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During the month of March we celebrated Women's History Month. I thought it was important that we recognize all the great accomplishments of Women in the military. Women in the U.S. military have always had a "tough road," and we owe a lot to those women who literally broke ground, opened doors, and made the choice of a military career easier for those who followed.

THE FIRST TO RECEIVE MEDALS:

The first, and only, woman to receive The Medal of Honor was Dr. Mary E. Walker, a contract surgeon during the Civil War.

The first woman to receive the Purple Heart was Annie G. Fox while serving at Hickam Field during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

The first woman to receive the Bronze Star was 1st Lt. Cordelia E. Cook, Army Nurse Corps, during WWII in Italy. Lt Cook was also awarded the Purple Heart, becoming the first woman to receive two awards.

Lt. Edith Greenwood was awarded the Soldiers Medal in 1943 for heroism during a fire at a military hospital in Yuma Arizona- the first woman to receive this award.

The first woman to receive The Air Medal was Lt. Elsie S. Ott awarded for her actions in 1953 as an air evacuation nurse.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, the first Director of the WAC, was the first woman to receive The U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal in 1945.

THE FIRST TO FEMALE AIRMAN ENLIST:

Sgt. Esther M. Blake is considered the "First woman in the Air Force" having enlisted in the first minute of the first hour of the first day the regular Air Force was authorized. This took place on the July 8, 1948 at Ft McPhearson, Georgia, where Sgt Blake was stationed as a member of the WAC. By enlisting in the Air Force she became the first WAF- which stood for Women in the Air Force.

FIRSTS IN A VARIETY OF AREAS

Olive Hoskins was the very first woman promoted to Warrant Officer in the Army in 1926

The first WAAC Training Center was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in 1942. The first WAAC OCS class was at Ft Des Moines from 20 July - 29 Aug., 1942.

In July 1993 2nd Lt. Sarah Deal became the first woman Marine selected for Naval aviation training. She received her wings on 21 Apr 1995 and served as a CH-53E pilot.

In 1995 Air Force Academy graduate 2nd Lt Kelly Flinn became the First woman B-52 Bomber Pilot. She was the Distinguished Graduate in her B-52 Training unit.

THE FIRST WOMAN TO ATTAIN GENERAL IN THE USAF

Brig. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm- 1971

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WING COMMANDER



Wow...one year in the seat, and it has flown by (pun intended). When I took command of the 177 FW this time last year, I expressed to many of you that this next year would certainly be filled with many challenges...well that turned out to be a colossal understatement! How many of us would have predicted a mid-summer "Derecho" weather phenomenon, a Super Storm named SANDY that some of you may have heard a little something about and on top of that a current fiscal crisis that would almost make another hurricane a welcome distraction...well, almost!! Oh yeah, and let's not forget about that little obstacle we had to navigate called a Consolidated Unit inspection from the IG that lasted 8 days, and had over 130 inspectors crawling all over our base! Despite these challenges, what is clear as ever from my vantage point is the absolutely fantastic performance and dedication of our men and women in the 177 Fighter Wing. Without exception, I was absolutely mesmerized by the resilience, dedication, determination, and enthusiasm that our folks responded to each challenge. In short, the attitude was contagious.

For many of you, this was just "another day" at the 177 Fighter Wing. But I can tell you that the professionalism and dedication that you demonstrate throughout these difficult challenges is not lost on your leadership, your community, or the nation. Want some proof of this claim? Talk to one of our Public Affairs reps... they will show you that we have news stories and pic-

tures detailing your efforts all over the world! What personally impresses me the most about the men and women of this wing is how many of you respond to

these challenges with such an awesome attitude. I cannot overstate how impressive your attitudes are, despite the many challenges. Even the IG Team commented that they "love coming to ACY because your folks have such a great attitude". Now, I'm not sure that we want to encourage more visits from the IG, but it was pretty nice to hear those comments coming from the inspectors. When I am out and about in the local community, it is quite humbling to have someone express to me how much they appreciate what "we" have done for them, or their community, or the nation. Every time I am out in public in my uniform and someone says "thanks for your service" I take a moment to thank them, tell them how much it means to "those of us" in the uniform, and I also take the time to explain to them that I'm just an old cheerleader and the ones they really need to thank are the young airman...they are the folks out there on-site doing the hard work.

