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Mobility bags are lined up in the 5-bay hangar during the operational readiness exercise May 13. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kent Kagarise)

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2ND LT. SHANEN LACY  
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### Tip of the Spear: June 2011

As a newly minted second lieutenant, Shanen Lacy made an immediate and positive impact on the 303rd Fighter Squadron. She hit the ground running as the unit executive officer and provided exceptional support to the commander. She took the helm of the group's emergency management program, reorganizing and initiating several method improvements. She conducted 100 percent inventory of all nuclear, biological and conventional protective clothing and equipment, collected and recorded the personal sizing requirements of all assigned personnel on one consolidated spreadsheet. She planned and orchestrated the process of issuing the new M-50 gas mask and advanced combat helmets to the entire group, reconfigured all canteens with new caps and spear-headed the collection and turn in of old equipment. Lieutenant Lacy was in charge of the unit control center during our recent operational readiness exercise. She provided invaluable support and assistance to the unit deployment managers during the first two OREs by participating in the unit deployment control center briefings for every chalk. She created slides illustrating the proper wear and storage of personal protective gear ensuring all processing personnel had required equipment, properly marked and worn, before departing for the wing assembly area. Her meticulous attention to detail and organizational skills played a major role in our near perfect exercise performance. She has already proven to be an integral component in our drive for perfection and readiness – we are proud she is our "Tip of the Spear".

Commander's comm



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN TRACY BROWN



## Q&A with the boss: GSUs, what's the point?

### Why do we have GSUs and what purpose do they serve?

Air Force Reserve Command wanted to put all A-10 combat power in one wing so we could more efficiently train and deploy pilots, maintainers and combat support. The 442nd Fighter Wing already had the wing structure they were looking for, so we became the host wing.

commander who reports directly to me, just like our operations, maintenance and mission support groups here. I will spend a lot of time on the phone with them and we will do teleconferencing at least once a month. Also I plan to visit each GSU quarterly.

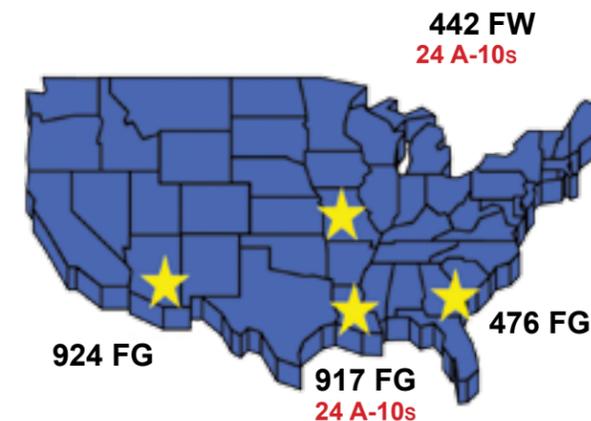
### What additional tasks will the 442nd have?

The only ones who should be affected by this are the wing staff and personnel functions. For example, our judge advocate will be responsible for all legal issues at not just here, but also at the GSUs now. We will be doing the funding and hiring actions at the GSUs as well. The wing hasn't yet been given any additional manpower to support this, so I've requested the Site Action Task Force from AFRC to evaluate our requirements in hopes of getting additional positions to assist our Force Support Squadron and wing staff with the extra work.

### How will our jobs be affected?

The addition of GSUs will be transparent to most people here at Whiteman. Locally, we won't lose any jobs, but there will be some benefits. You will have the opportunity for upward advancement in other parts of the wing, the opportunity to support deployments and TDYs and we will now have backfill when we are short in any area of the wing (to include the GSUs.) We also now have the networking with other experienced A-10 pilots and maintainers that we can share information and get answers about things from others within our own wing.

### GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED UNITS: (BY LOCATION)



### Will we lose any aircraft as a result of the GSUs?

No. We will continue to retain 24 aircraft. We will however, assist the 917th FG at Barksdale, which provides two A-10s to the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Test Center (AATC) in Tucson, Ariz. Instead of the 917th FG providing both aircraft, we will provide one aircraft and accompanying maintenance personnel to go to Tucson TDY on a voluntary basis.

### How will this affect deployments?

There won't be more deployments necessarily, but there will be more opportunities to deploy. We will be able to share in what the GSUs are doing. The intent of putting all the A-10 combat power together is to allow the wing to support AEF deployments, which I have already volunteered us to do this upcoming year.

### What is the reporting structure?

The GSUs are organized as fighter groups so they have a group

When you say 442nd FW, how will we differentiate who you're talking about now?

When I say "we, it means the entire fighter wing, including the

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## In memory of...

### Chief Master Sgt. Robert 'Steve' Smith Sept. 21, 1960 - March 21, 2011

Chief Smith was born Sept. 21, 1960, in Plattsburg, N.Y., the son of Robert Elmer and Anna Lois Hughes Smith. He graduated from high school in Sumpter, S.C.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1981 and later joined the U.S. Army before returning to the Air Force. He served during Operations Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn. He had attained the rank of senior master sergeant and was posthumously promoted to chief master sergeant. He was employed by the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical as an engineer and emergency medical technician, with 20 years of service. He enjoyed firearms and his quarter horse.

Survivors include two sons, Joshua, Chance, his parents; a brother, Gary, Berryton; a sister, Lara Tauck; five grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, sent in care of Rumsey-Yost funeral home, 601 Ind., Lawrence, KS, 66044



Pictured here as a senior master sergeant, Robert 'Steve' Smith was promoted posthumously to chief, March 21, 2011.

Dear Firefighters of Douglas, Lawrence County,

On behalf of the men and women of the 442d Security Forces Squadron, I would like to extend our gratitude and a heartfelt thank you. The unexpected and tragic loss of Chief Master Sergeant Robert "Smitty" Smith on 21 March 2011 caught all of us off-guard and unprepared.

The geographical separation of his military family with his Firefighter family proved to be no barrier for your team. In true Chief Smith fashion, each of you went above and beyond to greet every military member with a smile and say "thank you". Chief Smith would always talk about "that great bunch of guys and gals" he worked with in Lawrence. Meeting those "great guys and gals" in person, I would say he was being modest at best.

The remarkable effort to capture Chief Smith's life experiences for all to remember simply can't be measured. Highlighting one's career can prove difficult for most. You fused his civilian and military careers into a memorable presentation of experiences and friendships.

As we remember and honor our fallen hero, each of you is a part of that memory.

Sincerely,  
DAN R. DIERCKS, Major, USAFR  
Commander, 442 Security Forces Squadron

### 'A MESSAGE TO AMERICA'

WRITTEN TO CHIEF SMITH, BY HIS MOTHER,  
ANN SMITH, PRIOR TO A DEPLOYMENT

You can't run away – be ready to stand,  
Be ready to fight! Defend our great land,  
The faith in your heart will help make you strong,  
You can't change the world, you can't right the wrong.

Don't listen to those who say not to go,  
You must make your stand against every foe,  
You have to believe or else you will fall,  
Put your armor on and always be strong,  
Encompassed around with angels of light,  
You'll finally win, be ready to fight.

You first have to have, before you can give,  
You may have to die, before you can live,  
You first must obey, before you command,  
Leaders are made by taking a stand,  
If what you believe is based on the right,  
You'll finally win – be ready to fight.

If you just believe, then you won't fall,  
You're never alone – no matter how small,  
The faith in your heart will help keep you strong,  
You must take your stand; you're never alone.

Don't want you to go, just want you to stay,  
You'll be in our hearts while you are away,  
We're proud of you now and always will be,  
But sometimes you must fight just to stay free.

And those who stay home may feel so alone,  
They need all of us to help keep them strong,  
Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might,  
Put on your armor – be ready to fight.



COL. CHRISTIAN G. FUNK  
476TH FG COMMANDER

## New commander takes charge of 476th FG

by Airman 1st Class Jarrod Grammel  
23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Col. Gregory Eckfeld passed the guidon to Col. Christian Funk during a change of command ceremony for the 476th Fighter Group May 7.

The passing of the flag symbolizes responsibility being passed from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander.

"Colonel Funk is a warrior," Colonel Eckfeld said. "He has a great resume of combat experience and has worked with special operations. He is a pillar of rock solid integrity."

Before arriving here, Colonel Funk was the deputy commander and director of staff for Joint Special Operations Command, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Col. Gary Henderson, 23rd Wing commander, and Col. Eric Overturf, 442nd Fighter Wing commander, attended the ceremony. Distinguished guests from Moody and the local area also attended.

