; SrA. Christy Houck, Jr. Technician of the Year; 1st Lt. Thomas Madeline, CGO of the Year; SMSgt. Lloyd Hollen, First Sergeant of the Year; MSgt. Scott Van Voorst, Senior NCO of the Year; and CMSgt. Patrick Masters, 26th IOG command chief master sergeant.

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a recognized enlisted leader, manager and mentor for the geographically-separated detachment of more than 20 enlisted members. In addition to his superintendent duties, he is also the acting first sergeant. Van Voorst revitalized the unit recognition program by providing supervisors with leadership and guidance—this led to the unit attaining three group- and one wing-level award in comparison with one award at a higher level the year previously. He developed a unit Professional Development Course, creating the entire curriculum and authoring all the lesson plans and working aids, thereby improving the unit's leadership and advisory skills.

Van Voorst constantly looks for ways to support the troops. He garnered \$12,000 from COMUSAFE for quality of life improvements. Dedicated to learning more, he has completed four additional National Cryptologic School courses during the year, which he has used to support joint, and Air Force operations. Off duty, he is president of the Parent Teacher Organization, organizer for Veteran's Day ceremonies, and willing and cheerful chaperone for numerous elementary school trips and visits.

First Sergeant

SMSGt. Lloyd J. Hollen II, from the 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, was selected as the 26th IOG First Sergeant of the Year. As the first sergeant, he works to balance discipline and care for the troops. He prioritizes quality of life issues, having established two dorm councils representing 250 dorm members.

During high ops-tempo Air Force deployment of squadron personnel, he oversees a dependent-support network for unit family members, often calling more than 100 families himself. When a member's home was razed by fire, he completed a host of recovery actions within 24 hours to include securing temporary housing and organizing a \$2,000 fund collection

which was a tremendous comfort to the affected family.

Company Grade Officer

First Lt. Thomas Madeline, Jr., is from the 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom and he was selected the 26th IOG Company Grade Officer of the Year. Madeline serves as the chief of Mission Management in Europe's largest flying squadron, responsible for five diverse targets in both CENTCOM and EUCOM AORs. During the year, he has deployed twice. The first deployment was in support of Operation Joint Forge and the second in support of Operation Southern Watch. As information operations officer in charge at the United States National Intelligence Cell in Sarajevo, he was handpicked as HQ SFOR CJ2's liaison and escort officer for a critical site survey. His flawless display of technical expertise and diplomatic prowess accounted for 100 percent mission success and the USNIC CC's choice to attend the Theater Intelligence Council/Theater Intelligence Board Conference. There, he voiced USNIC inputs among 23 agencies, giving the battlefield perspective for European Command.

Off duty, he devotes his leisure time chaperoning class field trips, organizing local support for veteran's day events, planning unit functions and serving as the unit tax advisor, volunteering more than 20 hours completing returns last year.

Senior Civilian

John Cherry is the 26th IOG Senior Civilian of the Year and he is from the 426th Information Operations Squadron, at Vogelweh Cantonment AIN, Germany. He directs activities of the eight-person Scientific and Technical Intelligence Section. This section is one of two worldwide tasked with assessment of the current state of foreign technology for the Air Force

and Department of Defense.

Cherry led a multi-national team on a recovery operation of an unmanned aircraft lost during the Kosovo Air War. His efforts safeguarded vital U.S. technology from compromise and solved a two-year mystery of why the aircraft was lost. He led a 20-member multi-service team on USAFE's largest S&TI mission by initiating participation of seven nationally known experts to gather critical data on the newest threats. Cherry participated in six USAFE exchanges with NATO partners gleaned unique insights from countries that have inroads into technology not available to the U.S.

His self-improvement efforts include completing Level II Certification in the DoD Acquisition Professional Development Program and computer-based training programs that help him improve his job knowledge and writing skills.

Junior Technician

SrA. Christy Houck is also from the 426th Information Operations Squadron. She is the 26th IOG Junior Technician of the Year. Houck serves as a defensive information operations senior analyst and is ranked number one of 33 junior technicians in her unit.

During the last year she has expertly assessed the intelligence value of more than 32,000 telephone calls and e-mails during joint and U.S. Air Force operations worldwide. As the on-site leader of a five-person team supporting special operations forces, she identified a critical software flaw that brought the mission to a halt. Houck created a fix, and resumed collection. Her actions avoided an additional \$1,000 in mission expenses and saved \$10,000 in maintenance fees. Houck expertly moved from peace to war after America's war on terrorism began; she simultaneously filled junior and senior analyst duties monitoring seven sites, spanning 10 different time zones.

Her keen analysis of NORAD/EUCOM support to Homeland Defense and Afghanistan combat operations gave national- and theater-level users tools to gauge and adjust force protection practices.

Senior Technician

TSgt. John Benner is from the 488th Intelligence Squadron at RAF

Mildenhall, United Kingdom, and he was selected as the 26th IOG Senior Technician of the Year. He is qualified on four different fixed- and rotary wing aircraft, an instructor-rated operator, two different systems in three different areas of operations, and as an evaluator on every aircraft in the special operations group inventory.

He was the lead direct support operator during Operations Enduring Freedom and Northern Watch deployments, accruing more than 130 hours of air combat time during the first 30 days of the war. His leadership of the deployed support team aided the success of 70 low-level combat missions in high-threat environments.

26th IOG maintains German cemetery

By SMSgt. Mike Ronayne
26th IOG

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

For nearly four years, 26th Information Operations Group members at Ramstein AB, Germany, have contributed to a worthwhile and needed program—Kindergraves.

Kindergraves is a cemetery for children who have passed away while living in Germany. The cemetery is located behind Daener Kaserne in Kaiserslautern.

Throughout the spring and summer months, volunteers from the 26th IOG staff and 426th Information

Operations Squadron volunteer their time landscaping and taking care of the site. Kindergraves' only other means of support comes from the local community.

More than 400 American children who died between 1952 and 1971 are buried in the cemetery. Most of the children buried there were infants who died before reaching three months of age.

Between 1952 and 1971, government and Red Cross assistance was not available for transporting the children back to the United States for burial. The Kaiserslautern community donated the use of burial plots,

while local groups associated with the military community maintained the site. The lease for the grave sites was scheduled to end in 1986, however, the Kaiserslautern Military Community Chief's Group came to the rescue and extended the lease with the city of Kaiserslautern.

Financing for the lease came from the Air Force and Army Wives' Clubs of Kaiserslautern and other private sources. Caretaking for the site is left up to volunteer agencies, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, and various military organizations stationed in Germany.

Once a month, 26th IOG members and their family members cut grass, plant flowers, pull weeds, and do whatever it takes to keep the cemetery plots in immaculate condition. The call for volunteers has been tremendous—many times more volunteers arrive than there are tools available—a testimony of the true concern for the care of the cemetery.

"This program is truly one of the most important causes we support," MSgt. Anthony Buono, project officer from the group, said. "It's heartwarming to see great turnouts from our folks, especially when you see entire families spending their weekend time to get the job done."

26th IOG members proudly carry on the tradition of this worthwhile cause and are hopeful that their contributions make a difference to families who have lost children while overseas.



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373rd Intelligence Group assumption of command held at Misawa

By SSgt. Shawna P. Hann
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Misawa AB, Japan

Col. Fred W. Gortler III, assumed command of the 373rd Intelligence Group and the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center in a ceremony held June 20 at Misawa AB, Japan.

Col. Harold J. Beatty, then 70th Intelligence Wing commander, was the presiding officer for the ceremony.

Before passing the flag, Col. Dennis R. Mitzel addressed members of the command for the final time.

"I am grateful for all of my experiences while commanding the MCOC and the 373rd Intelligence Group," Mitzel said. "The team of professionals I was privileged to work with could not have been more innovative, more dedicated, more talented, and yes, more 'in the fight.'"

He went on to say, "The events of Sept. 11 are indelibly emblazoned in all our psyches. We were sad and angered and at the MCOC, as in all other similar operations around the world, we did our utmost to support this new fight. We did it because we had an 'in the fight' mentality. In the fight does not mean force on force, it is an attitude — it prepares you to take on any fight because it is the struggle itself, rather than

winning or losing, that is the key."

Mitzel is a recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters.

After receiving the flag, Gortler addressed his command for the first time.

"If I serve America's Air Force for 100 years, I shall receive no honor greater than command — today — the opportunity to serve our nation's most cherished treasure — the airmen, sailors, soldiers, Marines and civilians of the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center. Accepting command today is an exhilarating — and humbling experi-

ence," Gortler said. He spoke of his predecessor with high esteem, saying "It is my pleasure to follow in the footsteps of Col. Dennis Mitzel — an extraordinary warrior and leader — a tremendous patriot whom I've highly regarded and, like so many of my peers, emulated during the past two decades. Today I received command of a magnificent group, thanks to your leadership. Rest assured we'll continue to be 'in the fight.'"

Gortler is also a recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal.



At left, Col. Harold J. Beatty, then 70th Intelligence Wing commander, passes the 373rd IG guidon to Col. Fred W. Gortler III during an assumption of command ceremony June 20 at Misawa AB, Japan.

373rd IG Professional Development Center opens its doors

By *SSgt. Joshua Weber*
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Misawa AB, Japan

The 373rd Intelligence Group celebrated the grand opening of the 373rd IG Professional Development Center with its inaugural offering of the revamped professional development course, now called supervisor skills workshop.

The course serves as a tool to augment the Air Force's more formal professional military education and is designed to improve the supervisory skills of the NCOs at the 373rd IG by filling the gap between Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy.

The SSW curriculum is divided into two main courses of instruction: counseling and bullet writing.

"I did a survey and then put together a tiger team of senior NCOs to help me develop this course, SMSgt. Stephen Holland, Joint Section Operations superintendent, said. "What I found was that our first line supervisors wanted help with counseling (feedbacks and confrontational

counseling) and writing (good, solid, hard hitting bullets)."

This isn't the first PDC course instituted at the 373rd Intelligence Group. The first PDC was developed by the 301st Intelligence Squadron about two years ago based on guidance from the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, to fill the development education gap left when the NCO Leadership School was discontinued.

Originally held in a classroom outside Security Hill's main compound, the course was moved inside the main building so students could discuss classified material.

"The emphasis is on turning classified information into bullet statements that anyone outside the career field could understand," Holland said.

The original PDC curriculum was developed along the lines of Air Force PME, discussing broad topics. The 373rd's workshop is different.

"There are a few hours of core values and NCO authority but it's not the bulk of our curriculum," Holland said. "Supervisors need to know how to do effective counseling, to let their people know what's expected, and they must know how to write to capture significant achievements and make them competitive for awards and promotions."

"What sets our SSW apart from other PDCs is the way we conduct the workshop," CMSgt. Jerry Gething, 373rd IG superintendent, said. "Our students are assigned a paper airman on the first day of class and work with this paper airman throughout the course. These paper airmen are their subordinates and students will conduct feedback and counseling sessions based on the background provided for each airman. The student also writes an EPR for their paper airman. They are completely responsible for their airman all week long."

Students also do role-play counseling and have two and a half days on bullet writing.

An unexpected result of the SSW has been the development of a separate one-day bullet writing course, taught by Holland. His audience has been technical sergeants, senior NCOs and junior officers. So far, Holland has conducted three bullet writing courses, reaching about 50 members of the 373rd IG.



Pictured are members of the first graduating class of new 373rd IG Professional Development Center. With the graduates are, back row at left, SMSgt. Stephen Holland, Joint Section Operations superintendent, back row center, Col. Dennis Mitzel, 373rd IG commander, and back row right, CMSgt. Jerry Gething, 373rd IG superintendent.

426th IOS garners top OPSEC recognition

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The 426th Information Operations Squadron has struck again, distinguishing themselves as Inter-agency Operational Security Support Staff's Annual National OPSEC Award recipients, unit level, 2001.

Two internal OPSEC efforts which have made the 426th program the benchmark are the development of interactive OPSEC "Jeopardy" and

"Who Wants to Be an OPSEC Millionaire" games. Along with monthly OPSEC reminders and an OPSEC pamphlet for family members.

From local, theater and Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises through real-world Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, 426th IOS OPSEC teams assess telephone, facsimile, tactical radio and electronic-mail traffic to identify and eliminate communications vulnerabilities and OPSEC weaknesses.

The 426th IOS is often San Antonio's testbed of choice for updating equipment and procedures. Their own significant improvements in remote collection and central processing procedures, and enhancements which included redesigning software allowing Electronic Systems Security Assessment Central to capture, filter, analyze, and process more than 150,000 e-mails per day have been implemented at other ESSAC units around the world.

The ESSAC mission at the 426

IOS and teams of OPSEC experts have caused significant improvement in the OPSEC posture of HQ USAFE, who implemented strict communications procedures during all levels of exercises and real-world operations. Monthly requests from customers such as the 352nd Special Operations Group or European Command to support large scale JCS exercises are not uncommon for members of the 426th IOS.

Every mission usually identifies weaknesses, and produces visible security improvements that customers implement, protecting their information, operations, and ultimately, their members.

Benchmarked internal OPSEC programs, recognition by world leaders in OPSEC technology, and the ability to perform critical missions for Department of Defense customers are all attributes of the 426th IOS OPSEC program. It's no wonder that they've garnered national recognition for 2001.

Warrior Spirit Day brings 426th together

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It was the time of year again when the 426th Information Operations Squadron honed its combat effectiveness in a series of challenging events collectively called Warrior Spirit Day.

This year's event was highlighted with fun, enthusiasm, and excellent training. The four events included a self-aid and buddy care training session, a combat obstacle course, chemgear volleyball, and a scenario requiring teamwork, mental alertness, and navigation skills.

Squadron members were divided into four randomly selected teams. Teams competed for weighted points and awards for overall best team,

fastest obstacle course team and the Gabrielle Reese volleyball award.

Chemgear volleyball consisted of teams being further subdivided into two opposing teams. During the game, at certain point intervals, teams were instructed to assume different MOPP levels of readiness, meaning the chemical warfare suit ensemble was donned, sometimes in part, sometimes in whole.

The obstacle course consisted of racing through tires, push-ups, a low-crawl under a camouflage net with rubber M-16 in hand, sit-ups, and a 25' balloon toss at a tire target. To complete the course, members did 10 jumping jacks and then the all-time favorite dizzy bat portion, before racing to the finish line.

The Warrior Spirit Day's planners' favorite event however was the

combat scenario. In this event, teams navigated their way to four separate terrorists who individually held the code for diffusing an exercise "bomb." All the while, snipers and other dangers were lurking in the scenario area. Terrorists challenged the teams with Air Force Manual 10-101 questions before providing further clues to the "bombs" whereabouts or code.

After the competition ended, awards were handed out, unit members enjoyed the grill, and the unit held an NCO/Officer vs. Airman/SNCO softball game.

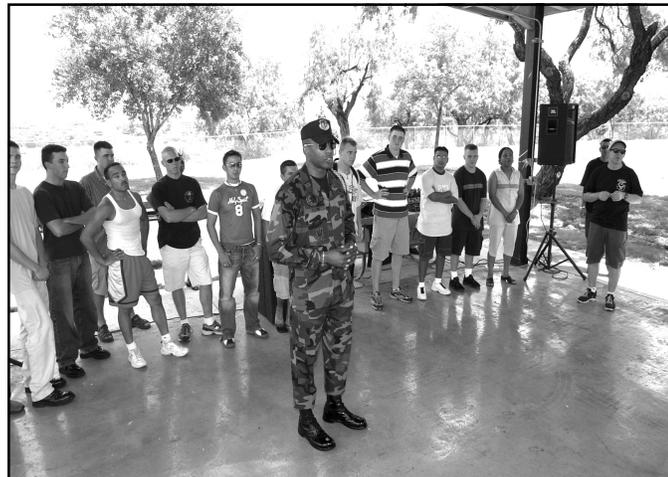
The squadron's mission support flight planned, coordinated, set-up and executed the day's events.

The squadron's CCT flight took care of running the grill and making sure unit members had a supply of fruits and drink throughout the day.

AIA honors its Honor Guard with appreciation days



Members of the honor guard render a 21-gun salute during a funeral demonstration at AIA.



Second Lt. Jason Glenn, officer-in-charge of AIA's Honor Guard introduces members of the guard during the annual appreciation picnic.



Members of the honor guard prepare to fold the flag during a funeral demonstration.



As part of AIA Honor Guard Appreciation Days, runners and walkers alike joined together for a fun run at Security Hill.

From left, Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, passes the 70th Intelligence Wing guidon to Col. James O. Poss in a ceremony held at Fort George G. Meade, Md., July 11.



70th Intelligence Wing

welcomes new commander

Like all intelligence and cryptologic units, we're going to have to operate deep behind enemy lines, and often inside the very thought cycle of our adversaries ... although I do not look forward to this continued combat, I can say with complete honesty, I can think of no finer group of warriors to prevail with than the 70th Intelligence Wing. ”

By SSgt. Kristina Brown
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Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Col. James O. Poss assumed command of the 70th Intelligence Wing at Fort George G. Meade, Md., from Col. Harold J. Beatty during a ceremony held July 11.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony.

“It’s an honor to officiate this important change of command at one of the Air Force’s newest wings ... you know better than I do that the 70th (Intelligence Wing) is a unique and challenging place to work, commanding three intelligence groups and 10 squadrons at 23 operating locations,” Carlson said. “For the past two years, Col. Beatty has handled that responsibility with style and grace.”

Turning his attention to the incoming commander, Carlson said, “The wing will continue its innovation and integration with combat Air

Forces with Colonel and Mrs. Poss at the helm.”

Carlson said he has no doubt Poss is up to the challenge of commanding the 70th IW as he recounted Poss’ distinguished career to this point, starting with his graduation from the University of Mississippi as an ROTC distinguished graduate, and spanning 20 years, including positions in airborne operations and electronic security, as well as positions as chief of Airborne Reconnaissance Policy and Programs and deputy chief of staff for Operations Staff under the Air Force Intelligence Command at Kelly AFB, Texas, to name a few.

Most recently, Poss commanded the 488th Intelligence Squadron, Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Before the ceremonial flag was passed from one commander to the next, Beatty addressed the audience. “In the movie, *Forrest Gump*, Forrest made the statement that, ‘Life is like a box of chocolates – you never know



Col. James O. Poss addresses the audience for the first time as the new commander of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

what's going to be inside.' Having played a role in the standup of a one-of-a-kind Air Force wing, I better understand what Forrest Gump meant when he said that," Beatty said.

He went on to thank the many people he says played an important role in establishing the wing, including the Fort Meade garrison leadership; the National Security Agency civilian and sister service partners; the commanders, first sergeants, and senior NCOs of the wing; and his wife, Dian, for her support and love.

"To the men and women of the 70th Intelligence Wing," Beatty said, "thanks for your dedication to our wing, the Air Force and our nation ... I wish you the best, and may God bless you and the ones you love."

Poss addressed the audience after assuming command of the wing through the passing of the

ceremonial wing flag.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank Colonel Beatty for the absolutely superb job he's done in handing over what I consider to be the best wing in the United States Air Force. I have absolutely huge shoes to fill, coming in his wake."

Poss said he's confident the wing is ready for anything, or any war, that may come its way. "We won't be on the front lines, though. Like all intelligence and cryptologic units, we're going to have to operate deep behind enemy lines, and often inside the very thought cycle of our adversaries ... although I do not look forward to this continued combat, I can say with complete honesty, I can think of no finer group of warriors to prevail with than the 70th Intelligence Wing. You are America's best, and you are America's brightest – the very pride of our country. With God's help, I know we will prevail."

Family affair for Dooley reenlistment



photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown
2nd Lt. Melissa Dooley (left) re-enlists her husband, TSgt. Darren Dooley from the 70th Intelligence Wing Small Computers Section. Lieutenant Dooley, previously a satellite communications maintenance specialist with the 789th Communications Squadron at Andrews AFB, Md., was recently commissioned and is now attending medical school at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Sergeant Dooley said he was honored to have his wife and best friend enlist him for another four years. "I can't think of a better way to start the next four years of my career," he said.



photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown
SrA. Amy Hutchinson and SSgt. Dion Butler, both from the 70th Intelligence Wing, receive direction from Patrick Rafferty, director of the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign commercial. Many 70 IW members recently participated as extras in the filming of the CFC commercial that aired on Armed Forces Networks in August.

OPSEC planner wins in national contest

By SrA. Jennifer Glaser
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With operations security awareness more important than ever, leaders from the 56th Information Warfare Flight are extremely proud to announce that TSgt. Stefan Adamcik was named runner-up in the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff's Individual Achievement Award competition.

The IOSS serves as the focal point for OPSEC in the United States government, and the competition was open to all government OPSEC managers, civilian and military.

Adamcik, the primary OPSEC planner for the 56th IWF, qualified for the national-level competition by being named the 2001 Air Force OPSEC Individual Achievement Award winner in February.

"TSgt. Adamcik dramatically influenced the operations security programs of numerous DoD elements subordinate to the U.S. Pacific Command," said Lt. Col. Howard Fields, 56th IWF commander. "Whether dealing with Pacific Air Forces head-

quarters counterparts at Hickam or other DoD units throughout the Pacific theater, Adamcik vigorously approached each task with OPSEC as his No. 1 priority."

The commander also credited Adamcik with revealing critical vulnerabilities during exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 01.

"Teaming with the Joint COMSEC Monitoring Activity, 352nd Information Operations Squadron and 7th Air Force IWF counterparts, along with the Air Force Office of Special Investigation agents, Adamcik reported numerous disclosures stemming from poor security practices," Fields said. "His timely reports to headquarters PACAF officials promptly corrected these grave deviations in security. In response to continued concerns, Adamcik provided daily secure usage rates to gauge OPSEC measures

"Clearly, Adamcik's success in identifying critical OPSEC disclosures and vulnerabilities, including computer passwords and login identifications, exercise details, deployment locations, identity of participating

units, and objectives allowed PACAF to drastically improve its overall OPSEC and communications security posture," he said.

Regardless of the scope or nature of PACAF operations, a clear OPSEC "fingerprint" can be found due to Adamcik's personal touch, Fields said.

"He's a walking OPSEC machine with magical hands that touched virtually everything in PACAF," he said. "When it comes to ensuring the safety of military members, protecting precious resources, and preserving information superiority Adamcik is indeed the man for the job.

"The intangible results of his far-reaching OPSEC impact this year are immeasurable."

"I was really honored when I learned I had won the award," Adamcik said. "I want to thank my chain of command for giving me the green light and letting me run with the program. I would also like to thank MSgt Mike Yabes and the folks at the 352nd IOS. Probably 50 percent of what I do is based on information they provide me."

Integration of info ops drives unit changes

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To better integrate information operations into the combat air forces, Air Combat Command will restructure three of its numbered air forces.

In February, Air Force leaders decided to realign units under 8th Air Force with command-and-control assets, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance platforms and information-operations resources. Eighth Air Force will retain its nuclear-capable bombers, but units with conventional weapons systems will be reassigned to 9th and 12th.

Placing units with similar missions in the same chain of command will improve training, equipping, and command and control, officials said. The changes won't affect the physical location of people or aircraft.

"Our mission is to find, fix, track, target, engage, and assess better than ever in the history of air power," said Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, ACC vice commander. "This integration is about more members of our United States Air Force working more closely

together than they ever have in the past.

"We've had stovepipes along the way — some of those stovepipes were left over from the Cold War where there was a very singular threat," he said. "Today's threats are many. They are unpredictable, hard to find, and dangerous. We have to bring our intelligence operations much closer into a cohesive, effective team with our combat air forces so we can bring the full force of air and space power to the fight."

For the first phase of the information-operations integration, the Air Intelligence Agency realigned under Air Combat Command, and the 67th Information Operations Wing and 70th Intelligence Wing were assigned to 8th Air Force in February 2001. In this second phase, unit realignments will begin in October and will be completed by October 2003.

"The integration of Air Intelligence Agency into ACC and information operations into 8th Air Force is absolutely necessary to fight and win in today's battlespace," Wright said. "It's going to improve our combat capability in a transformational way.

We have brought our intelligence community into close formation with our bomber and fighter force, making us much more effective in determining where the threats are and where they are going to be. This will allow us to take those threats out and kick down the door of the enemy's airspace so we can carry air power as deep into the backyard of the enemy as necessary to win the war."

Headquartered at Barksdale AFB, La., 8th Air Force will receive the following units: the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.; the 55th Wing at Offutt AFB, Neb.; the 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker AFB, Okla.; and the 93rd Air Control Wing at Robins AFB, Ga. The 93rd is leaving 9th Air Force, headquartered at Shaw AFB, S.C., while the rest are leaving 12th Air Force, headquartered at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Twelfth Air Force will gain the 27th Fighter Wing at Cannon AFB, N.M.; the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas; and the 27th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB, S.D. Ninth Air Force will gain several of 8th Air Force's assigned Guard and Reserve units.

AFTAC sponsors annual orientation

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The Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., held its annual Customer Orientation Conference June 19-21, hosting 41 people from various U.S. government organizations.

The conference, designed for personnel in or below the grade of major or civilian equivalent and enlisted members, provided a look at the techniques, processes and capabilities used by AFTAC in its nuclear event detection, treaty monitoring and nonproliferation support missions.

"This orientation is designed to make you aware of AFTAC's broad scope of technical expertise," Col. Roy E. Horton, III, AFTAC commander, said.

The first two days of the conference included briefings and demonstrations by AFTAC people from key work centers. These areas included the AFTAC Operations Center and the Advanced Technology, Materials technology and Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Directorates.

The third day of the conference, featured a tour of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, where attendees were given a close-up look at spacecraft and launch facilities.

General Lebras talks with AFTAC troops during visit

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The new commander of Air Intelligence Agency, Brig. Gen. (now Maj. Gen.) Paul Lebras, visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., July 2 and held a town meeting where he spoke about key AIA topics and allowed AFTAC personnel to ask him questions.

Lebras began the town meeting with a compliment for all AFTAC members.

"I am struck by the capability and sheer competence of you all," Lebras said. "You know your mission and you do it well."



Brig. Gen. Paul Lebras, AIA commander, visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., July 2.

Lebras then moved into a discussion of some of the key initiatives he has been working since taking over AIA.

The first was the integration of AIA into 8th Air Force and Air Combat Command. The general described several missions, such as the RC-135 Rivet Joint and U-2 aircraft, where AIA and ACC have already been working together. He also pointed out several other platforms, such as the Joint Stars aircraft and unmanned Predator aircraft, which will be integrated into the new version of 8th Air Force.

Lebras also pointed out that while integration has been a challenge, he sees positive outcomes in the future.

"Staff integration has been the hardest thing, but mission integration has gone well," Lebras said. "I believe this will be looked on as a good thing in coming years."

During the question and answer period, Lebras was asked about what he planned to work on back at AIA headquarters, based on what he learned during his visit to AFTAC.

"An important question is how we can retain qualified people. I believe good quality of life leads to retention, which leads to mission accomplishment," the general said. "We also have to work on keeping

our Guard and Reserve people happy. One of my big issues is retention."

Col. Roy Horton III, AFTAC commander, asked about professional development and Lebras responded with a plan to help the careers of officers in AIA.

"We have to make sure we can reward and promote our scientific and nuclear specialists," Lebras said. "The way to do this is to move them around into different positions to give them a breadth of knowledge and experience. That will help them as they move up and make them more competitive."

Lebras had a similar vision for AIA's enlisted force.

"Again, we want to move them around, to get them experience in other Air Force specialty codes," Lebras said. "That way we'll build depth in their functional specialties."

Lebras closed the town meeting with a positive message for all AFTAC members.

"Every single person here is important; your jobs are equally critical," Lebras said. "No person is any more or less important than any other."

AFTAC volunteers deliver meals in local community

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Every Tuesday, people from the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., give up their lunch breaks to deliver lunches to others in the community. Thirty-five members of AFTAC volunteer with the Brevard County Meals on Wheels Program, taking hot meals to elderly and handicapped people in the nearby town of Cocoa.

"The volunteers from Patrick are a great help. They make my job a lot easier," said Pearl Thomas, volunteer coordinator for MOW for the central area of Brevard County. "The volunteers from Patrick are very dependable, which is especially important in the summer when many of my other volunteers head north."

MSgt. Dennis Wideman, AFTAC's MOW coordinator, maintains a schedule for the volunteers. "They are a mix of officers, enlisted members and civilians," Wideman said. "Two people go out every week and deliver up to 15 meals, which takes about two hours."

The volunteers pick up the food at the Brevard Community Kitchen and then deliver the meals to a list of clients in Cocoa.

The service is more than a meal, as the volunteers often take time to interact with the people receiving the food.

"We try to stop and chat for a few minutes, to ask how they are doing," Gloria Jones, AFTACer who has helped with MOW for more than five years, said. "Some of them like

their meals served a certain way, or need help taking dishes to the sink. We try to accommodate their needs. It really doesn't take much to provide a meal and some conversation."

For some of the people receiving meals, seeing people in uniform is a special treat.

"They enjoy seeing us in uniform and we are received quite well," Wideman said.

"Many of the clients ask me

about the Patrick volunteers," Pearl said. "They love seeing their Air Force uniforms."

For many of the AFTAC volunteers, their reason for helping with MOW is simply a desire to help others in need.

"At least you know they are getting one warm meal a day," Jones said. "It means a lot to them."

"We do it just to give back to the community," Wideman said.



photo by TSgt. Bill Lindner
Pearl Thomas, volunteer coordinator for Meals on Wheels in central Brevard County; MSgt. Dennis Wideman, AFTAC MOW coordinator; and MSgt. Addison Mitchell, AFTAC MOW volunteer; look over meals to be loaded and delivered.

Army specialist continues to fight after being wounded

34 years later ... purple heart delivered

By TSgt. Bill Lindner
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Several weeks ago Richard Barone received a package in the mail that was 34 years late. The package contained a heart-shaped medal with a bronze border. It had a side view of George Washington in the uniform of a general in the Continental Army. The back of the medal had the inscription, "For Military Merit" with his name engraved below it. The medal was purple.

Barone, a technical information specialist at the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., finally received the Purple Heart for combat injuries he suffered in December of 1968 in Vietnam.

That year, Barone was a U.S. Army specialist (E-4) assigned to Delta Company, 4th Weapons Platoon, 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry, 25th

Infantry Division. The unit was serving in Vietnam northwest of Saigon. Barone had been in Vietnam for seven months, which made him something of an old timer in the combat zone, even though he had been in the Army for less than two years.

Barone was squad leader of a three-man mortar squad, and their weapon was the powerful 81-millimeter mortar. The mortar was part of a fire-control base that also contained artillery and infantry.

Around midnight on Dec. 22, 1968, Barone and the other two members of his squad were sleeping outside of a nearby bunker when he was awakened by a familiar noise.

"I recognized the sound of AK-47 rounds firing over our heads," said Barone. "When the North Vietnamese

fired at us like that, it usually meant they were also going to attack with mortars so I jumped into the bunker."

Safely inside, Barone realized he was alone.

"The other two guys in my squad were still asleep," he said. "I climbed back out of the bunker, woke them up and got them into the bunker. Just as I was jumping back in, an enemy mortar shell landed about 15 feet from where we had been sleeping."

The blast threw shrapnel over the area, piercing holes in some helmets lying on the ground where the men had been sleeping. Some of the fragments hit Barone in the back, hands and head. He ignored his physical condition and the squad returned fire with their mortar.

After the attack, Barone figured his injuries were not bad and he

stayed with his men until morning. His commanding officer then realized Barone had been hit and sent him to a nearby field hospital. Luckily his wounds were not severe. They were cleaned and treated and he returned to his unit.

Barone returned to the states a few months later and shortly afterwards reached the two-year



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point of his enlistment and separated from the Army.

When he was injured and for several years after, Barone admits he didn't think about receiving the Purple Heart.

"In Vietnam, receiving a medal didn't matter to my survival," he said. "You could be dead the next day. A medal was no saving grace."

For him to receive the Purple Heart in Vietnam, Barone would have needed an officer to submit him for the medal.

"At that time, it was a combat situation, and administrative matters like medals were irrelevant," he said. "Our officers were focused on combat and saving our lives."

In 1972, after he was back in the states for several years, Barone finally decided to try to get the Purple Heart he had earned in Vietnam so he sent a letter to the Army Board of Correction of Military Records. His request was denied, even though he still has shrapnel fragments in his hands and back. Further investigation revealed there was no record of him ever being injured.

"When I was treated at the field hospital, my medical records were back at our base camp," Barone said. "No one ever annotated my records to show I had been injured."

Barone was told another factor in the board's decision was that he had no eyewitnesses to support his story.

In 1984, the Army Board of Correction of Military Records reviewed his case again, but once again turned him down.

A few years back, Barone found a web site dedicated to his unit from Vietnam. The site listed former members of the unit and he found the two men from his squad who were with him the night of the attack in 1968. He contacted them, along with the Fire Direction Center noncommissioned officer from the fire control base Barone was assigned to in 1968. His job was to plot target coordinates and coordinate fire missions and he

had seen Barone after the attack when he was injured. All three wrote statements supporting his story.

Hopeful that the eyewitness statements would make the difference, he appealed again and also contacted Congressman Dave Weldon from Florida to see if he could help with his case. Weldon then sent a letter to the board on Barone's behalf.

"Congressman Weldon acted as a prevailing influence in my appeal," said Barone. "He provided me with advice and ensured the process was not delayed."

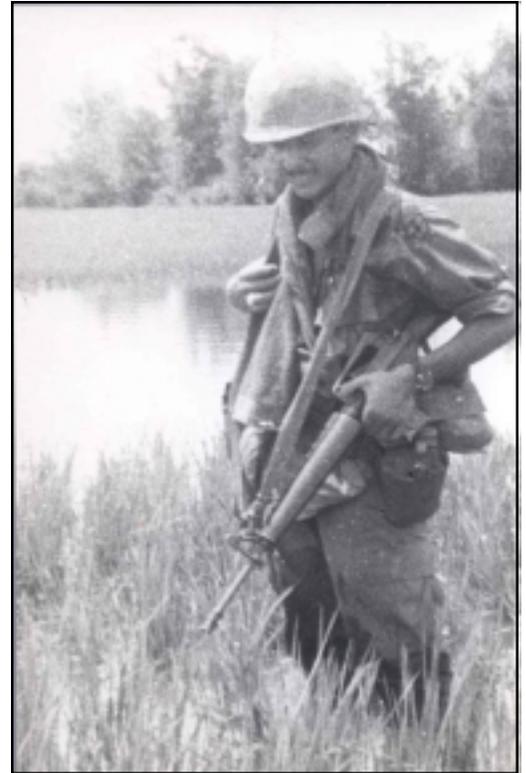
Several months after he submitted his appeal, Barone received a call from Bill Osborne, an analyst on the Army Board of Correction of Military Records, who recommended he get a statement from a doctor confirming he had fragments in his body. Barone got a physical that confirmed his wounds and sent the results to the board.

Last August, Barone received a thick envelope that contained several letters from the Army Board of Correction of Military Records. The first stated his request had been turned down again. The lack of evidence in his medical records had prevented the board from approving his medal; the shrapnel in his body and the letters from his fellow soldiers simply weren't enough proof. But there was another letter.

It was from Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Karl F. Schneider. Barone's case had automatically been forwarded to him for review after the board had turned it down. Schneider's letter contained this statement: "A favorable decision has been made on your application for correction of military records."

A message behind the letter clarified its meaning.

"The quality of the supporting statements, the medical evidence of retained fragments and the applicant's longstanding efforts to obtain this



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award lead me to conclude that the preponderance of the evidence supports an award of a Purple Heart..."

Richard Barone was finally going to get his Purple Heart.

"The Purple Heart is in a category of its own," said Barone. "It is a privilege to receive it. You have a right to it. It is not based on a judgement call from someone else."

Historically, the Purple Heart has been awarded for two reasons. Initially, George Washington designed the medal in 1782 for what he called "any singularly meritorious action." He meant for it to go to soldiers in the lower ranks, to show that anyone in the armed forces could be honored for their actions.

In later years, the prerequisite for the medal was changed to honor members of the armed forces who are wounded in action against an enemy of the United States.

Barone met both requirements on that December night in Vietnam.

Beatty bids farewell to AF, wing

By Col. Harold J. Beatty
70th IW
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

It's hard to believe that it's been almost two years since I set foot on McGlachlin Field and took command of the 70th Intelligence Wing. A lot has happened in these past 22 months. When we gathered together, August 16, 2000, and established the newest wing in the Air Force, we knew it was going to be hard work and require unyielding determination to make the dream a reality.

As I step on the parade field in July to relinquish command and prepare for retirement, I will be doing so knowing that the men and women of the 70th IW have stepped up to the challenge of not only establishing an Air Force wing from scratch, but accomplishing this feat under some of the most demanding conditions. Never before have members of the intelligence community performed a new mission while undergoing attacks and threats of attack on the home front. I applaud you for this momentous effort.

Looking back on my career, I feel I must reflect on how much the Air Force has evolved in the past 35 years. I entered the Air Force as an enlisted member, but dreamed of being an officer. I know there are many of you out there with that same dream and other dreams just as challenging. I encourage you to accept those challenges, pursue those dreams and dare to achieve all that you can in life.

At the end of the Vietnam War, our chosen profession was one that had little respect from the American people. Some constants within the Air Force family, even in the darkest of times, are pride, dedication and esprit de corps. I'm very honored to have

had the opportunity to spend a good part of my life as a member of this team.

Now, so many years and world conflicts later, we can walk through the community with the pride that comes with serving our country. Although we are more accepted today, we are now fighting a new war, under new terms; a war in which our daily routine of work, recreation, and family time may be threatened.

I could leave the Air Force with the fear of the unknown and the thought that we are not prepared to handle any future aggression, but over the years my confidence has steadily increased. And I know those of you who have followed in my footsteps are prepared to carry the torch and ensure

this nation's security.

The members of this wing are the very best this country has to offer and our shield against all the evil trying to destroy our way of life. Rest assured that your efforts will not be in vain, but it's not going to be easy. Our enemy will settle for nothing less than our total elimination. We must believe in our way of life, educate those we work and live with, and inspire others to enlist after us.

I've served my time and must retire, but my heart, mind and soul will always be with the mission and people of the 70th Intelligence Wing and the United States Air Force. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your commander.

Stay vigilant and God Bless!



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral
Col. Harold J. Beatty (center) prepares to accept the 70th Intelligence Wing flag during the wing stand up ceremony August 16, 2000. As commander of the Air Force's "newest" wing, he assumed responsibility for members assigned to three groups, 10 squadrons and 17 operating locations worldwide. Beatty retired from the Air Force in August after serving more than 35 years.

Menwith Hill changes hands

After two years as the U.S. commander of Royal Air Force Menwith Hill, Col. Christine Tå. Marsh, U.S. Army, handed over command responsibility to her successor, Col. Randy D. Roberts, U.S. Air Force, in a formal ceremony at the base July 19.

Roberts, entered the Air Force in 1975. He has served in numerous positions worldwide including Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Roberts hails from Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed to RAF Menwith Hill in a move to bring the installation in line with other U.S. visiting forces facilities in the United Kingdom which are administered by the U.S. Air Force.

RAF Menwith Hill is a crown freehold site owned by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense and made available to the U.S. Defense Department by Her Majesty's government under the 1951 NATO Status of Forces Agreement. The facility was opened in 1960.



Col. Randy Roberts, incoming U.S. commander at Royal Air Force Menwith Hill, takes the Menwith Hill Station colors from Brig. Gen. Neal Robinson, Air Force Cryptologic Office director and Air Intelligence Agency vice commander.

JIOC instructors travel to Nellis to address Det. 5

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A team of professional instructors from the Joint Information Operations Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, provided Det. 5, 67th Information Operations Group, Information Operations Navigator Training May 6-9.

"This was excellent training," MSgt. Arlene Poss, Det. 5 superintendent, said. During the four-day class, students were given first-rate instruction on the Joint Information Operations Planning Process and its related software application - Information Operations Navigator. Developed in response to JCS/Unified Command J3 requirement for standardized, integrated IO planning JIOPP provides a

repeatable and verifiable process common to all planning echelons.

The process (and related software) facilitates strategy-to-task analysis and target development. ION accomplishes this task by accurately and succinctly capturing Air Operations Center planner's thought processes, and matches effects-based targeting objectives with the appropriate weapons set.

As Mike Miller, JIOC instructor, discussed during the introduction to ION session, "ION formalizes and simplifies the STT process by allowing computers to do what they do best—keep the books."



Pictured are the instructors and students of the Nellis ION class. From left are Capt. Turner (Nellis Tactics Center); TSgt. Dave Conley, Det. 5/DOI; Capt. Mike Davies, Det. 5/DO; Duke Dukeshier and Mike Miller, JIOC instructors; MSgt. Arlene Poss, Det 5/CCS; SSgt. Arcadio Aguilar and SrA Krista Bates, Det 5/DOI.

This application has been tested extensively in numerous exercises and contingency operations worldwide. Installation of this software package at Nellis will significantly enhance Det 5's info ops efforts, allowing us more time to concentrate on other aspects of warfighting training, testing and tactics development.

Boxer ranks fifth in nation

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As a young boy growing up in Dallas, Texas, SrA. James Dubois sat spellbound in his living room as his father and grandfather told stories about their days competing as Golden Gloves and Navy amateur boxers. By the time he was 8, the now Air Force boxer was already hooked on the sport.

Today Dubois, who placed fifth

in the nation following the U.S. Men's National Championship at Las Vegas in April, attributes much of his success to the strong support he receives from his family.

"My father and grandfather come to all my matches," said Dubois, 22, who is currently serving with the 93rd Intelligence Squadron at Lackland AFB.

"Having them sitting ringside really motivates me to keep going towards my dream of boxing in the next Olympics and eventually going professional."

A three-time All-Air Force Featherweight Champion with a record of 45-18, Dubois said it takes discipline to stay focused.

"It is always a challenge to balance a full-time career in the Air Force with the demands of

training," he said. "In order to get in 26 hours of training a week I usually get up at 5 a.m. and do two hours of conditioning before leaving for work."

Dubois said that being nationally ranked was a big step toward achieving his dreams.

"It took a lot of work to get to the point where I could be nationally ranked," he said. "From here I plan on training hard and learning as much as I can to stay competitive."

SMSGt. Raymond Carger, head coach of the All-Air Force Boxing Team, said Dubois possesses the skills it takes to make it in boxing.

"James is a gifted kid who can do almost anything," Carger said. "He has a lot of natural ability and is able to keep his punches really sharp when he is in the ring."

Carger, a four-time All-Air Force Heavyweight Champion himself, says he expects the future to be bright for Dubois.

"He has unlimited potential as a boxer right now," he said. "From here he will be concentrating on winning the Armed Forces Championship in 2004 which would earn him a spot on the U.S. Boxing Team in the next Olympics."



SrA. James Dubois, from the 543rd IG at Lackland AFB, Texas, is ranked fifth in the nation following the U.S. Men's National Boxing Championship.

23rd IOS members cook it up at the Fisher House

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The aroma of seasoned marinara sauce and garlic bread fills the air. A six-year old pokes his head in the kitchen and asks with wide eyes, "When's dinner?"

That was the scene one Friday evening when members of the 23rd Information Operations Squadron volunteered their culinary services and comforting conversation at Fisher

House III at Lackland AFB.

Fisher Houses were established throughout the military community by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher as non-profit temporary lodging for members of our armed forces, retirees, veterans, and their loved ones during a medical crisis. The "home away from home" atmosphere may seem like a small thing to some, but for those who have a loved one in the hospital, seeing some friendly faces after a long day is just what the doctor ordered.

Seven members of the squadron

volunteered part of their Friday evening to cook dinner for a group of about 35 adults and children and spent time talking with the resident families of Fisher House III (which specifically caters to pediatric outpatients and their families.)

When asked why they volunteered, one of the volunteers, TSgt. Dave Goddard replied, "We're ultimately helping the kids and that made it all worthwhile."

Another member, SMSgt. Valerie Davis said, "It was an invaluable service while my son was in the hospital and I wanted to give something back."

SSgt. Marcia Gomez, another volunteer said, "There is no cause on base more worthy of my support than the Fisher House. The families at the Fisher House are truly in a time of need and the Air Force must come together to take care of our own."

The contributions of volunteers through services rendered and monetary/in-kind support helped the

program better cater to the needs of more than 40,000 families since the dedication of the First Fisher House in 1990.

Other volunteer opportunities include data entry, receptionist, gardening, newsletter staff, special projects, and recruitment.

SSgt. Marcia Gomez serves up some spaghetti at Lackland's Fisher House.



Chief Hatcher bids farewell to AIA

Heads to 13th Air Force for command chief position



photo by Ted Koniaries

CMSgt. Don Hatcher, AIA command chief master sergeant, has left the intelligence domain after 27 years for the command chief position at 13th Air Force.

“As I leave, my conviction that the men and women of AIA are the best, brightest and most dedicated servants of the nation to be found anywhere has only grown and deepened. You surely are the front line of our nation’s defense and liberty, and you are all my heroes.”

CMSgt. Don Hatcher

By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday
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“The first dictionary definition of a leader describes a primary shoot of a plant, the main artery through which the organism lives and thrives. In much the same way, organizations prosper or die as a result of their leader’s ability to embody and communicate the company’s vision.

“All this translates into one of the major factors that distinguishes leaders from mere managers: vision. You have to know where you’re going. To be able to state it clearly and concisely. And you have to care about it passionately. That all adds up to vision. An effective vision empowers people and prepares for the future while also having roots in the past.”

These are words written by Donald T. Phillips in the book “Lincoln on Leadership.” These are words that describe CMSgt. Don Hatcher, AIA’s former command chief master sergeant - a leader who certainly lives and breathes the Air Intelligence Agency vision and communicates it passionately to the entire Air Force.

“To me it’s always been the belief in what we do - understanding the importance in our role,” Hatcher said. “Literally every day, people live and die by how well the men and women of AIA perform their jobs. They may never see it. They may never know it. They may never recognize it. But it’s a fact that we live with every day and there are very few units or organizations of people that can claim that kind of sense of purpose.”

In July, AIA said farewell to Hatcher as he left the intelligence domain - after 27 years - and headed for Guam, where he will be the 13th Air Force command chief master sergeant. Historically speaking, Hatcher is the first career AIAer to ever move out of AIA.

“I have very strong, mixed emotions about leaving the agency because I have grown up with it,” Hatcher said. “I’ve always served in this command or within this larger community. I love it, live it, breathe

it. I'm its biggest and strongest advocate, but I also believe that times have changed in our Air Force and its important for us to keep pace with it. Part of that I believe, is the responsibility upon us as senior officers and senior NCOS, especially the chiefs, to hopefully take some of those AIA qualities out to the Air Force abroad — to be a stronger part of the big picture."

The chief came to the headquarters assignment in San Antonio in 2000 after serving as the superintendent for the Air Force Element at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif. But his AIA career, began in 1976 where he started out in Germany as a cryptologic linguist operator and voice analysis manager. Since 1976, his assignments have taken him to Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Augsburg, Germany; Washington, D.C.; RAF Chicksands, U.K.; Ramstein AB, Germany; and Monterey, Calif.

When asked who are what inspires him, the chief automatically replies, "People! People that I grew up under. All the great chiefs, NCOs, and senior NCOs that we've grown in this agency and this command over the years have always been my biggest, strongest motivation. To me, following their example has always been the best path, the best road and the most fun."

When asked what he hoped to be remembered for, from his tenure as command chief, Hatcher said, "I hope if anything that I will be remembered as the guy who came into this seat because he loved and appreciated what our people do. I'd like to be remembered as someone who talked straight to you, who told the truth to you and who stood up for you.

"As I entered this job nearly two years ago, I came with an appreciation and admiration for all that you do for our nation and our service, and I wanted to help you contribute," Hatcher said in a farewell e-mail to the troops. "As I leave, my conviction that the men and women of AIA are the best, brightest and most dedicated servants of the nation to be found anywhere has only grown and deepened. You surely are the front line of our nation's defense and liberty, and you are all my heroes."

As a key player in AIA's integration process with Air Combat Command, the chief has high hopes for AIA's

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CMSgt. Don Hatcher

future and believes that AIAers have been able to share their AIA mission with people throughout the Air Force.

"Understand and realize that what we do now is part of the larger team. It's for the good of the Air Force and the good of the country. It'll make us better at what we do and it'll make what we do better and more effective for the nation.

"One of the biggest things that we have gained is an insight into the larger Air Force and our role in that larger Air Force," Hatcher said. "But, the biggest value from the integration is that the rest of the Air Force has gained immensely from seeing and understanding first hand what we do and what we bring to the fight."

Without a doubt, Hatcher may be gone but he certainly will not be forgotten. AIAers can all rest assured that he will continue to share the Air Intelligence Agency vision with whoever is willing to listen. He touched many lives on a regular basis with e-mails about various topics, always sharing an important anecdote that made us stop for a moment and reflect. His departure from AIA wouldn't have been complete without one last thought-provoking e-mail, that truly described his passion for AIA and its people.

"Growing up in our community over the past 27 years, I never imagined that one individual could be as blessed as I have been," Hatcher said in his e-mail to the intelligence community troops. "You've given me the warmest friendships, the closest fellowships, and the best partnerships any airman could ever ask for. During my tenure, we've changed and reorganized. We've forged new teams and partnerships. We've taken the fight to a dangerous enemy and come out on top. Your performance is, and has been, remarkable — and the entire country is indebted to you."

Dowling moves from 67th to AIA as CCM

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, Air Intelligence Agency commander, selected Chief Master Sergeant Alan R. Dowling as AIA's newest command chief master sergeant Aug. 2.

Dowling was previously the 67th Information Operations command chief master sergeant.

Dowling enlisted in the Air Force in November 1974 and has served in a variety of positions in the cryptologic linguist career field, including conventional, airborne and space operations; technical instruction; curriculum development and evaluation and flight commander. He also managed

the United States Air Force foreign language programs and as the Air Force career field manager for 54 Air Force specialties and was responsible for force management and policy issues concerning accession, retention, training and career development for more than 7,400 enlisted members.

22nd IS shooting star chosen for 2002 Tops in Blue

By SSgt. Kristina Brown
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For the audition tape, Mascaro drew inspiration from her favorite movie, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden*

Dragon. Her dance routine was choreographed to a song from the movie's soundtrack, and she wore an

Hard work and determination can go a long way. If you have any doubts, just ask SrA. Marcie Mascaro who was recently selected to tour the world with the Air Force's 2002 Tops in Blue team.

Mascaro, a linguist with the 22nd Intelligence Squadron (long ago nicknamed the "Shooting Stars") found herself in a unique position being stationed at Fort Meade.

Most prospective team members get a feel for where they stand by auditioning at their base-wide talent competition, but since Fort Meade is an Army post, no such competition is held. Determined not to let that stand in her way, though, Mascaro put together her own audition videotape and sent it in.



SrA. Marcie Mascaro is one of 30 Air Force members chosen to be a part of the 2002 Tops in Blue Team.

Asian-inspired costume for the performance. As a result, Mascaro was invited to compete at the 2002 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest at Lackland AFB, Texas, where the best of the best are chosen for Tops in Blue.

Once she arrived for the competition, Mascaro said she realized how tough the competition would be, showcasing 70 entertainers in four major categories – male vocal, female vocal, instrumental and specialty.

In addition, each person was judged on numerous personal interviews and specialized auditions. Out of those 70 individuals, 30 were chosen for the entire team including performers, technicians and staff.

Members are chosen not only based on their talent, but also on each person's ability to serve as an Air Force ambassador; be "Tops in Blue," both on- and off-stage; be committed to the extraordinary work

ethic required to complete the tour; and function as a member of a cohesive team.

Mascaro said she loved every minute of it, though, even in her most tense moments. "Being around all those professionals at the worldwide really motivated me and made me even more excited to be a part of Tops in Blue" Mascaro said.

Her enthusiasm must have shown through in her performances, as Mascaro garnered the second place "Wilco" award in the Musical Variety category.

Mascaro said many performers liken the two top awards given in the show, the Golden "Roger," and the second place "Wilco" to the coveted Oscars of Tinsel town.

If being stationed at Fort Meade was an obstacle in any respect, Mascaro said that was completely overshadowed by the great fortune of

having the opportunity to work with her mentor, local radio personality Lorna Newton of 96.3 Howard University Radio. Mascaro credits much of her success in being selected for Tops in Blue to Newton, a prior Air Force member and Tops in Blue performer who once garnered the competition's top honor, the Golden "Roger" Award.

"She taught me everything I know about showmanship and helped prepare me mentally and physically for the competition," Mascaro said. "I couldn't have done it without her."

Mascaro is on her own now, though, as she embarks on a whirlwind tour with this year's Tops in Blue team for about 125 shows in six months, stopping in parts unknown to many, like Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iceland and Greenland, to name a few.

She said she's a little anxious

about performing everything in the act, since dancing is her specialty. But she can't wait to try her hand at everything. "I'm really looking forward to traveling all over and entertaining the troops that really need us," Mascaro said.

As Mascaro heads off to represent the Air Force for 2002, she leaves some words of advice for anyone wanting to be a part of Tops in Blue.

"Do whatever you need to do to condition and nurture your talent," she said. "Remember, though, there's more than just performing; the people who make the show really happen are the 'techie' – truck drivers, lighting and sound technicians – you name it.

It takes much more than just the performers to make this show a success. Talented people are needed at all levels of production."

Mascaro is proof that hard work and determination can go a long way.

Opening act for the Baltimore Orioles



photo by MSgt. Rick Corral
From left, MSgt. Stanton Palmer, SrA. Ryan Hollingsworth, SSgt. Trevor Woodcook, and TSgt. Jasper James, members of the 94th Intelligence Squadron "Baron 52" quartet, perform the National Anthem at the Baltimore Orioles American League baseball game against the Oakland Athletics May 28. The 694th Intelligence Group Honor Guard also posted the Colors for the opening ceremony.

Second aggressor squadron joins forces under AFIWC

*Lt. Col. Kathy Salatas
Chief PA*

Washington Air National Guard

In a move demonstrating a commitment to Total Force response to information warfare, the Air Force gave the Washington Air National Guard a new mission.

The WA ANG 262nd Combat Communications Squadron became the 262nd Information Warfare Aggressor Squadron during a remissioning ceremony held at Camp Murray June 1.

Washington is the first state in the nation to receive the new info warfare tasking. The mission of the 262nd IWAS is to conduct adversary information warfare operations and vulnerability assessments by employing realistic threats and tactics, thus enhancing the Air Force's cyber-security posture.

The formation of the new unit has an exciting history. In August 1999, the National Guard Bureau gave the state of Washington formal approval to establish the first Washington Air National Guard Information Warfare Team.

A 35-person organization was formed of highly skilled guard members employed in the cutting edge of Seattle's high-technology industry. This team of talented and qualified individuals brought together skills in telecommunications, engineering, programming and network security to form the nucleus of a future information warfare squadron.

In conjunction with the Air Force Information Warfare Center, Air Intelligence Agency identified the need for incorporation of an Air National Guard squadron into the 318th Information Operations Groups to perform the information aggressor warfare mission. An agreement was

reached with the Air Intelligence Agency whereby the IWT would become the core of the new IWAS, to be sourced through the remissioning of an existing combat communications squadron, the 262nd Combat Communications Squadron.

From the beginning, the IWT patterned itself after its active duty Air Force predecessor, the 92nd Information Warfare Aggressor Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas, which itself remissioned as an IWAS in November 2000.

That same year, the IWT initiated an informal training relationship with the 92nd IWAS focusing on computer network operations. In February 2001, a program change request was initiated to change the 262nd CBCS mission to an IWAS. The PCR was signed in January 2002, officially approving the remissioning of the 262nd CBCS to the 262nd IWAS.



Members of AIA, the AFIWC and the 67th IW adjusted work schedules during July, because of massive flooding, referred to as the flood of 2002, in the San Antonio region.

NAIC honors top people for 2001

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The National Air Intelligence Center held its 29th Annual Awards Luncheon April 26, at the Hope Hotel Conference Center.

The event provided an opportunity for NAIC to pay public tribute to its outstanding performers for 2001.

Col. Steven Capenos, former NAIC commander, hosted the event. Mr. James Boone, director of Global Threat was the master of ceremonies. The distinguished guest speaker for the event was Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, vice commander of Air Combat Command.

NAIC awarded the following Commander's Awards for Merit: Staff

Support – Ms. Melanie Metcalf, Data Exploitation Directorate; Technical Support – TSgt. Lee Young, Technical Assessments Directorate; Intelligence Production Support – Ms. Karen Jolley, Technical Assessments Directorate and Ms Helen Sacksteder, Global Threat Directorate; Sensor Analysis – Mr. Juan Rios Vazquez, Data Exploitation Directorate; Technical Systems Assessments - Mr. Timothy Heist, Technical Assessments Directorate; Integrated Threat Assessments - Mr. Jeffrey Skudlarek, Global Threat Directorate; Management - Ms. Betsy Witt, Global Threat Directorate.

The Team Awards were presented to the following: Category I – Multi-Sensor Command & Control Scenario Product Team, Global Threat Directorate; Category II – JSF Air-to-Air

Missile Threat Assessment Team, Technical Assessments Directorate; Category III – Phase III Virtual Battle Damage Assessment Team, HQ NAIC.

NAIC also awarded its highest unit honor to an outstanding individual.

Wright presented the Maj. Gen. Harold E. Watson Award to Mr. Leslie Riehl from NAIC's Data Exploitation Directorate.

During the event, the NAIC Company Grade Officer Association recognized its 2001 Scholarship Award winners: Enlisted - SrA. Nicholas Gray and SrA. William Glenning; High School - Amber Nielson, and Brittany Bryan. The high school recipients are daughters of NAIC employees. Nielson also received the \$2,000 NAIC Alumni Association Scholarship.

Closer look at 70th's impact on others

photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

TSgt. Marty Summann, 22nd Intelligence Squadron, tests out an F-16 simulator. Summann and several other members of the First Six Association recently visited the 113th Fighter Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., to get a first-hand look at how the 70th Intelligence Wing's daily mission impacts other units.



97th crews simulate typical mission with RJMT

By SSgt. Stephanie Pursino & MSgt. Kevin Buck
97th IS
Offutt AFB, Neb.

The 97th Intelligence Squadron is unique in many ways. While administratively subordinate to the 67th Information Operations Group, 67th Information Operations Wing, at Lackland AFB, Texas, the 97th IS is operationally subordinate to the 55th Operations Group, 55th Wing at Offutt AFB, Neb.

There are more than 500 members assigned to the 97th, making the squadron the second-largest unit on base and the largest flying squadron in Air Combat Command. The 97th flies on four or five different platforms across ACC and around the world.

Their most unique feature though is the Rivet Joint Mission Trainer. The mission trainer is a simulator for the back end of the Rivet Joint, the only one in the Air Force.



SSgt. Joseph Lewis conducts training with A1C David Stroud and SrA. Troy Shettlesworth on one of the processors of the RJMT.

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The RJMT is a trainer/simulator for the entire 'back-end' of the RC-135 Rivet Joint. Not only do 97th IS members train on the mission trainer, but so do electronic warfare officers from several squadrons within the 55th Operations Group. The Ravens, as they are commonly referred to, use the mission trainer for initial qualifications as well as difference qualifications, a true back-end simulator.

The mission trainer is currently going through the process of being certified as an approved training device for the Air Force. This enables the 97th to conduct periodic currency exams on its operators without deploying them. The 97th will also be able to prepare crews for deployments. Normally, the 97th conducts a tabletop briefing about the deployed location and the operators and maintainers answer a few questions without knowing for sure what to expect.

With the RJMT being certified as a training device, the crews will be able to go through a simulation of what a typical mission at the deployed location would entail, giving the crew increased situational awareness of the deployed location.

Another benefit of the RJMT being an approved training device is training new crew members. A trainer and trainee are currently deployed together for as long as it takes the trainee to become qualified in the trainer's position. The RJMT allows trainees a chance to be close to being qualified before deploying. Once deployed, it should only take the trainee a few flights to become fully qualified, allowing their trainer to return home sooner.

There have been numerous

changes to the RJMT over its life span. The upgrades to the trainer are done in conjunction with changes to the aircraft. The newest Rivet Joint aircraft has arrived at Offutt and so the mission trainer has also been changed. Base-line 7, known at the 97th IS as 'BL7', has brought numerous changes to the RJMT and several challenges to members of the 97th.

"Linguist and management positions on the plane have all gone from a single-screen display to a dual-screen display, increasing situational awareness for the operators," according to MSgt. William Smith, Unit Standardization and Evaluation chief.

Many of the hardware applications have been converted into a Windows-type environment, making the positions more computer-oriented. The maintainers have "a whole host of new equipment to maintain and use to support the mission," Maj. Carol Purdy, 97th IS Logistics chief, said.

When not training new personnel, or spinning up deploying aircrews, the RJMT can function in a Distributed Mission Training or Distributed Interactive Simulation role to benefit the Air Force as a whole. With DMT and DIS events providing spin-up training for personnel deploying with an Air Expeditionary Force, 97th IS and 55th OG personnel can assist the training by providing input, just as the real RJ will in their deployed theater of operations.

"This will be a great tool for the AEF forces deploying in support of various operations around the world," SMSgt. Michael Olsovsky, RJMT Focal Point Office superintendent, said. "It will give the battle staff members the same type of information they'd receive at their deployed

locations to base decisions on, and will give the same type information to the folks on other platforms, by the same means they'd get it while deployed."

In addition to military members using and training on the mission trainer, there are two civilian contractors who work on the RJMT. Gregg Fries and Kevin Richardson, employed by L-3 Comm Inc., keep the technical side of the RJMT in good working order. They ensure all of the software works, all upgrades are conducted as planned, and trouble-shoot any problems that may pop up during a DMT/DIS event.

"We are very lucky to have the RJMT," MSgt Steve Purdy said. "The RJMT emulates the plane exactly. The only difference is in the altitude."

The challenges are great but the personnel of the 97th IS and 55th OG are meeting them head-on. The RJMT is an asset to the Rivet Joint community that has earned its keep so far and will continue to have an important presence at the 97th IS for many years to come.

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Family focuses energy on helping others fighting leukemia

By 2nd Lt. Toni Tones
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In an effort to continue their cause despite their loss, a Lackland NCO and his wife are taking steps "to help lift the spirits of families and kids with chronic illnesses."

TSgt. David Rodriguez and his wife, Diane, have spearheaded several activities and fundraisers in memory of their son, Sergio.

Sergio was the 11 year-old son of Rodriguez, Help Desk Crew D NCOIC assigned to the 690th Intelligence Support Squadron, who lost his life to acute lymphocytic leukemia April 4 after a three-year battle with the disease.

Before leaving Germany to transfer to Hill AFB, Utah, his parents noticed unusual bruising on Sergio. "We thought the bruises were from playing soccer, his favorite sport," said Rodriguez, who was not overly concerned. "The bruises were not painful at all, but a family friend recommended he see a doctor once we arrived at Hill just to have him checked out."

In July 1999, physicians at Hill examined Sergio to determine why he was bruising. The blood tests would ultimately reveal he had leukemia. Specific treatment — particularly in that geographic region — was only available at the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, 40 miles away.

Treatments were scheduled for three times each week. When Sergio became an inpatient for additional procedures — which included blood transfusions, immune suppression

therapy, infections and countless other reactions to his chemotherapy — trips to the hospital were required at least twice a day. During emergencies such as fevers, he was forced to make additional trips to Salt Lake City to be seen by specialists.

The trips and treatment were an emotional and financial hardship for the family. In October 2001, after months of treatment, Sergio's leukemia finally went into remission. Rodriguez requested and received a transfer to Lackland AFB, where Sergio could receive additional care at Wilford Hall Medical Center, the military's only related bone marrow transplant facility.

Unfortunately, Sergio returned to the hospital as an inpatient, because of a sudden reoccurrence of his leukemia in March 2002. Doctors used an intensive regimen of chemotherapy to battle his leukemia in an effort to knock it back into remission.

Realizing that a bone marrow transplant was Sergio's best option, tissue typing of both parents and sister, Pricilla, were accomplished, but resulted in no match. Since a match was not found within the family, the family turned to the National Registry in hopes of locating the best possible match. But Sergio was too weak and succumbed to the disease a month later.

"Fight, fight, fight was all he knew," said Rodriguez. "The doctors said that he wasn't running for his life, but was sprinting. He (Sergio) always said 'If you die, die with honor.' He was a true warrior in every sense."

The doctors (at Wilford Hall) were incredible, added Rodriguez. "Sergio was more than a patient to



Sergio Rodriguez lost his life to acute lymphocytic leukemia at 11 years old.

them; they treated him as though he was their child. I'm sure they do this for every child, but the professionalism and total dedication they displayed were unbelievable."

"The response from the people of San Antonio was just as amazing," Rodriguez said. "We had strangers wanting to donate blood, plasma, white blood cells and to do anything they could for our son. We could never tell them how much that meant to us."

"Most people only take action when it affects them personally," Diane said. "There was such an overwhelming response for Sergio from everyone, airman to general. We assume people know our pain and what we're going through, but they don't. Unless they've been where you are, they can only empathize."

It's been a difficult road for the family, but now they focus their energy on helping other children like Sergio and their families.

The Rodriguez' want to make a donation to the Hematology Ward at Wilford Hall, providing decorations, televisions, books, dolls and toys.

"I'd like to help lift the spirits of the families and kids with chronic illnesses. I've never taken nor do I take special moments for granted. Each moment is precious and should be treated as such."

Bone marrow donor registry is often only hope for life

An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the United States, more than 500 of them in the Department of Defense, are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases. For many of these people, a bone marrow transplant is their only hope. Because tissue types are inherited and some tissue types are unique to certain racial or ethnic groups, a patient's best chance is within his or her ethnic and racial group.

Since 75 percent of the patients in need of a marrow transplant cannot find a match within their own family, a strong national database is essential for identifying potential donors. The larger and more diverse the National Marrow Donor Registry becomes, the greater the chance of finding life saving matches.

As of Jan. 31, 2002, there were 4,578,243 registered donors in the national database. Of those listed, 2,473,695 were Caucasian; 365,023 African American; 388,268 Hispanic American; 290,762 Asian/Pacific Islander; and 59,218 American Indian. The numbers reflect the need to make the registry more diverse.

The Department of Defense established its own marrow donor center, the C. W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Center in Kensington, Md., to meet the special needs of the military. While donors through the DoD program join the National Marrow Donor Registry, a separate donor management system offers a secure system to facilitate the process.

The DoD program also has another important, very unique mission to provide immediate donor searches in the event of a mass casualty incident involving nuclear or chemical agents. Military casualties may be rescued using human leukocyte antigen – or HLA — matched platelets or, in cases of more severe exposure, marrow donated by a

volunteer. This mission is one for which the time frame for identifying donors and receiving platelets or marrow can be a matter of days rather than months.

The first step is to attend a marrow donor registration drive and have one tube of blood drawn after completing a simple registration form. The process is no different than having a blood test as part of a medical appointment. Your blood sample is then tested to determine the HLA or tissue type. The results are added to the National Marrow Donor Registry.

That's the end of it unless the computer finds a potential match. If ever identified as a preliminary match, the donor is contacted for additional blood testing. If this test indicates a good match, the donor will receive detailed information about the donation process and a thorough physical exam. This is the time to make an informed decision about proceeding with the donation.

The donation occurs in the hospital where less than 5 percent of marrow is collected from the back of the pelvic bone using a special needle and syringe. This is a simple surgical procedure performed while under general or local anesthesia. Donors usually stay overnight in the hospital. Soreness in the lower back for a few days is the only side effect and the marrow naturally replenishes itself within a few weeks.

For more information please call John Chaves at 292-7080 or the C. W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-MARROW-3 (627-7693).

General information on the marrow donor program is also available on the World Wide Web at www.dodmarrow.com.

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Soviet spies: Fool friends & colleagues Steal secrets during 70s, 80s

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In the spring of 1975, a cocky, young drug smuggler from southern California strode into the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City and offered to sell the secrets of some of the CIA's most prized satellite systems.

A little less than a decade before, a chief warrant officer with a history of burglary convictions and a British corporal with a penchant for little girls had volunteered to sell the Soviets critical Western cryptographic information—betrayals that a Pentagon study later estimated to have cost the U.S.-U.K. intelligence alliance more than a billion dollars in damages.

Gone were the days of wayward idealists. In the 1940s and 50s, Soviet moles like the Cambridge 5, Alger Hiss, and Harry Dexter White were golden boys—favorite sons of Anglo-American diplomatic and intelligence circles.

The KGB (then the NKVD) lured promising young men with Marxist leanings into service with the appeal of Soviet Socialism, and many of its recruits declined payment for their work. By the mid 1960s, however, the prototype Soviet Mole had changed dramatically. Throughout the "Brezhnev Era" (1964-73), the most successful Soviet penetrations of Western intelligence were performed by troubled men of low rank, mediocre talent, and often considerable vices.

They represented a new breed of moles (or perhaps a return to a much older breed) in whose tradition would follow men like Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen—men driven more by

greed and ego than ideology.

There were, of course, exceptions. It was later said that Geoffrey Prime—the pedophilic British corporal—had blamed his personal and professional problems on the capitalist system, and had been won over by the propaganda image of life under Soviet Socialism.

Christopher Boyce, moreover—the young drug-smuggler's source within the American spy satellite industry—told interviewers that he'd decided to sell secrets after becoming disenchanted with American foreign policy. But these were marked exceptions, and neither refused regular payment for their services.

By and large the Soviet spies of the Brezhnev era were social and sexual deviants and petty crooks whose motives were purely mercenary.

In 1968 Corporal Geoffrey Arthur Prime passed a note to a Russian officer as he passed through a Soviet checkpoint in Berlin. Prime worked in an Royal Air Force intelligence station in Gatow, West Berlin, and requested to be contacted by Soviet intelligence.

As his tour was due to end soon with the RAF, the KGB requested that he apply for work at GCHQ—the British equivalent of the NSA. Prime did so, was accepted, and supplied the Soviets with comprehensive intelligence on the organization's personnel, operating procedures, and forward and domestic bases for nearly a decade.

Though Prime claimed his motives were ideological, he was paid handsomely. Remarkably, despite his withdrawn personality, morose appearance, and general unpopularity within GCHQ, Prime never aroused suspicion—mainly, as a British Secu-

rity Commission report delicately explained, "because of the nature of GCHQ's work and their need for staff with esoteric specialisms, they attracted many odd and eccentric characters."

Odder than most, Prime broke contact with the KGB in the late 1970s but was arrested in the summer of 1982 for sexually molesting little girls. Incredibly, it was not until the investigation of his sexual crimes that his extensive career as a spy was discovered.

Just days after Geoffrey Prime first contacted the Soviets in Germany, a communications watch officer on the staff of the commander of submarine forces in the Atlantic marched boldly into the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Chief Warrant Officer John Anthony Walker demanded to see "someone in security." He'd brought with him a month's key settings for the Navy's KL-47 cipher machine, and asked for a weekly salary of \$1,000 to provide regular access to the entire Atlantic fleet's submarine communications.

Walker had a history of such bold criminality. As a teenage high school dropout he'd been given a choice between the military and prison as punishment for a series of serious burglaries. As an adult, he reportedly tried to force his much-abused wife into prostitution after a series of failed business ventures put the family deeply in debt.

Still, like Prime, Walker was successful in masking his darker side from his employers. Indeed, he proved adept at winning the confidence of friends and colleagues. A fitness report by his commanding

Moral caliber of KGB agents lacking

officer in 1972—four years into his career as a Soviet mole—read:

“CWO-2 Walker is intensely loyal, taking great pride in himself and the naval service, fiercely supporting its principles and traditions. He possesses a fine sense of personal honor and integrity, coupled with a great sense of humor.”

Perhaps with the exception of his “great sense of humor,” such high praises seem almost laughable in hindsight, but his commander’s misplaced confidence is a testament to Walker’s apparent charisma. Walker succeeded in deceiving the Navy for 17 years—running friend Jerry Whitworth as a subagent for nine of them, and eventually recruiting his son and elder brother—until his by then ex-wife reported him to the FBI in 1985.

Damage assessments after his arrest estimated that Walker and his spy-ring enabled Soviet cryptanalysts to decrypt a million or more American messages. For this considerable haul, his KGB case officer was made the agency’s youngest general (the KGB had a military structure). Walker was made an honorary admiral in the Soviet Navy.

Likely the most difficult pair of agents the Russians worked with in

this period were two young, American walk-ins, Christopher Boyce and Andrew Daulton Lee. Boyce, as noted before, was the son of an FBI agent and used his father’s connections to secure a job with the Southern California Aerospace firm that made satellites for the CIA. When he became disenchanted with the American foreign policy and his colleagues at work, Boyce approached his childhood friend Lee, who’d by then grown into an ambitious drug-smuggler. The two were altar boys together at St. John Fisher. Daulton, as he preferred to be called, had been running cocaine and marijuana since high school and, at 23, had recently moved into the more lucrative business of smuggling Mexican heroin. The two devised a scheme by which Boyce would steal classified material from work, and Lee would use his experience in the drug-trade to get it to Mexico for sale to the Russians—squeezing them for maximum profit.

From April 1975 to late 1976 Boyce and Lee sold operating manuals and detailed technical data for some of America’s most sophisticated satellites to the KGB residency in Mexico City. They made tens of thousands of dollars between them, which Lee then turned into several times that by re-investing it in the drug trade. Though less prolific than Prime and Walker, Boyce and Lee deserve mention for the cold-blooded efficiency of their operation. Lee, in effect, had the KGB bankrolling his drug business.

An introverted pedophile, an abusive, if charismatic petty criminal, and an altar boy-turned narco-trafficker - the decreasing moral caliber of this new generation of Western agents was not lost on the KGB men who ran them. Cambridge 5 agent Guy Burgess, once beamed his KGB case officer, Yuri Modin, was “highly intelligent and energetic, full of initiative and above all ready to help a friend at the drop of a hat.”

In stark contrast, Daulton Lee’s

contact in Mexico once found it necessary to dispense with the niceties and threaten his coked-up agent with a loaded pistol: “You don’t carry a gun, do you?” Lee recalled his handler musing as the Russian flashed his own 9 millimeter Makarov.

Yet despite their moral (and in some cases intellectual) poverty, these men were used by the Soviets to steal some of the most-guarded secrets of American and British intelligence in the 1970s and 80s.

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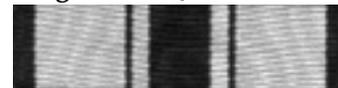
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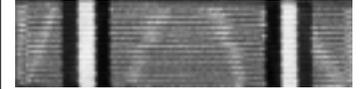
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