So as I reflect on this past year, and look to the challenges of the next year...and we know there will be many...I am keeping in mind how fantastic the men and women of the 177th respond to these challenges. With that simple fact in mind, it makes it exponentially easier to face these challenges with you all, knowing how tough, determined, and committed our airmen are. When I look to the next year's challenges, I say:

"Bring it...The Jersey Devils are ready!"

KERRY M. GENTRY
Colonel, NJANG
Wing Commander



Col Kerry M. Gentry, Commander, 177th FW (left) presents Col. Bradford Everman, 177th Operations Group Commander (right) with the OG flag during a change of command ceremony on March 10, 2013. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Merlock, 177th FW/PA



THE SPIRIT OF ATLANTIC CITY

PART 2

BY DR. RICHARD V. PORCELLI

Atlantic City's rich aviation history is little known, but this relationship dates back to just a few years after the Wright brothers' first flight. The purpose of this and subsequent articles is to relate the fascinating stories of this close relationship between Atlantic City and aviation.

Continued from Part 1 in the March 2013 Contrail

On May 4, 1943 the Group ran its very first escort mission for a formation of B-17s, including one in which actor Clark Gable was a tail gunner. Again, the Group had no experience in fighter escort, but instead of the unsuccessful large formation tactics, the Group divided into flights of four aircraft, separated by 5 miles, to provide continuous coverage for the bombers. Excitedly, Mahurin spotted a formation of German fighters below stalking an RAF Spitfire, and decided to attack. But he did everything wrong! Rolling over on his back, he put the Thunderbolt in a full throttle dive, forgetting how fast the heavy fighter would accelerate. Rapidly approaching the ground, the aircraft would not respond to his attempts to pull out of the dive (due to the now well known compressibility effect), managing to level out 500 feet below the German formation, and going in the same direction but about 200 mph faster! He could not slow down in time to get behind the enemy but and passed below the German fighters offering himself as an easy target to his intended prey. His aircraft was hit by 20 mm cannon fire, blowing open the ammunition bay on his right wing and a hole in the bottom of the wing while flipping his aircraft upside down in another dive. He managed to right his ship and limp back to base; his aircraft needed an overnight wing replacement.

On July 18 1943, after suffering from a prolonged grounding due to bad weather, Col. Zemke ordered the Group airborne to 'blow out the cobwebs' prior to their next mission. Now Captain Bud Mahurin flew a cross-country flight and upon returning to base, spotted a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber flying at low altitude nearby. According to Mahurin...

"I decided to fly alongside in close formation to give the bomber crew a thrill. For several moments I kept the wing of my fighter tucked in closely, about one foot from the bomber's fuselage, while the crew waved and laughed, and motioned for me to come closer; then I decided to break formation. As I dropped down slightly

I felt the tail of my machine being drawn inexorably into the bomber propellers. Suddenly I felt the propeller cut into my tail."

With total control lost, Mahurin bailed out at 500 feet, just managing to open his chute before he hit the ground a few feet from the crater made by his Thunderbolt. The Liberator limped home on two engines and landed safely. His commander, Col. Zemke, was not a happy man, but not wanting to lose what he thought could become a good combat pilot, fined Mahurin \$100 for the loss of the Thunderbolt, and delayed any further promotion for a year.

Needing a replacement aircraft, Mahurin was assigned the newly arrived P-47D-5, serial 42-8487 – the Spirit of Atlantic City. Initially, upon its arrival in Europe, the words "Spirit of Atlantic City NJ" were removed so that the squadron markings – aircraft identification code UN:M – could be displayed. When asked how he wanted to personalize 'his' aircraft, Mahurin responded that if the people of Atlantic City had contributed his aircraft to the war effort, the least he could do was to recognize that fact, and insisted the "Spirit of Atlantic City NJ" titles be restored. In his words, he "wanted to commemorate the generosity and the patriotism of the people of Atlantic City."



...To be continued in the next Contrail!



New Jersey Air National Guard Master Sgt. Frank Beck, speaks to aeronautical engineering students from Lehigh University during a base tour at the 177th Fighter Wing on April 3, 2013. Beck is a weapons element supervisor assigned to the 177th Maintenance Squadron.

Former unit member, astronaut visits the 177th

Story and Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177th FW/PA

Aeronautical engineering seniors from Lehigh University, Pa., toured the 177th Fighter Wing compound April 3.

Accompanying the students was their professor, Dr. Terry Hart, a former 177th unit member and space shuttle astronaut.

Hart and his students got to check out an F-16C Fighting Falcon static display, and were also given a tour of the engine repair shop and aircrew flight equipment areas.

Hart began his career with the Air Force Reserve, but transitioned to the New Jersey National Guard flying the F-106 in 1973. By 1978 Hart had been accepted into the NASA Astronaut program, and was Ascent and Orbit capsule communicator - the person who communicates directly with the shuttle from Mission Control - for Space Transportation System-1, STS-2, STS-3 and STS-7.

In 1984, Hart flew as a mission specialist on STS-41C Challenger and logged 168 hours in space. That mission was notable for retrieving and repairing the Solar Maximum Satellite, as well as flying with Cinema 360 and IMAX Camera Systems.

Hart retired in 1990 from the Air National Guard as a lieutenant colonel and has been a professor of aeronautical engineering for seven years at Lehigh University, his alma mater.



Aeronautical engineering students from Lehigh University get a close up look at a 177th Fighter Wing F-16C Fighting Falcon during a base tour on April 3, 2013.



New Jersey Air National Guard Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley talks to aeronautical engineering professor Dr. Terry Hart from Lehigh University during a base tour on April 3, 2013. Hart is a former 177th Fighter Wing F-106 Delta Dart pilot, and was also a NASA Space Shuttle Astronaut.



Denim Day 2013

Denim Day is an internationally recognized campaign meant to raise awareness and urge everyone to take a public stand against sexual violence. Community members, elected officials, businesses and students across New Jersey will be participating in Denim Day.

History of Denim Day

In 1997, the Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction. The Chief Judge argued that “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help [the perpetrator] remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex”. Enraged by the verdict, within a matter of hours the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work.

This call to action motivated states such as California and New Jersey to do the same, which began as the Peace Over Violence Campaign in 1998. In 2009, the New Jersey legislature passed a joint resolution making April 28th the official Denim Day in NJ.

Wearing jeans on Denim Day has become an international symbol of support for sexual violence survivors and the movement to end sexual violence.

Annually, Denim Day is celebrated to empower and support survivors who refuse to let perpetrators take control. Take a stand against sexual violence by participating in Denim Day

Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault:

177FW SARC: Capt Toni Memmelaar 609-761-6206 or 609-385-3671

JFHQ SARC: CPT Amy Glatz 609-864-1194

108WG SARC: Lt Col Toni Waters 609-694-9426

The Women's Center, Linwood: 609-646-1180

DoD 24/7 SAFE HELPLINE: 1-877-995-5247

Dr. Cynthia Lischick, State Director of Psychological Health: 609-235-5959

Certified Sexual Assault Advocate Appreciation Day April 24th, 2013

Capt. Toni Memmelaar, 177th FW SARC

The Victim Advocates at the 177th Fighter Wing are a group of volunteers who have made a personal commitment to supporting victims of sexual assault. These advocates are required to go through a great deal of training each year to remain nationally credentialed – all of which is done in addition to their primary job duties in the Wing.

Victim advocates have the duty of responding to sexual assault victims and making referrals for the help they need, whether it be assisting them with going through a medical exam, seeing the chaplaincy, interacting with law enforcement officials, or going through the judicial process. If needed, they are also the emotional support for the victim.

In recognition of the service that the volunteer Victim Advocates provide, the 177th Fighter Wing is observing April 24th, 2013 as “Certified Sexual Assault Advocate Appreciation Day”.

Please take a moment on April 24th to thank your advocates!

Lt Col Roxellen Auletto

MSgt Dorothy Lanthier

MSgt Grant Holway

MSgt Christina Vidro

MSgt Marie Paggi

TSgt Nicole Horn

TSgt Suzanne Knight

SSgt Vanessa Torres-Pagan

SrA Patrick Ireland

SrA Colleen Shea

SrA Stephen Moore

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Victim Advocate and getting nationally credentialed, please see Capt Toni Memmelaar x6206, Bldg. 408, Rm 211 to begin the pre-screening process.

Air National Guard's first female military training instructor named NCO of the year

Story by Capt. Peter Shinn, Officer Training School Student Squadron Commander

4/8/2013 - **MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.** -- The first and only female military training instructor in the Air National Guard is also the first and only Air National Guard member to be named the Air University Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Technical Sgt. Leslie Cummings is an MTI for the Academy of Military Science, the Air Force Officer Training School commissioning program for Air National Guard members.

"It's awesome, and I really appreciate it, but it's really about just doing your job to the best of your ability and maximizing your contribution to the team," Cummings said of winning the award for 2012. "I'm very fortunate to work with such a great group of professionals."

AMS Commander Lt. Col. Reid Rasmussen described Cummings as a "top-notch professional," and said he was not surprised to learn she won award.

"AMS and OTS are fortunate to have people like Leslie," Rasmussen said. "I'm constantly amazed at not only her job performance but everything she's done for Maxwell, as well."

Cummings' contributions to the Maxwell-Gunter community include founding Airmen Against Drunk Driving, known locally as A2D2, which has virtually eliminated drinking and driving incidents among military personnel here. She also is a founding member of the Guard and Reserve Network, or GARNET, an organization that enhances the skills and civilian employment opportunities of Reserve component members.

The Air National Guard advisor to the commander and president of the Air University praised Cummings as an "outstanding Citizen-Airmen" and a premier example of the total force concept.

"Sergeant Cummings is quite simply one of the Guard's very best leaders," said Col. Edward Vaughan, who is also the founder of GARNET. "Her selection as AU's NCO of the year shows that she's one of the very best leaders across the total force as well."

Cummings, who is currently serving on extended active duty, is a member of the California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing, located at Channel Islands.

The wing's commander, Col. Paul Hargrove, congratulated Cummings on her achievement.

"Every member of the 146th Airlift Wing and I are proud of



Leslie's accomplishments," Hargrove said. "We're looking forward to her return to the unit."

Though Cummings is the first Air National Guard MTI and first Guard member to be selected for the award, she said she doesn't see herself as a pioneer.

"I really don't think of myself as a trailblazer," Cummings said. "I've just been given great opportunities that I've tried to maximize as best I could, because I believe every opportunity you're given is an opportunity to set yourself apart in a positive way."



Military & Family Life Consultants conduct Financial Resiliency Workshop

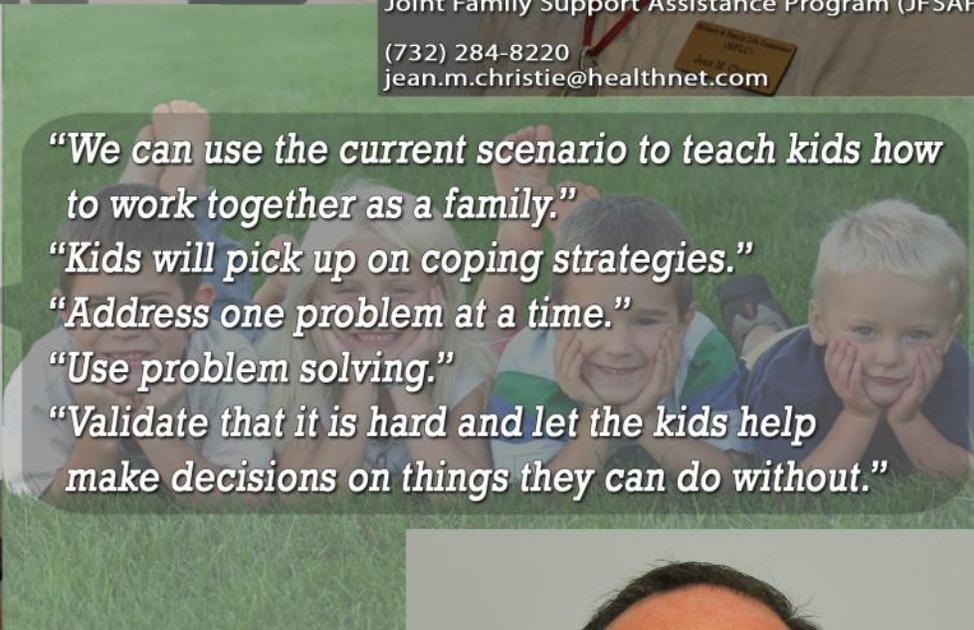
With the sequester looming and so much uncertainty out there, Jeannie Perry, 177FW Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager, decided to bring three experts from the National Guard Military & Family Life Consultant Program to the Wing on March 9th to help. They provide FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to 177FW Unit Members.



“Money is the #1 cause of arguments.”
“Money is the #1 cause of divorce.”
“Understand the emotional value of money.”
“Stay solution focused.”
“Don’t play the “Blame Game””.
“What can we do...what can we cut?”
“Learn Stress management.”



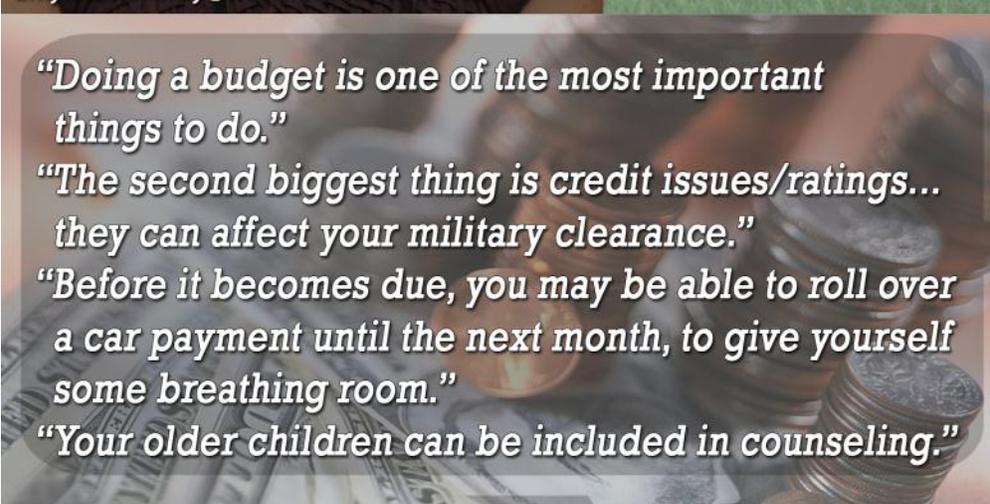
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“We can use the current scenario to teach kids how to work together as a family.”
“Kids will pick up on coping strategies.”
“Address one problem at a time.”
“Use problem solving.”
“Validate that it is hard and let the kids help make decisions on things they can do without.”



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“Doing a budget is one of the most important things to do.”
“The second biggest thing is credit issues/ratings... they can affect your military clearance.”
“Before it becomes due, you may be able to roll over a car payment until the next month, to give yourself some breathing room.”
“Your older children can be included in counseling.”



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Around the Wing



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Randy Freeman installs radio communications equipment (top, right) on Feb. 27, 2013, at Atlantic City International Airport, N.J. Freeman is the NCOIC of transmission systems, 177th Communications Flight, 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177th FW/PA



Members of the 177th Mission Support Group receive their Superior Performer Awards from the 2013 Consolidated Unit Inspection. Courtesy photo.

FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN!

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht, 177th FW/PA



A New Jersey Air National Guard F-16C Fighting Falcon (top) from the 119th Fighter Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing "Jersey Devils," flown by Capt. Brian Bradke, takes off from Atlantic City International Airport, N.J. on March 29, 2013. Two F-16C Fighting Falcons (below) from the 119th Fighter Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, taxi for takeoff during a training mission on Feb 27, 2013. The 177th operates out of Atlantic City International Airport, N.J.



JERSEY DEVILS IN THE NEWS



New Vice Wing CC



Col. John DiDonna, former 177th Operations Group Commander, is the new 177th Fighter Wing Vice Wing Commander. DiDonna is a Command Pilot with over 4,300 hours in the T-37, T-38, F-16A/B/C/D and Boeing 737.

Ops Group Change of Command



Col. Bradford Everman assumes command of the 177th Operations Group on March 10, 2013. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shawn Mildren, 177th FW/PA

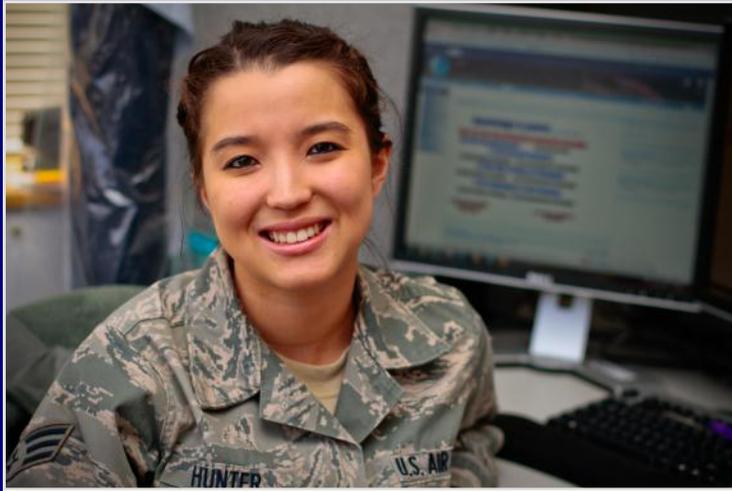
Legion of Merit



Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey (left), presents Col. Patrick Kennedy, 177th Maintenance Group Commander, with the Legion of Merit on March 10, 2013. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Shawn Mildren, 177th FW/PA



JERSEY DEVILS SPOTLIGHT



Name: Senior Airman Jane Hunter
Position: Knowledge Operations Manager.
Favorite Food: Parmesan Garlic Chicken Flatbread.
Favorite Movie: Grease.
Favorite Music: All kinds.
Favorite Sport: I just like going to games.
What I do in my spare time: I'm a mom, so sleep!

My hero is: My mother and father. No matter how hard things got, how difficult things may have gotten, they showed me persistence, love, compassion and understanding is a necessity in life to be truly happy.

Dream Vacation: I heard Spain is pretty nice.

Dream Car: I'm not really into having the most fanciest car but I guess I would pick a Ferrari.

Future Goals: I plan on building up my career with the 177th Fighter Wing, and if all goes as planned I hope to become an officer in the Air Force.

What I like best about the 177th: Our leadership genuinely cares about the unit as people and not just employees. I truly feel like part of a great team.



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FITNESS TIPS

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Mell, 177th Medical Group

With the fair weather upon us and the CUI a recent memory it is time to refocus on our Health as we enter the season many of us will be completing our Fitness Assessment. According to the Princeton Health Care System the biggest reason people suffer injuries is that they try to do too much too soon. If you are a beginner, or just getting back in to it after an inactive winter, take it easy and remember that it is much easier to prevent an injury than to treat one. Above all, it is important to stretch, adequately perform a light warm up/cool down, and hydrate throughout your exercise. It is more difficult to injure a muscle that is stretched and strong than a muscle that is weak and tight.

As you begin to exercise there are a few pointers to keep in mind. It is important to note that muscle growth occurs when your muscles are stressed. On the same token you must allow significant rest to help prevent injury. There are two forms of injuries to watch out for:

1. Traumatic, or something that happens suddenly. You may feel a pop or sharp pain (ex. Bumps, bruises, strains, and sprains).
2. Overuse, when your body wears down over time without proper rest. You may feel a minor pain at first. This will increase over time and may become unbearable (ex. Runners knee, tennis/golf elbow, shin splints, etc...).

If you feel achy or become injured it is important to remember R.I.C.E.:

- Rest
- Ice to decrease pain and swelling
- Compression, wrap the injured area with a damp bandage
- Elevate the injured area to minimize swelling

Be sure to check with your primary care physician if you are unable to shake the discomfort within a few days. If you have any questions concerning what you can do for your AF Fitness Assessment (FA), please first contact your Unit Fitness Program Manager or Physical Training Leader. Check back next month for specific pointers on how to strengthen your core, improve your run times, and max out the strength portions of your FA.



Holocaust Days of Remembrance

April 7-14, 2013

The 2013 Days of Remembrance invite us to look back 75 years at the events of 1938 and examine how citizens and countries responded to signs of impending war and the Holocaust.

In the pivotal year before Nazi Germany invaded Poland and launched World War II, intervention could have saved many lives. Why did so many fail to respond to the warning signs and what lessons do their actions hold for us today?

NEVER AGAIN
heeding the warning signs



Austria, ca. 1938: A woman sits on a park bench marked "For Jews Only," after German authorities implemented anti-Jewish laws. *US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of The Wiener Library*

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THE PERIOD OF FURY
20
YEARS
1938

***Recent graduates from McGhee Tyson NCO
Academy on 4 Apr 2012.***

***Alicia Balsiero, FM
Colleen Ryan, LRS
Christopher Donohue, ASOS
Raymond Wayne, CES
Michael Sears, CES
David Niedzwiadek, CES
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Anthony Gonzalez, AMS
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Mark Paranto, MXG
Ralph Salvina, AMS
Peter Borchester, AMS***





U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bryan Hicken preps an F-16C Fighting Falcon piloted by Lt. Col. Thor Himley for takeoff on Feb. 27, at Atlantic City International Airport, N.J. Hicken is a crew chief assigned to the 177th Maintenance Squadron, and Himley is assigned to the 119th Fighter Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing "Jersey Devils," New Jersey Air National Guard. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht