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keep wing
staffed**

**Wing change
of command**



Letter to Airmen

Honorable Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

Letter to Airmen: Recognizing the Total Force

Congratulations! As a leader in the Total Force Integration the Air Force continues to benefit from one powerful, cohesive team formed by our Active Duty Airmen, Air National Guardsmen, and Air Force Reservists. In my travels around the Air Force, I see this synergy firsthand and realize our training and operations make it impossible to differentiate between the three components. Whether it is the C-17 landing in the combat zone or the mechanic working on F-16s in Vermont, the Total Force is making it happen.

We simply could not accomplish today's dynamic mission without the Total Force integration of our Guard, Reserve and Active Duty force. Gone are the "strategic reserve" days of the Guard and Reserve. Today, our total force sacrifices daily through extended deployments in the most challenging missions we have. As an integral part of this highly skilled team, the Guard and Reserve train to the same high standards set by our Active Duty, operate the latest equipment and participate in every mission across the spectrum of operations.

Our Active Duty, Guard and Reservists stand side by side in the fight in the Global War on Terrorism. Nowhere was this more apparent than in the recent airstrikes that killed the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Al Zarqawi. In Balad, the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron mirrors where our Air Force is going: an Active Duty Commander, an Air National Guardsman as Operations Officer, and a Reservist as First Sergeant. The collective efforts of Active, Guard and Reserve forces continue to yield tremendous successes for the Joint Team and our Nation.

So what does this mean for you, the individual Airman? First, this means that we have a healthy respect for those Total Force Members that support our mission. Second, we need to adhere to the set standards, to ensure that as we assemble the total force we remain prepared to execute the assigned mission. Third, we need to use the diversity represented by the Total Force to continually look for better ways to accomplish our mission.

Total Force has moved from a future concept to today's reality. One team, one fight, with a shared, disciplined combat focus. The continued dedication and service of all Airmen — Active, Guard, and Reserve — make a grateful Nation proud. Thank you for all you do.




Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

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recruiter Staff St. Robert Fuller
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442nd Fighter Wing Tip of the Spear

STAFF SGT JENNIFER IANNO 303RD FIGHTER SQUADRON

Staff Sgt. Ianno established herself as a superior performer upon arrival at the 303rd FS. She began by graduating from the military personnel apprentice course last year as the distinguished graduate and was recognized as a leader and mentor to her non-prior service classmates.

Sergeant Ianno has impressed everyone in the 442nd Operations Group with her job performance, work ethic and professionalism. She has a positive impact on the unit's orderly room program. On her own initiative, she totally revamped the office continuity book. A "living document," the volume covers every aspect and program for which that office is responsible.

Sergeant Ianno took on the huge task of manually rebuilding the 442nd OG's ground and ancillary training data into a different program; a painstaking process, but resulting in a streamlined scheduling and tracking system. She provided immeasurable aid to the unit deployment manager as the unit was readying for their Air Expeditionary Force deployment. She helped ensure every deploying member's personnel readiness folder was perfect.

Sergeant Ianno was selected to attend Whiteman Air Force Base's Airman Leadership School, an opportunity not accorded most reservists. She was recognized by her peers with the Leadership award and also achieved the school's very highest honor, the prestigious John L. Levitow award.

Sergeant Ianno is the future of the 303rd FS and the Air Force Reserve. She is an integral component in our drive for perfection and readiness. The Group is proud she is our "Tip of the Spear."



Col. Steve Arthur commands 442nd FW

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

The 442nd Fighter Wing gained its 24th commander in its 62-year history, as Col. Robert S. "Steve" Arthur, took over the reins from Col. Pat Cord in a change-of-command ceremony in the wing's five-bay hangar, Saturday.

Colonel Arthur, former 926th Fighter Wing commander at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La., accepted the wing flag from Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C., and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to become wing commander as Colonel Cord fills the 10th Air Force vice commander position at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, Texas.

General Bradley, a former 442nd FW commander, lauded the wing for its accomplishments and thanked the assembled Airmen for their role in the ongoing war on terror.

He recognized the fact that the wing had Airmen and aircraft deployed to Afghanistan in their third contingency deployment since Sept. 11, 2001.

The general said he realized much had been asked of them, pointing out that during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 442nd had been the first Air Force fighter unit to base and operate from occupied territory since World War II. He also noted, however, that he would be calling on the wing again in the future.

Addressing the wing, Colonel Arthur noted the wing's history dating back to World War II and recognized its many achievements over the years. He said he looked forward to leading the wing and to the new challenges ahead as it transitions from 15 to 24 aircraft assigned.

