



TRAINING AND DEPLOYING READY RESERVISTS IN JUNE 2012

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Mission success in 2012

Halfway there

By Brig. Gen. Eric S. Overturf, 442nd Fighter Wing commander



OVERTURF WITH THE ARMY GOLDEN KNIGHTS PARACHUTE DEMONSTRATION TEAM AT THE WINGS OVER WHITEMAN AIRSHOW, MAY 18. (PHOTO AND ILLUSTRATION BY STAFF SERGEANTS LAUREN PADDEN AND DANIELLE JOHNSTON.)

Well team, we're halfway through 2012, and the 442nd Fighter Wing has already excelled in mission accomplishment from combat operations to safely bringing our people back home.

Supporting Deployments is the wing's top priority for 2012, and that includes our combat deployments as well as the deployments for training that are happening this summer. Many of you will deploy to Hawaii, England or Alaska to practice wartime skills and increase mission readiness. You're also going out and seeing the world – one of the benefits of being in the greatest Air Force in the world!

Our priority to **Prepare for Force Structure Changes** has been complicated by recent congressional action that may change the Air Force plan to close the 917th Fighter Group, a geographically separated unit of the 442nd FW, located at Barksdale AFB, La. I don't know when, or even if, the 917th FG will actually close down, but regardless of what happens, we will continue to prioritize support for the 917th FG personnel and families through this period of transition.

In the process of completing DFTs, DTF and

DTS (yeah...it's confusing to me too), we're also pursuing our priority to **Stand Up an Active-Association**. Active-duty personnel have already begun to arrive at the 442nd FW, and the commander will be in place by the end of July. Active associations are the key to our long-term survival as a unit-equipped fighter wing, and

we welcome the support our active-duty partners will provide in our mission to **Train and Deploy Ready Reservists**.

For those of you at Whiteman, set your eyes on our priority to complete **Successful Inspections**. Our combined unit inspection, or CUI, is coming up in October, and it will require focusing on the less-than-exciting, but more-than-valuable, self-inspection checklists that are going to pull us through this inspection. Many of our medics, administrators, safety specialists, pilots, maintainers and support personnel are working diligently to make sure every detail of their programs are perfected for the compliance inspection, health-services inspection, safety program evaluation, aircrew standardization and evaluation visit and logistics compliance assessment program.

In the process of preparing for these inspections, our first sergeants and supervisors are working with members to make sure family care plans are up to date, part of

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READYING RESERVISTS



Newman is June Tip of the Spear

By The 442nd Medical Squadron

Maj. Brienne Newman is a registered dietitian assigned to the 442nd MDS. When not performing her Reserve duties, Newman is a full-time, pre-med student in Richmond, Va.

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STAND UP ACTIVE ASSOCIATION



Benchmark step toward TFI

By Senior Airman Wesley Wright

The 442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., is scheduled to begin integrating more than 100 active-duty Airmen throughout the wing starting in May.

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TRAIN AND DEPLOY



E-7 + C-4 = Mission Accomplished

By Senior Airman Wesley Wright

No matter what has happened around him, stress, paperwork or even explosions, Master Sgt. Richard Bullock has remained cool under pressure.

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'Arrow heads' around the world

By The 442nd Public Affairs Office

The Kansas City Chiefs are no longer the only organization who uses the KC arrowhead as an emblem of pride.

Add an A-10 to the already-famous red and yellow arrowhead, and you've got the most recognizable logo for the 442nd FW at Whiteman.

This summer the wing is taking the pride of the 442nd FW around the world. The public affairs office is distributing laminated arrowheads to reservists who can then upload their photo to the wing's Facebook page. Some deployments for training this summer include Hawaii, England, Alaska and Tucson, Ariz., all of which will see the most trained and ready reservists the Air Force has to offer.

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Q&A WITH THE COMMAND CHIEF: GETTING TO KNOW THE WING'S SENIOR ENLISTED LEADERS

Chief Master Sgt. James Nudd assumed the position of command chief of the 442nd Fighter Wing, June 1. He was a reservist in the 442nd Safety Office in 2009 and 2010.

Mohawk: Why did you want to return to the 442nd as command chief?

Nudd: When I left the 442nd a few years ago, I looked for other opportunities within (Air Force Reserve Command.) I didn't believe I'd ever have the chance to return home to where I made so many great friends and confidants, but when I saw the command chief position available, I jumped on it. The 442nd was the best assignment in my career, and I'm extremely excited to know I will have the opportunity to finish that career here with some of my best friends and colleagues -- and of course -- the A-10!

Mohawk: What do you think you can offer to the wing?

Nudd: I believe with my diverse background and various joint and associate-unit assignments, I will bring the knowledge and experience to the table to ensure the wing is ready for future taskings and mission changes

in these areas. Preserving our identity and ensuring our viability in tomorrow's Air Force will be key and one of my main focus areas.

Mohawk: What core value have you experienced the most, and how has it shaped your view on life?

Nudd: The Air Force core values have really help guide me through my early military years and career especially when I was that young know-it-all bulletproof

Airman. A wise old chief pulled me aside one day and enlightened me on the Air Force core values and how they would not only benefit my military career but my personal life as well. It wasn't long after that meeting that I realized that the core values really weren't anything more than what my parents and other mentors had been trying to instill in me my

whole life, and they really boil down to just doing the right things, doing them well and being a better person. Of these three I would say Integrity First is the one that's helped guide me and made the most impact on my career as I discovered on several occasions people really come to respect the people they can trust and typically that trust is based on one's integrity.

Mohawk: What do you foresee as the biggest challenge for the wing and how can you help?

Nudd: I have been away from the 442nd for nearly two years -- but from what I know, one of our challenges will be resources. We have to ensure the 442nd has the resources it needs to recruit, equip and train our forces through these budgetary challenges that we're currently experiencing. We also have to ensure our facilities and



The above photo was taken when (then Senior Master Sgt.) Nudd was selected, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the 442nd FW for 2009.

equipment are maintained and modern to meet the needs of our personnel and our mission. These things are key to ensuring we are both a combat-ready and viable force. My first plan is to ensure my visions and goals are aligned with the rest of wing leadership, and when the opportunity presents itself, ensure our elected leadership is aware of our needs and requirements, that we have solid and realistic financial plans, and that projects are in place to sustain our wing well into the foreseeable future.

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Primary AFSC: *AMMO!*

Civilian Job: *AMC Weapons Safety Manager*

Family: *Wife, Kris of 27 years
Kassidi, 19; Alison, 11
Pets: Bella, 2 (yellow lab)*

Last TDY/Deployment: *RAF Lakenheath,*

Hobbies: *Soccer Dad
Motorhead
Avid football fan*

Weaknesses: *Chocolate
Hot wings*

Strengths: *Excellent PT score
Love people*