"The 476th Fighter Group is running smoothly," Colonel Funk said. "I want to carry on the impact Colonel Eckfeld has had."

During his time as fighter group commander, Colonel Eckfeld helped the 476th foster a unique relationship with the 23rd WG. The two units share facilities and equipment in what is known as total-force integration.

"The 476th FG is the model for total-force integration," Colonel Overturf said.

"They work seamlessly with their active-duty counterparts to complete the Air Force mission.

"The Reserve Airmen bring experience, while active-duty Airmen bring full-time force," he added. "They work together to share the mission and increase combat capability. The relationship between the 476th FG, 23rd WG and the community is the best I have ever seen."

The outgoing commander, Colonel Eckfeld, has been with the 476th Fighter Group since its beginning.

"It's a sad day," Colonel Eckfeld said. "Leaving is bittersweet. The 476th has grown from five to 240 Airmen. My focus was building it up, and Colonel Funk will take the 476th FG from initial to operational capacity.

"You cannot do the mission without the people," he added. "It has been an honor to serve with them."

The 476th FG was activated in 2009 and has shown that total force integration can work.

PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DOUGLAS ELLIS | Command  
Col. Eric Overturf speaks to troops of the 476th Fighter Group during the change-of-command ceremony, May 7.

# 442ND PHOTO ALBUM

PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KENT KAGARISE | ORE

(Below) Maintainers board a bus after placing their mobility bags on the truck during the operational readiness exercise, May 14.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANIELLE WOLF | POST-FLIGHT

(Above) Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hankins, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, and Maj. Lee Saugstadt, A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, 303rd Fighter Squadron, discuss the flight after "Sausage" lands, May 14.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANIELLE WOLF | MOBILITY BAG

(Right) Senior Airman Deshawn Stallworth, 442nd Civil Engineers Squadron, goes through a mobility-bag inspection during the ORE.



Congratulations to the following award winners for the first quarter!

Senior Airman Equallia Love, 917th Maintenance Squadron, Airman of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bousman, 442nd Security Forces Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Senior Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Chaplain (Capt.) Benjamin Hayden, 442nd Fighter Wing, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANIELLE WOLF | GOLF

(Left) Col. Eric Overturf, 442nd FW commander, Mrs. Karla Overturf, Col. Michael Wood, 442nd Maintenance Group commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Allan Sturges, 442nd FW command chief, compete in a golf scramble April 29 at Royal Oaks golf course. The event was a fundraiser for the Whiteman Base Community Council.

PHOTO BY 1ST LT. TYLER SHIPMAN, 303RD FIGHTER SQUADRON A-10 PILOT | WRIGHT FLIGHT

(Below) A student from the Wright Flight of Missouri program prepares for a flight sponsored by the 303rd Fighter Squadron, May 5. Several members from the 442nd FW participate in the WF program.



# 442nd Dental Flight: Fit to bite

By Senior Airman Wesley Wright



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN TRACY BROWN  
**Staff Sgt. William Marcum, 442nd Medical Squadron Dental Flight, takes an X-ray.**



**Maj. William Trout, 442nd MDS, performs a dental exam.**



**Master Sgt. Pamela Doherty, 442nd MDS, works at the dental clinic reception desk.**

Good dental health goes a long way – all the way across the globe and back – to be precise.

The 442nd Medical Squadron Dental Flight personnel make sure Citizen Airmen, whether serving here, going through an operational readiness exercise, or actually deploying, are medically sound to support the mission overseas.

An ORE is something most 442nd reservists are familiar with by now.

**Lt. Col. Paul Smith**, commander of the 442nd Medical Squadron, is in charge of making sure the processes and checks are in place to ensure reservists are ready and fit to deploy.

Prior to an ORE, the medical squadron receives a “prepare-to-deploy” order; the players are identified; medical records are screened and final checks are done at the wing assembly area.

With so much going on, it’s no wonder things speed up at the dental flight.

“Two to three weeks prior to an ORE, the workload increases significantly for several people,” Colonel Smith said. “The mission here is about prevention as opposed to a deployed environment where the focus shifts to treatment and prevention.”

One such deployment happened for some 442nd Dental Flight members in April 2010, when reservists deployed to Alaska in support of Operation Arctic Care. OAC 2010 brought medical and dental care to 12 remote villages, 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska.

**Staff Sgt. Brandi Meyer**, 442nd Medical Squadron, deployed in support of the operation. Sergeant Meyer supported the 442nd Fighter Wing mission of training and deploying ready-reservists by ensuring they did not have any dental issues that would prevent them from executing the mission abroad.

The dental flight does this through annual exams that maintain dental classifications on reservists.

“We see 80-100 patients per reserve weekend (leading up to the ORI),” Sergeant Meyer said.

If a reservist is found to have a major dental problem, that reservist is considered class-three.

“Reservists deployed in a class-three status could potentially experience a need for emergency dental treatment during their rotation. The member would most likely be transported to another location to receive adequate care. Their absence could negatively impact the mission with an unnecessary interruption, that otherwise, could have been prevented,” Sergeant Meyer said.

Sergeant Meyer also said the OAC 2010 mission was two-fold: Humanitarian and training.

“(OAC) brought dental care to remote populations in Alaska which normally did not receive dental care. They do not get a lot of nutrients they need or fluoride either, which we have in our water here. The most rewarding part of it was seeing kids learn and applying what they have learned,” Sergeant Meyer said.

Both Sergeant Meyer and **Lt. Col. David Moyer**, commander of the 442nd Dental Flight, described OAC as a positive experience. “Many of the children there were pre-diabetic and overweight. Educating those kids and fixing dental problems such as extractions and fillings was rewarding,” Colonel Moyer said.

The mission was not without its own unique challenges; Colonel Moyer said they were snowed in for six days in an Air Force Armory in Alaska.

“There were blizzard conditions and the Blackhawk helicopters flying us relied on visuals to fly,” he said, “We almost had to take dogsleds on a two-day trip.” he said.

While the focus of the operation was humanitarian aid, it had a training aspect as well, as Airmen were able to hone their skills while helping the local populace. After the operation was over, it was time to head back here to get ready for challenges on base.

Sergeant Meyer also said dental care does not stop at teeth. “Abscesses can lead to cardiac problems or stroke and poor self image,” she said.

Colonel Moyer agreed on the consequences of poor dental hygiene.

“Poor dental health can lead to cardiovascular disease not being able to eat well due to missing teeth, or coronary disease,” he said.

Colonels Moyer and Smith said reservists should focus on two main things when it comes to dental health and their military career: the DD form 2813 (Active duty/Reserve Forces Dental Examination) and annual checkups.

A DD 2813 allows reservists to fulfill their yearly checkup requirement at civilian dentists for two out of every three years. The third year check up is required to be at a military dentist. Annual checkups are required; otherwise the reservist is classified as class-four, or overdue, which means the reservist cannot deploy until they get a checkup.

“If reservists have (a DD 2813) filled out, it could save 20 minutes to an hour on their visit,” Colonel Smith said.

“The 442nd Dental Flight has these forms available,” Colonel Moyer said, “Be aware, and get your checkup done on your birth month.”

Whether it’s doing fillings here or extracting a tooth in the Arctic Circle, the dental flight is fit to bite.

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GSUs. Otherwise, I’ll make sure to say Whiteman, Barksdale, Moody or Davis-Monthan personnel.

### How can I find out if the GSUs are hiring?

As with any reserve position, you can look on Reserve Management Vacancy System, which you can get on through [www.afpc.afrc.af.mil](http://www.afpc.afrc.af.mil). For full-time positions, you can check [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com). Also, we are going to begin directly notifying you of available positions at the GSUs through Whiteman e-mail.

### What are some problems we’re having?

The biggest problems we are having are getting the manning documents straightened out. For example Barksdale was part of a bomb wing and now they’re part of a fighter wing. We have to work on getting documents realigned under the right wing. Also, we are establishing the roles and responsibilities of each person within the wing both at Whiteman and at the GSUs. Two of the GSUs are total-force integration units, who work side-by-side with active duty, so we are establishing the roles with the active-duty units as well as with the tenant-host units. The civilian hiring process can also be complicated. Even when a position needs to be filled and we’ve found the right person for it, it can take a long time to complete the hiring process.

### Why should I care about these GSUs?

This makes you part of the largest fighter wing in AFRC. That comes with benefits of additional opportunities for mobility, potential opportunities for full-time employment for those interested in moving to one of the GSU locations, chance to travel and the chance to share in additional TDYs and deployments. You also can join in the pride of knowing that you’re part of the only reserve unit that provides A-10 combat power support.

# Diamonds: Not just a *girl's* best friend

By Tech. Sgt. Kent Kagarise



Being a first sergeant is the most incredible position. It's not a job – it's a way of life.

For first sergeants in the 442nd Fighter Wing, there's no such thing as "weekend warrior." Whether it's deployments or everyday life, these "diamonds" are tasked with taking care of Citizen Airmen and helping the commanders know what's going on with the people in their squadrons.

Several first sergeants in the wing have recently experienced a deployment. They were sent overseas to learn how to care for a whole new set of Airmen – ones they hadn't met until they arrived in the area of responsibility – but one who were equally as important as the reservists back at home.

## Serving while deployed

**1st Sgt. (Master Sgt.) Michael Conard**, 442nd Medical Squadron, returned from Bagram Air Force Base, Afghanistan, in May.

When tornadoes destroyed acres of land in Alabama in April, Sergeant Conard had to learn how to take care of a deployed Airman at Bagram whose family had just lost its home.

But Sergeant Conard said he knew just talking to the technical sergeant wouldn't be enough – he had to help the sergeant's family from half a world away.

"From the time of notification to wheels-up was one hour and 42 minutes," he said, "and the look of gratitude on her face was something I'll never forget."

Sergeant Conard said, for him, it was important to reach out to every available

resource he had in order to meet each Airman's needs, which could be in theater or rooted stateside.

"There were times I had to coordinate with the folks back home, get a hold of the chaplains or contact the Red Cross, who are incredible at doing what they do," he said.

**Senior Master Sgt. Todd Sieleman**, 442nd weapons safety technician, was a first sergeant in the wing for four years – until 2011.

"Airmen have to be able to trust their first sergeant," he said. "If they are going to come to them for aid, a first sergeant needs to be fair-minded if he or she is going to counsel effectively in a way that provides the needed guidance."

For these first sergeants, it's more than just the 'diamond.'

"You have to have a servant's heart, and obviously you can't be self-serving, because at the end of the day, it's not about what you'll get out of the job, but what you can provide for others," Sergeant Sieleman said.

**1st Sgt. (Senior Master Sgt.) Angela Bryant**, 442nd Security Forces Squadron, experienced this service when she deployed to Bagram AFB, in 2009.

Although Sergeant Bryant had already completed 16 years of service, which included time as a training instructor, she said she was a little intimidated at the prospect of her first deployment as a first sergeant.

She said she was thankful to find out she would be serving with a security-forces unit – a career field she understood pretty

well.

"Law enforcement has always been a love of mine," she said. "I even served briefly on the Jackson County Sheriff's Department (Jackson County, Mo.), so being with security forces felt right."

Sergeant Bryant said many of the Airmen in her squadron were active duty, and as a reservist, she was a little nervous about how they would take to her. A year after her deployment though, she said the active-duty Airmen she worked with there were some of the most respectful Airmen she has had the privilege to serve with and many of them, she said, have stayed in contact with her.

"It's fulfilling to know I took care of everything to the best of my ability and that they appreciated me enough to still contact me when they have questions," Sergeant Bryant said.

One of the most stressful situations on her deployment came in 2010 when her unit was under insurgent attack for eight hours, beginning at 3 a.m.

"We heard the first explosion and were told it was a pallet that dropped off a fork lift, but we soon realized we were under attack when suddenly gunfire was all around us," she said.

Throughout the night, Sergeant Bryant assisted in making sure the armory was open, ammunition was replenished, and personnel were in key locations. She even drove through the line of fire at times in order to accomplish the mission.

Despite all that, she said, her greatest challenge on her deployment was keeping her troops healthy while working

... Holding that position was truly the best, most rewarding position in the Air Force, and I would encourage anyone to pursue the diamond if they've weighed the responsibilities and find themselves up for the task."

- Senior Master Sgt. Todd Sieleman

16-18-hour days, carrying approximately 100 pounds at times, and living in close quarters with very limited sleep.

Not only was she prepared for all this from her Air Force training, but she said life experiences prepared her for what she was up against.

"You learn what to do and what not to do with every experience," she said. "You have to be a people-person who knows when to listen, when to talk, and you have to understand every situation is different."

Sergeant Bryant said camaraderie with her colleagues – other first sergeants and Airmen – was extremely valuable for her to learn how to do her job better.

"You learn really quickly how to network so you aren't handling a situation by yourself," she said. "I got to know all the first sergeants, which provided a valuable support system."

Sergeant Conard said he did the same thing while deployed.

"The camaraderie among the first sergeants was extremely helpful," he said. "We were a tight-knit group, able to vent and lean on each other for advice on any number of issues – we were a band of brothers and sisters."

He said on-the-job experience is something he found to be crucial to his responsibilities and said the deployment, his first, will benefit him in his everyday life as a first sergeant back with the 442nd FW.

## Skills for the trade

Sergeant Bryant said during her training she remembered being told that being a first sergeant is not something that can be taught; it is a way of life that can be learned only by living the title – and Sergeant Conard agreed.

"The ways we dealt with issues down-range can't be taught in the classroom," Sergeant Conard said, "You adapt and overcome and oftentimes, you have to approach your targets from different angles than you previously expected."

Sergeant Bryant said it's important to maintain visibility among the troops and know that constant interaction with everyone builds trust within the ranks.

"A first sergeant has to be nonjudgmental and aware that there are two sides to every

story," she said. "This job reminds me at times, of when I was a (training instructor) because I'm doing a similar job, but without the barking."

For Sergeant Sieleman, it was about leading by example – one of the greatest qualities a first sergeant can possess – in addition to openness and approachability. He said potential first sergeants must have a drive and desire to be constantly moving forward.

"First sergeants don't have the privilege of having a down day," he said. "In this leadership position, your decisions and responses can affect an Airman's positive or negative mental attitude, and a first sergeant can help make or break an individual's Air Force career. This is clearly not something to be taken lightly."

## Best job in the Air Force

It was the examples of his own first sergeants that initially attracted Sergeant Sieleman to the job, and he said he remembers a time when a first sergeant told him it was the best job in the Air Force.

Sergeant Sieleman said he wanted to be able to have that kind of impact.

"I've had a variety of jobs in the Air Force, but none of them gave me the satisfaction that being a first sergeant did," he said, "I always left unit training assemblies feeling like I had accomplished a lot."

Being a first sergeant is a tremendous commitment – one that Sergeant Sieleman had to give up when his civilian job required more time – and he said he knew he wouldn't be able to be the kind of first sergeant his squadron deserved.

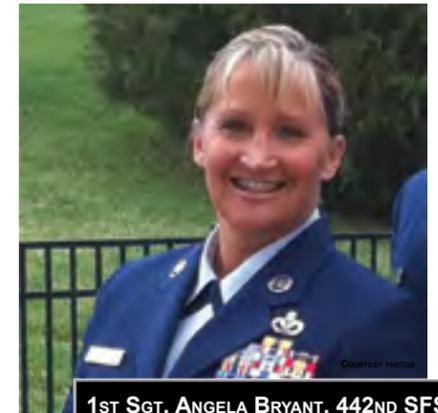
First Sergeants arrive to work a day before reservists to prepare for the upcoming UTA. They also carry a government-issued Blackberry at all times to be available for Citizen Airmen who need help throughout the month.

"When I reflect on the words of my first sergeant years ago, I agree 100 percent with him that holding that position was truly the best, most rewarding job in the Air Force, and I would encourage ever to pursue the diamond if they've weighed the responsibilities and find themselves up for the task," Sergeant Sieleman said.

## First sergeants in this story:



1ST SGT. MICHAEL CONARD, 442ND MDS



1ST SGT. ANGELA BRYANT, 442ND SFS

## One first sergeant hired, another position available

*I'd like to announce that Tech. Sgt. Brian Rohlman, 303rd Fighter Squadron, was selected to be the first sergeant for the 442nd Operations Support Flight. He is a great Airman who has volunteered and selected, to be one of the greatest assets our Air Force has – a first sergeant. I am confident he will do a great job conveying the commander's requirements to the workforce and sharing concerns with the commanders. Congratulations to him!*

*We also have an opening for a first sergeant in the Force Support Squadron. Being a first sergeant is a challenging, and very rewarding position. If you're interested, see your first sergeant or send me an e-mail (al.sturges@whiteman.af.mil).*

*- Chief Master Sgt. Allan Sturges, 442nd FW command chief*

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