As the 442nd FW commander, Colonel Arthur is responsible for the manning, training and combat readiness of approximately 1,200 Air Force reservists at Whiteman AFB and at two geographically separated Reserve units at Offutt AFB, Neb., the 610th Intelligence Operations Flight and the 710th Medical Squadron.

Colonel Arthur, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., has logged more than 4,000 flying hours since entering pilot training in 1978.



Accepting the 442nd Fighter Wing's colors from Lt. Gen. Gen John Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, Col. Steve Arthur becomes the wing's 24th commander at a change of command ceremony. Departing wing commander, Col. Pat Cord, looks on. The ceremony was held in the wing's five-bay hangar with wing members standing in formation to honor Colonel Cord as he leaves command with the wing and welcome Colonel Arthur as he takes the reins of leadership.



Tech. Sgt. Tyler Bane, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, peels away an overlay decal to reveal the name of the wing's new commander, Col. Steve Arthur on the side of one of the 442nd Fighter Wing's A-10 Thunderbolt IIs. The ceremonial gesture represented the change of the wing's leadership from Col. Pat Cord to Colonel Arthur.

Quarterly, semi-annual winners named



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Rules of engagement set for political participation

*By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee
Air Force Print News*

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — Political freedom is something the military has defended since the founding of the United States.

But, while free to participate in the political process, there are some rules military members need to know.

“Our main job is to follow the orders that come down our chain of command, which has an elected official at the top,” said Maj. Frank Minogue, chief of civil law for Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

“It would undermine our whole command structure if it appeared that the Air Force was supporting one side, or candidate, over another,” Major Minogue said.

The November 2006 elections are fast approaching and will decide all 435 House of Representative seats, 33 of the 100 Senate seats and 36 state governors, along with numerous other state and local elections across the country.

It is vital that military members do not give the perception that the military supports one political party, issue or candidate over another, Major Minogue said.

Political activity rules are listed in Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force. Violators of this instruction can be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and receive up to two years confinement and a

dishonorable discharge, the major said.

Examples of prohibited activities listed in the instruction include attending a political event in uniform, using official authority to interfere with an election and affect its course or outcome, and using contemptuous words against officials in public office. Military members are allowed to attend political events in civilian clothes but only as a spectator. Speaking publicly at these events is not allowed in or out of uniform.

There also is a separation in the rules about participating in partisan and nonpartisan political activities. The rules tend to be stricter for partisan politics, the instruction states.

Partisan politics are defined in the instruction as an “activity supporting or relating to candidates who represent, or issues specifically identified with, national or state political parties or associated or ancillary organizations. A candidacy, declared or undeclared, for national or state office is a partisan political activity, even if the candidate is not affiliated with a national or state political party.”

Partisan politics generally refer to established political parties and political positions on the national scale.

These rules are not in place to restrict a military member’s political freedoms, the major said.

“Obviously we want people to vote and express their opinions,” Major Minogue said. “People are encouraged to participate in the political process, just not as representatives of the Air Force.”

The best ... recruiting

Story and photos by Master Sgt.

In a time when other branches of the military were struggling to meet their annual recruiting quota, the 442nd Fighter Wing Reserve Recruiting team not only reached their goal, they exceeded it three months early.

The 442nd FW recruiters work hard to bring new members in the Reserve and those efforts are evidenced by their recent success.

Even though they do work hard, they, and the Commands other recruiters, like to mix a little competitive play into the equation.

The Air Force Reserve Command groups their recruiting offices, called Operating Locations, into "baseball" leagues. Similar-sized OLs are grouped together into these leagues – the Whiteman OL is in the USA league – and they compete for top honors by hitting "home runs" in their own version of the World Series which ran from March to June.

When the "season" ended June 30, the 442nd recruiters took first place in their league with a 9-2-2 record on the year.

Crediting his recruiters for the team's success, 442nd "captain" Master Sgt. James "Fritz" Fritzen downplayed his own role in the win.

"I have an excellent team," Sergeant

Fritzen said. "They do what needs to be done.

His team consists of experienced players who have been around the Air Force for some time. They are:

- Sergeant Fritzen the team's leader and senior recruiter.
- Tech. Sgt. Jerry Hancock who switch hits as a line recruiter and as an in-service recruiter acquiring many new members who are leaving the active duty.
- Tech. Sgt Ryan Noorlander who, based out of Blue Springs, Mo., has a huge pool of potential recruits in Kansas City, Mo.
- Staff Sgt. Robert Fuller who, based out of Springfield, Mo., has the city of Springfield to draw upon as well as southwest Missouri.
- Ms. Jean Thornton, the team's administrative assistant, who has worked in the wing's recruiting effort since Dec. 1980.

