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A 177th Fighter Wing Airman prepares for the October Operational Readiness Inspection. Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177FW/PA.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

October and Fall: new seasons and the ORI!

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas P. Ganley

In September we get ready to go back to school, and summer is behind us. In ministry life, September is the time to start new programs and begin what's called a "new calendar year."

But what can we say about October?

Here at the 177th we have been working very hard to get ready for the Big operational readiness inspection that will begin this week. This article is one of saying "good job" to all of us who have been training to make this ORI a success.

As Col. Bolton has said: "We are all a team here and one big family. If one fails we all fail."

Yet we should not be concerned about failing, but rather succeeding, and doing an outstanding job. As part of the Wing, your chaplain staff wants you to know that all of us are behind each and every one of you, as we prepare for this very important inspection.

October is a month of cooler weather and change of season, but what are we doing to adjust ourselves positively, and change for the greater good? In preparing for this inspection, when we look over our checklists and get everything ready, are we gearing ourselves up for being a forth-

right player or just going through the motions?

Positive thinking is not only a good idea; it is also a Godly idea. God wants us to be ready through His help and grace, to bring the best out of all of us, provided we have a relationship with Him in our everyday life. We cannot expect to get His Blessings, if we do not walk with Him daily, and live a life that would be favorable in His eyes.

After the ORI is over we will see the success of what we have strived for these past few months. Teamwork requires all of us to make sure we are doing our jobs properly and well.

The course of history has proved that if one is to be successful, one must not only use their earthly talents well, but tap into their Godly sides and ask the Heavenly Father to watch over and direct our outcomes.

Here's to an outstanding evaluation when the ORI is through. To all of us who make up the 177th, please offer a prayer of your own this week; that nothing but an excellent result will be accomplished for all of us.

God Bless You!

BE READY, READ YOUR AIRMAN'S MANUAL

Annual dental exam

The Annual Dental Exam, which is required each year, will be completed by your civilian dentist (exceptions include pilots, anyone new to this base, individuals on class three and those who have never been seen by a wing dentist).

Start by obtaining a DD Form 2813 from the clinic or it is available on the local area network (K:\FORMS\ DD\2800\dd2813.pdf); have your dentist complete the form and return it to the clinic.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello All,

It's Super Bowl Time!

Well this is it...the Big One! I imagine this is how NFL players feel like when they are getting ready to step onto the playing field for the Super Bowl. That same mixture of thrill, excitement and nervousness is being felt by everyone in the unit this weekend. Let me add one more emotion that I'm seeing a lot of as I walk around base: confidence. The same type of confidence I've seen watching great football legends, I'm seeing right now on the faces of every Airmen I run into on this base. The road to the Super Bowl begins months earlier in the pre-season...and is a tough, hard-fought battle. In the same way, our journey to this point has been filled with difficulty and challenges. I'm glad to say that the toughest obstacles have been overcome. Now comes the defining mo-

ment...the result of all that hard work and dedication.

Some NFL teams have a very long history. For a few teams, that history is filled

with great successes and triumphs. The 177th Fighter Wing also has a very long and distinguished history. It is also filled with successes and triumphs. Yet, in a way that is hard to describe, these next few days will be among the biggest in the life of our unit.

For the first time in our history, we are being evaluated in our ability to employ airpower in all arenas, all the while fighting an enemy who will employ chemical weapons against us. You have all worked hard to get to this point, so rely on your training, use the buddy system, and immerse yourself into the "war". As I told you in the Right Start briefings: adhere to the big three of Safety, Compliance, and Sense of Urgency. In the fighter pilot world there is a phrase that relates to sense of urgency and it goes like this: "take your time and kill 'em quicker". Don't ever rush, because rushing leads to omissions and then we compromise safety. Take your time and do things confidently. Also remember my words about attitude and first impressions as they go a long way.

I am really proud of all of you and I am confident in all of your abilities. You have shown you are up to the task and have truly become a professional team of champions! So let's go team...it's kickoff time!

ROBERT C. BOLTON
Colonel, NJANG
Commander



**ORI
is
NOW!**



ORI BEGINS: *Transition Day*

Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177FW/PA



Great start Devils—keep up the Outstanding work!



CONVOY OPS

Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley, 177FW/PA



Security Forces and Civil Engineering banded together for convoy operations on Oct. 3. After receiving a variety of briefings, the two squadrons formed up, checked paperwork, performed weapons checks and headed out. Along the way the 177th Airmen reacted to numerous Inspector General inputs and successfully performed their duties. Mission accomplished Team 177th!



SUPPORT SQUADRON STANDS UP

By Lt. Col. James Garcia, 177FW/FSS



Senior Master Sgt. George Gulya (l), the 177th Force Support Squadron superintendent, reads the official order while Lt. Col. James Garcia (second from left) and FSS Airmen watch as Capt. Gerald Bennett

(right, front) unfurls the new 177th FSS guidon held by Senior Airman Tamikia Hart (third from left). Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley, 177FW/PA

On a crisp morning on October 1, a new squadron guidon was uncased in a simple, but significant, ceremony in front of Building 400.

The event marked the official designation of the 177th Force Support Squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. George Gulya, the 177FSS superintendent, read the official order out loud in front of the assembled officers and Airmen of the squadron. At the same time, guidon-bearer Senior Airman Tamikia Hart brought the colors level to the ground as Capt. Gerald Bennett and David Russo drew back the casing to reveal the new standard. As Hart unfurled the squadron flag, a new era unfolded for the various sections that make up the unit.

The 177th Force Support Squadron consists of Services, Manpower and Personnel, Education and Training, Recruiting, Retention and Family Services. Its mission is to "provide quality services, products and combat-ready, highly-trained personnel to support the missions of the 177th Fighter Wing." Responsible for several Unit Type Codes, it trains and prepares to

deploy teams of individuals and equipment anywhere, anytime to support the war fighting capability of the Air Force.

Sustainment Services is responsible for, among other things, lodging, food operations and fitness...three essential elements of success during any deployment. You may have had a hot lunch during the operational readiness inspection...if so, you took advantage of Services' Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen. Using this self-contained, deployable facility, Services personnel can serve wholesome, nutritious and hot food to our folks under even the toughest of field conditions.

Most of us are familiar with the Manpower and Personnel function of the FSS, especially the customer service desk. If you needed your common access card reset or other emergency customer service during the hectic days leading up to the ORI, then you saw Manpower and Personnel Airmen hard at work.

As a combined element, the 177th Force Support Squadron is here to do what the name implies: Support the Force! 🇺🇸

ORI Safety Message

By Maj. Kyle Lindsay, 177FW/SE

Jersey Devils,
Attitude! Attitude! Attitude!

That's the name of the game. Its game time and ninety percent of what we do now is all attitude. When the IG Team shows up, they want to see a motivated fighter wing that knows how to get the job done and can be counted upon to execute the Air Tasking Order provided by the COCOM. We know our jobs. We know how our piece fits in the grand scheme of things. We know how to win. To me there are four distinct parts of attitude: a positive outlook, a level of effort second to none, a belief in self and others, and the ability to take hits and rebound to success.

First, the way we look at life determines the outcome. Regardless of what is in store for your day, if every day we wake up and expect success we will often create our own success. The enthusiasm with which we approach each day will pay huge dividends. Quote Emerson, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Approach every task with zeal. When approached by an IG team member greet them and prove to them you can get the mission done.

Next, the level of effort that you give is the level of satisfaction that you receive. Those things that I applied myself and my efforts toward are the things that when I look back on my career are the things that stand out the most.

Thomas Jefferson: "I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." I am truly inspired by the level of effort that many of the Jersey Devils have put forward leading up to this inspection.

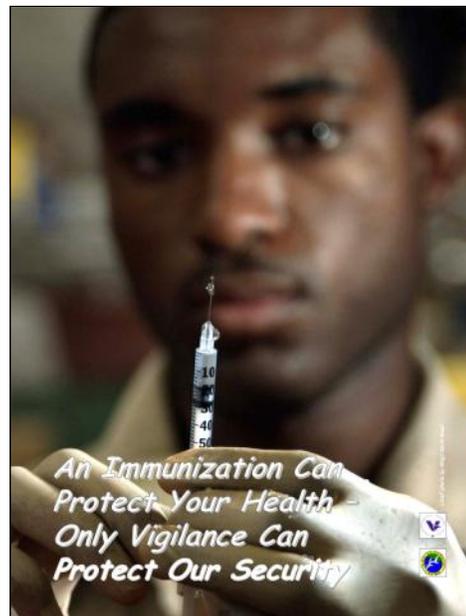
Moreover, believing in yourself and in your abilities will go a long way toward getting an Excellent or an Outstanding. Those who believe in themselves, display self confidence and self-esteem and create the aura that becomes a winning team. Lou Holtz repeatedly stated, "I can't believe that God put us on this earth to be ordinary." I can't believe that to be the case either.

Last, adversity is catalyst for innovation. Just because we falter, does not mean we have failed. Always look at failure and problems as blessings in disguise. Positive people see problems as opportunities. You never know where it will lead you. Do not give up.

Bear Bryant, one of the top ten coaches of all time, said, "Never quit. It is the easiest cop-out in the world. Set a goal and don't quit until you attain it. When you do attain it, set another goal, and don't quit until you reach it. Never quit." Never stop looking for solutions. Bounce back, recover, and press on! Great character is not created during easy times, great character is born from adversity.

Proverbial Safety Pitch: If there is a real world emergency, 6911 immediately call and begin performing self aid and buddy care as required. Call a "Knock It Off" if you believe that a hazardous condition still exists or continues to be a safety concern for other exercise participants. Perform constant buddy checks, be on the look-out for all threats, and we will all succeed together.

The time is here. The ORI is now.
Mission Always; Safety First. 🇺🇸



**If you have an
OPSEC question,
contact Capt.
Memmelaar at X6206.**

ELECTION TIME: Political activities and you

From the 177FW/JAG

The Department of Defense encourages all military members and civilian employees to fulfill their civic obligations. Everyone is encouraged to register to vote, study the issues and candidates, and ultimately vote.

Military members should be aware of what constitutes political activity and how their ability to participate in political activities may be restricted. This is especially important in the coming months during the various political campaigns. Below is a brief overview of regulations for participating in political activities as a member of the Armed Forces.

Department of Defense defines "partisan political activity" as any "activity supporting or relating to candidates representing, or issues specifically identified with, national or State political parties and associated or ancillary organizations."

General Guidelines-These apply to all members of the Armed Forces, including traditional guardsmen and federal technicians:

You may not:

Participate in political activities while in uniform or wearing any other item that identifies the 177 Fighter Wing, the Air National Guard, the United States Air Force, or the United States Military.

Participate in political activities while on duty

Use government facilities and/or resources in furtherance of political activities.

Use government owned or leased vehicles or any other equipment including the communications network in conjunction with political activities.

Use official title to be used in conjunction with political activities.

Engage in any activity that would imply Air Force endorsement or implies its supports in participation political activity

Use his or her official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, or solicit or require political contributions from others.

All members may:

Register, vote, and express opinions on political candidates and issues (but not as a representative of the Armed Forces).

Make monetary contributions to a political organization.

Attend partisan and non-partisan political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Promote and encourage other military members to exercise voting rights, if such action does not attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election.

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.

Serve as an election official, if such service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while out of uniform, and has the prior approval of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot.

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper while not acting in an official capacity expressing personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an or-

ganized letter-writing campaign.

Display a political sticker on a private vehicle.

Communicate with his or her elected representatives.

Special Rules for Active Duty members:

Active Duty is defined as full-time duty in the Active Military Service of the United States without regard to duration or purpose, including: full-time training duty, annual training duty, attendance at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned or National Guard Duty.

You may not:

Fundraise

March in a partisan political parade

Serve in any capacity of a partisan political club

Participate in organized effort to provide transportation to the polls if organized by partisan political party or candidate

Speak before a partisan political gathering

Be a candidate for, or hold, civil office except as authorized below.

Enlisted members on EAD may seek and hold nonpartisan civil office as a notary public or member of a school board, neighborhood planning commission, or similar local agency, as long as the office is held in a private capacity and does not interfere with the performance of military duties.

Officers on active duty may seek and hold nonpartisan civil office on an independent school board that is located exclusively on a military reservation.

Traditional Guardsmen:

As long as the member is not serving on extended active duty (EAD), enlisted members and reserve officers may hold partisan or nonpartisan civil office if the office is held in a private capacity and does not interfere with the performance of military duties.

If you need advice on a particular situation, contact the base legal office, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Building 400, Room 161, ext. 6059. 

Always render proper military courtesies



The 177th Fighter Wing Inspector General



Lt. Col. William Fong

I am the "eyes and ears" of the Commander and am here to listen to your concerns about perceived violations of statute, regulation, command policy, or fraud, waste and abuse. I will initiate the appropriate actions to address the issue.

My office is located in building 137 and I can be reached during drill weekends at:

**Office: (609) 677-6724 or
anytime by cell: (609) 335-8917**

PROGRAMS PROMOTED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

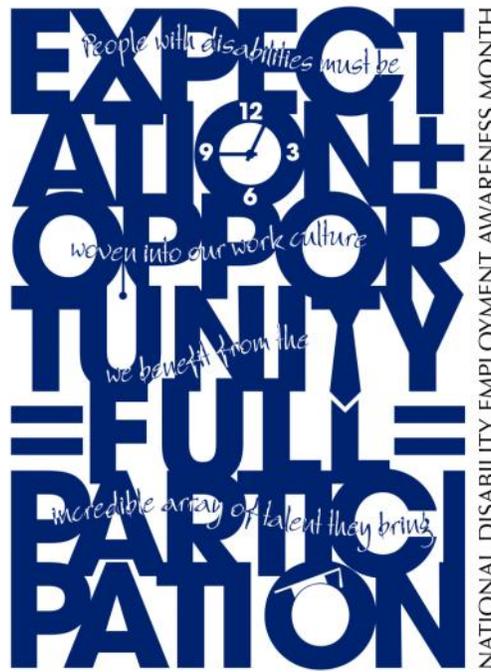
By 2nd Lt. Gina M. Vaccaro, Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and Air Force officials want to ensure every Airman is aware of the ongoing efforts to support people with disabilities.

During this month, the Air Force hopes to increase awareness, promote opportunities for employment candidates with disabilities and become the model equal opportunity program for the Department of Defense.

The Air Force uses observances such as the Disability Employment Awareness Month to highlight and educate employees and managers on issues related to hiring, accommodating, developing and retaining employees with disabilities.

It wants to fulfill its commitment to reach the DoD's goal of having two per cent of the federal workforce be composed of people with significant disabilities (defined as the nine targeted disabilities: deafness, blindness, missing extremities, partial paralysis, total paralysis, convulsive disorders, mental retardation, mental illness, and distortion of limb/spine).



The Air Force participates in the Workforce Recruitment Program for college students with disabilities, a resource for employers to find candidates for temporary employment which may lead to permanent employment.

Officials with DoD and the Department of Labor co-sponsor this program that provides fully-funded summer hires to DoD and other Federal agencies.

Further, Air Force officials established the People With Disabilities Working Group whose goal is to find ways to refine and focus programs for people with disabilities. These efforts have earned them DOD recognition.

In 2007, the Air Force was given the secretary of defense trophy for the "Best Military Department" for having the outstanding affirmative action program in the employment of people with disabilities.

By highlighting these programs and finding ways to improve them, officials hope to accelerate efforts toward finding solutions that will open doors to employment for more people with disabilities.



OCTOBER

Reap the benefits of Diversity Education in our actions with others

- ✓ Observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- ✓ Support diversity in recruiting

Uniformity is not nature's way; diversity is nature's way.

Vandana Shiva



NEWS AIRMEN CAN USE

Compiled by the 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office



177th Command Chief Master Sergeant Vacancy

The 177th Fighter Wing will be selecting a new Command Chief Master Sergeant.

The initial length of tour will not exceed four years. A selection board, which is chaired by the installation commander, will be convened on Nov. 12. The selected applicant will report directly to the wing commander and be part of the wing staff.

The following information and guidelines are provided for applicants:

The position is open to traditional guardsman only - chief master sergeants or senior master sergeants eligible for immediate promotion to chief master sergeant.

Qualified applicants must possess a proven ability to effectively communicate with subordinates, peers and superiors.

Candidates will submit a package containing a minimum of a current record of Individual Personnel, a current FIT test certification, a resume outlining all work experience and personnel achievements/education, and a letter of intent. All packages will be submitted directly to the Wing Commander's front office personnel no later than close of business Oct. 30.

At the completion of the tour, the individual selected may be carried as excess or over grade for a maximum of 24-months. To prevent loss of proficiency and for compatibility, command chiefs must return to their awarded specialties at the end of their tour and cannot be excess to the position.

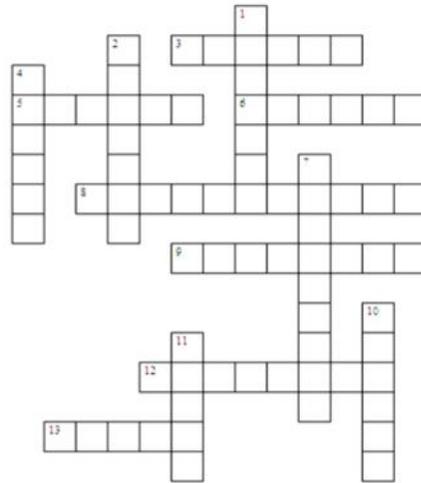
For a summary regarding desired command chief master sergeant qualities, see ANGI 36-2109, Attachment 2.

The individual selected for this position will be assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing. In accordance with ANGI 36-2101, Wing command chiefs cannot be assigned to units where any family member is assigned. If you have a family member in the Wing, you will not be considered for the position. This condition is not waivable.

If you have any questions regarding this vacancy announcement or the position in general, contact Chief Master Sgt. Jack Dever at 609 677-6785.

CONTRAIL CROSSWORD BY SSGT MATT HECHT

Famous Names and Planes



ACROSS

- 3 Prior Airman Who Made Us Laugh
- 5 Airmen on the Moon
- 6 Airman Turned Martial Arts Master
- 8 Before Trek was in the USAF
- 9 Bombers Off Carriers
- 12 Father of the Air Force
- 13 Twin Engine Bird

DOWN

- 1 Dirty Harry, Former Airman
- 2 Pigs Fly
- 4 Largest In The Fleet
- 7 Month The Air Force Began
- 10 A Fighting Bird
- 11 First CMSGT of the Air Force

SFRC increases grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has increased the amounts of family and business grants up to \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Both are what are known as TIER I grants. TIER II family grants are also available to New Jersey Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Those who meet these criteria can apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500.

Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers. Contact Mr. Gunning in Building 229 if you are interested in applying. 609.645.6248.

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Airmen, become a Recruiting Assistant and for every person you recruit into the 177th Fighter Wing you earn \$2,000. Logon to <http://guardrecruitingassistant.com/> pick out Air Guard, fill out the application and you are on your way to helping someone make a great career choice and some serious cash for yourself.



November is Native American Month

By retired Tech. Sgt. Paul Connors

How many of you reading the headline above knew that fact? Until recently, I didn't and it wasn't until Capt. David Forrester, one of two officers assigned to the wing's Military Equal Opportunity Office (MEO) brought it to my attention that I even gave the matter any thought.

Like other months of the year that are dedicated to various minority groups to commemorate their contributions to our nation and society, Native American Month has been designated to call to our attention the contributions of the only true "natives" of the North American continent and by extension, the United States.

The plight of Native Americans is well known to anyone who has ever watched a western movie or may have taken a course in the History of the American Frontier. However, until recently, little attention was paid to the contributions made by Native Americans in military service. Movies, such as WINDTALKERS trumpeted the accomplishments of Navaho and Comanche code talkers serving in the United States Marine Corps during the island hopping campaigns in the Pacific and how instrumental they were in confusing Japanese intelligence. But the contributions of Native Americans in the military didn't end with World War II or the code talkers. During World War II, more than 25,000 Native Americans, including 800 women served in all branches of the Armed Forces.

The heroism of the Native American in battle has never been challenged and during World War II, several received this nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor. Of these recipients, the majority were also officers or enlisted members assigned to National Guard units in Oklahoma and other states

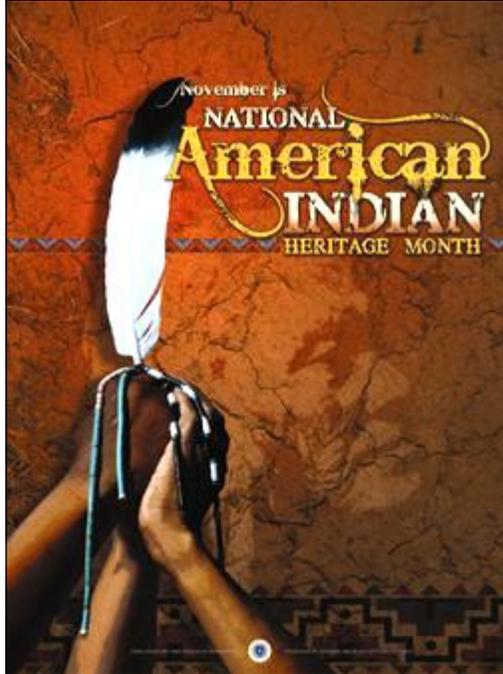
that received activation orders in 1941.

During the Korean War, Native Americans again answered their country's call and several more received the Medal of Honor. They included: Pfc. Charles George, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, OKNG; Captain Raymond Harvey, Company C, 17th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division, and Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

As America entered the conflict in Vietnam, more than 86,000 Native Americans enlisted in the military. Of that number more than 90 percent volunteered, rather than waiting to be drafted.

In the 21st century, more than 35,000 Native Americans currently serve in the armed forces of the United States, including the various reserve components. The first Native American woman to die in combat, Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa was killed in action during the insurgent ambush against the 567th Maintenance Company near Nasiriyah, Iraq.

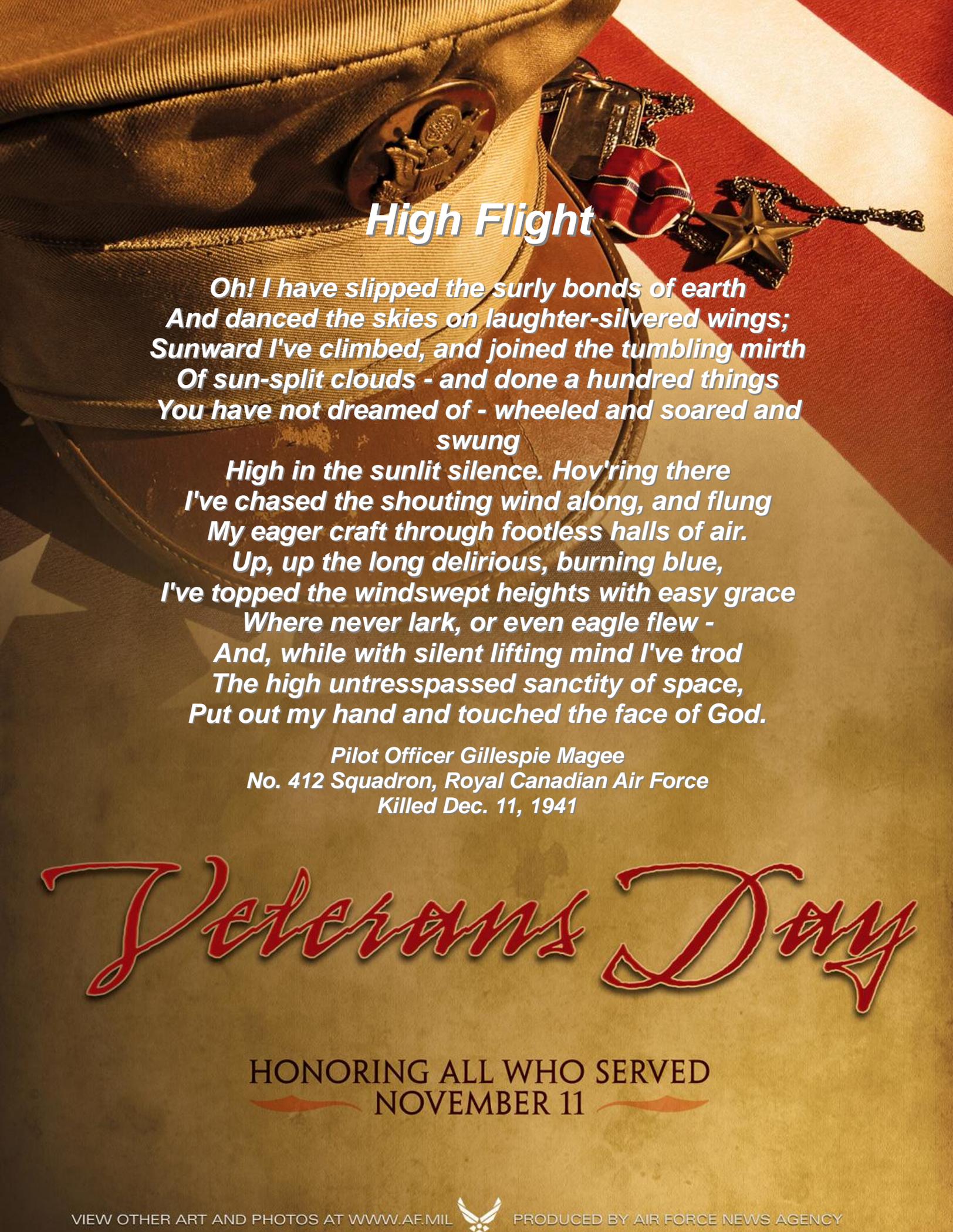
Even though their percentage of the entire U.S. population is fairly low, American Indians have historically volunteered for military service (and combat) at rates three times the national average. Their time on the continent and the geographical area known as the United States exceeds every other immigrant group by a very wide margin. Their legendary battlefield prowess means they provide some of the best warriors in our services. If you could speak to U.S. Cavalry officers from the latter part of the 19th century, most would tell you that they were formidable opponents and some of the "finest light cavalry" to be found anywhere in the world.



In Memoriam *Tech. Sgt.* *Rodger Neumann*

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Tech. Sgt. Rodger Neumann, 177th Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Maintenance Flight, on Sept. 18.





High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and
swung*

*High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untresspassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

*Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee
No. 412 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force
Killed Dec. 11, 1941*

Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
NOVEMBER 11