Sergeant Fritzen said that anyone desiring to join the Reserve can call their office at (660) 687-4016, the toll-free number (800) 257-1212, go online to www.afreserve.com or visit one of their offices.

"We're always glad to do what we can to help someone find out if the Reserve is a good fit for them," he said.

His OL's record is proof of that.



Above: Tech. Sgt. Jerry Hancock, 442nd of the Air Force Reserve to a potential Springfield, Mo.

Right: Tech. Sgt Ryan Noorlander talking at the Institute of Maintenance's Job Fair in a Springfield, Mo. Fighter Wing recruiter at the wing's Bl



THE 442ND FW RECRUITING TEAM



**MASTER SGT. JAMES "FRITZ" FRITZEN
SENIOR RECRUITER**

The 442nd Fighter Wing recruiting team leader, and a La Porte, Ind. native, Sergeant Fritzen became an Air Force Reserve Command recruiter in 2000 after serving on active duty, then the Army National Guard and the AF Reserve.



**TECH. SGT. JERRY HANCOCK
IN-SERVICE/LINE RECRUITER**

A Puxico, Mo., native, Sergeant Hancock served more than 11 years on active duty in Security Forces before crossing into the Air Force Reserve as a Security Forces individual mobilization augmentee at Scott AFB, Ill.

the best



442nd Fighter Wing recruiter, explains the benefits of the wing's recruiting station in Kansas City. Sergeant Noorlander is a 442nd Fighter Wing recruiting station.



TECH. SGT. RYAN NOORLANDER
LINE RECRUITER

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo., OFFICE

Leaving his home town of North Bend/Coos Bay, Ore., in 1994 to join the Air Force as a munitions systems troop (AMMO!), Sergeant Noorlander became an active-duty Air Force recruiter in 2000. In 2003, he transferred to Air Force Reserve recruiting.



STAFF SGT. ROBERT FULLER
LINE RECRUITER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., OFFICE

Sergeant Fuller served as an active-duty Non-destructive Inspector from 1992 to 1999 stationed at Langley AFB, Va., Kadena Air Base, Japan, and Barksdale AFB, La. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 2002 after being recruited by his current boss, Master Sgt. James Frizten.



JEAN THORNTON

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Ms. Thornton joined the 442nd recruiting team in Dec 1980 as civilian at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. This month, the Mexico, Mo., native will be recognized for a total of 30 years of dedicated Air Force Reserve and the United States Civil Service service.

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Night moves

Deployed
442nd FW
operates
24/7



As the sun sets, an A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 442nd Fighter Wing gets fuel from behind a KC-135 Stratotanker while on a combat mission over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (US Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Johnson)



BOTH PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

Above: Master Sgt. Steve, a munitions specialist, counts the number of flares left over after removing the flare box from an A-10 Thunderbolt II following a night combat sortie.

Right: Tech. Sgt. DeWayne, an A-10 crew chief, prepares to launch a 442nd Fighter Wing A-10 Thunderbolt II on a night combat sortie over Afghanistan. (Editor's note: Last names were removed from this article for security considerations.)

Missouri Representative addresses ROA/REA

By Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

Missouri State Representative David Pearce, Republican, spoke to 442nd Fighter Wing Reserve Officer and Enlisted Associations members on Sunday of the July unit training assembly in the wing's conference room. He stressed that getting to know local representatives and senators is crucial in gaining support for various issues concerning military members and their families.

"I grew up in Warrensburg," Pearce said. "I've always had an appreciation for what's gone on (at Whiteman AFB). It's a no-brainer. Supporting the military is just an easy thing for me to do. The other 162 people in the (state) House of Representatives may not know what you go through, though. Reach out to your state representatives and senators, and let them know who you are and what you do. Just talk to them. Tell them maybe what your agendas are. Get to know who they are."

Pearce, a Warrensburg, Mo., resident, represents the 121st district, which makes up part of Johnson County, including WAFB and Knob Noster. A member of the Whiteman AFB Community Council, he was re-elected to a second two-year term in November of 2004. He said the time is ripe for garnering support for military concerns at both the state and federal levels, but that military members must make their voices heard.

"The climate in Jefferson City and in Washington (D.C.) is to be supportive of the military and of veterans issues. Every time I have people like yourself talk with state representatives, it makes my job easier. When we have (legislative) tours at Whiteman AFB and they get to go into a cockpit of an A-10, it makes my job that much easier. In a way, you're a mini-lobbyist. You're telling your story."

Pearce said Missouri is working hard to be more "military friendly," especially since the Base Realignment and Closure Commission happenings in 2005. He cited last year's establishment of the Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission, a nine-member team as a step in the right direction. The commission does not have the power to submit bills but is working on making military concerns known.

"We're trying to be more military friendly. One area is education. When people are transferring to Missouri with the military, they look at education. What are ways schools can be friendly and make transitions more possible?"



Missouri State Representative David Pearce, Republican, addresses 442nd Fighter Wing Reserve Officer and Enlisted Associations members on Sunday of the July unit training assembly in the wing's conference room.

PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. BILL HUNTINGTON

Pearce also said the state recently passed 17 bills that deal w/veterans, active duty members and reservists.

"Most of (the bills) deal with veterans issues, but you will be retired someday," he said. "House Bill 1787, the Guard at Home Program, is for national guardsmen, reservists and active duty who are deployed and their families are suffering financial hardships. It's administered through the Department of Economic Development. We heard through the Veterans Committee and through the Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission some sad stories of what happens when the chief breadwinner is gone.

Pearce said there is also legislation that assists deployed members who are small business owners with various matters.

"When you're deployed and these things are happening, it's huge," he said. "If the state can come in and follow up some things the federal government is doing, these are things we need to do. We've talked about exempting personal property taxes on cars and motorcycles. These are small things the state can do."

However, Pearce also noted that Missouri is absent from the Department of Defense's list of "military friendly states." He said the state is in a "catch-up mode" compared to states like Kansas which, Pearce said, "puts about a million dollars a

year into their budget to tell their story of what they do to retain the military.

"I think it's important that we're as proactive as possible. We're looking at the state of Missouri trying to have one overall approach in the state – through the Department of Economic Development and through groups like the Whiteman Area Leadership Council. It makes a big difference if you're advocating in Washington what your state does. It goes back to the more of my colleagues who see what you do and see what your mission is, the easier it is for me and others who support the military."

"I appreciate everything you do," Pearce said. "It's hard work and it's not easy. I look to us as a team, so we all need to be working together on issues. Always feel free to contact me and everybody go vote on Nov. 7."

Pearce said people can track state legislation by visiting www.house.mo.gov and www.senate.mo.gov. These websites also allow individuals to e-mail state representatives and senators.

The 442nd: Heritage to horizons

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39	39. BARRY J.J. SGT. 305 TCS 3/072895		E				FROM: 7 1:30
38	38. CARHART, E.G. SGT. 18/60677		R				FROM: H97 10:35
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	4 USFET. Bas & 8 German Prisoners						FROM: 7 T 1:25
	Empty R30 to Y34						FROM: R30 13:15
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	P. HERR VON Ribbentrop 3163500		X				FROM: 7 T 1:25
	P. ALBERT Kesselring (Field Marshal) 3163500		X				
	P. Gustav JODL (Col. General) 3163500		X				
	P. Kietele (Marshal) 3163500		X				
	P. HERR FRANK 3163500		X				
	P. KARL DOENITZ (Admiral) 3163500		X				
	P. HERR DeLage 3163500		X				

5 MONTHS - 12 DAYS AFTER "VARSITY" OPS.

Transporting history

442nd passenger list a who's who in German high command

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Morrison
442nd Fighter Wing historian

Of the thousands of aircraft passenger manifests scattered across Europe by the end of World War II, one holds particular significance to the brief but important role the 442nd Troop Carrier Group, now the 442nd Fighter Wing, played in the final chapter of destroying Nazi Germany.

Early on the morning of August 12, 1945, Tech. Sgt. Melvin Kraus, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native and a member of the 305th Troop Carrier Squadron of the 442nd TCG, readied for that day's 8 a.m. flight on board a C-47A Douglas Skytrain from Metz, France to Furth, Germany, via Sandweiler, Luxembourg.

Crewmembers included Sergeants James J. Barry, of Lynn, Mass., and Earl G. Carhart, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla. The Metz to Sandweiler leg would be piloted by 1st Lt. Robert G. Denson, of Davenport, Wash., with 2nd Lt. Robert M. Cole, of Staten Island,

N.Y., as co-pilot. Lieutenant Cole would pilot the Sandweiler to Furth stretch.

Sergeant Kraus reached for a blank manifest, an Army Air Force Form No. 1, and, with pen in hand and undoubtedly some type of clip board, began recording the manifest.

Along with two "leave personnel" and four members of the United States Forces European Theater, Sergeant Kraus wrote a capital P in front of the other names, denoting a prisoner of war. In fact, this flight would carry some of Adolf Hitler's most ardent henchmen, presumably taking some of them one step closer to facing justice at the Nuremberg War Crimes trial.

Leading the list of prisoners (as it appears on the form), is H. Goering (Field Marshal) Herr Von Ribbentrop, Albert Kesselring (Field Marshal), Gustav Jodl (Col. General), Kietele (Marshal),

see 'Nazis' next page



IMAGE COURTESY OF LOCKHEED MARTIN

LIGHTNING II MAKES ITS DEBUT

FORT WORTH, Texas — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley announces the name selected for the new Lockheed Martin F-35 during the inauguration ceremony at the Lockheed Martin plant in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 7. The jet, named the Lightning II, is a 5th-generation, supersonic stealth fighter designed to replace a wide range of existing aircraft, including the AV-8B Harrier, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F/A-18 Hornet and Royal Air Force Harrier GR-7 and Sea Harriers.

'Nazis' from page 10

Here Franck, Karl Doenitz (Grand Admiral) and Herr DeLauge.

Reichsmarschall (Marshall of the Empire) Hermann Goering was the commander-in-chief of the German Luftwaffe (Air Force) during World War II. He was often considered Hitler's second-in-command. Joachim von Ribbentrop, Germany's foreign minister, was an early confidant of Hitler. He was instrumental in securing a nonaggression pact between Germany and the Soviet Union prior to Germany's 1939 invasion of Poland.

Albert Kesselring, a Feldmarschall in Germany's Wehrmacht (Army), was active in the European and North African theaters during the war.

Generaloberst (Colonel-General) Alfred Jodl was chief of operations staff of the Wehrmacht. Jodl worked as deputy to another passenger on the flight, Field Marshall Wilhelm Keitel, to develop the Jodl-Keitel tactic of military fighting. Keitel was the commander-in-chief of the High Command of the Wehrmacht. Instrumental in developing military and domestic policies for Nazi Germany, he signed the order allowing the German army to execute suspected communist leaders upon capture.

Hans Franck was Governor-General of Poland. He designed the policy that would result in devastating Poland's Jewish population during the war.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, was commander-in-chief of the German Kriegsmarine (Navy). Early in the war, Doenitz led the

development of many of Germany's advances in U-Boat construction and fighting tactics. In April of 1945, Hitler appointed Doenitz as his replacement to lead what was left of the crumbling Nazi state.

The last name on the prisoner list is Herr DeLauge. After searching several sources, no such person was found. However, considering Keitel's name is misspelled on the manifest, DeLauge may be SS Colonel-General Kurt Daluge, one of the top Nazis in Czechoslovakia, who ordered the infamous slaughter at and subsequent "wiping from the face of the earth" of the town of Lidice, in response to the assassination of SS Obergruppenfuhrer (Senior Group Leader) Reinhard Heydrich.

Although Daluge testified against Franck at the Nuremberg trials, he was tried by a Czech court for war crimes in Czechoslovakia and hanged in Prague on Oct. 24, 1946.

Goering was sentenced to die by hanging, but committed suicide in his cell. On Oct. 16, 1946, Jodl and Keitel were hung, as was Ribbentrop and Franck. Doenitz was sentenced to 11 and one-half years in the prison in Spandau, Germany, but was released in 1956.

According to the on-line encyclopedia www.wikipedia.org, Kesselring died at Bad Nauheim, Germany, at the age of 79 in 1960. He was tried in 1947 for the execution of partisans by troops under his command. He was found guilty and sentenced to death, but weak evidence secured his release in 1952. (*Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown contributed to this story*)

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**BAGRAM AIRFIELD,
Afghanistan -- An A-10
Thunderbolt II from the
442nd Fighter Wing,
taxis to the runway for
a nighttime combat
sortie July 6. Citizen
Airmen from the 442nd
are deployed here from
Whiteman Air Force Base,
Mo. See related story on
page 8. (US Air Force
photo by Maj. David)**

TO THE FAMILY OF:



"Your tireless efforts keep this the best Air Force the world has ever seen, ready to lead or support the joint fight anywhere anytime. You are making it happen in Iraq, Afghanistan, in the skies over America, and anywhere our Nation needs us."

-- Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley