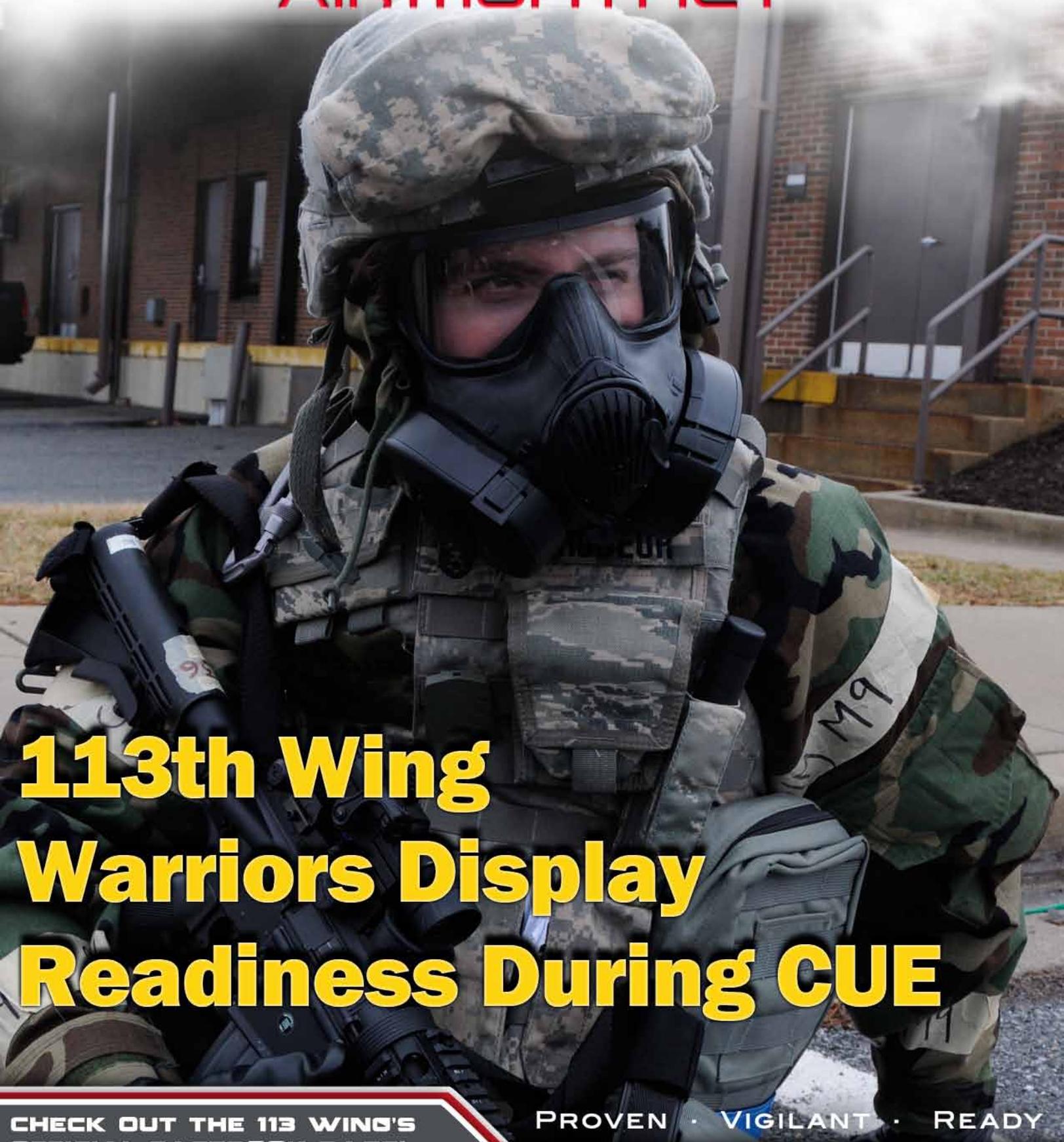


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# UTA Training and Event

## Message from the Wing Commander

By **Brig. Gen. Marc Sasseville**  
113th Wing Commander

Guardians,

I can't believe it is already drill again. I had a great time in the February exercise, and I hope you did too. I'm not joking! It is a whole bunch of smart/hard work, and we don't get that many chances throughout the year to work this closely as one big team. It truly is great to see you all rise to the challenges placed in front of you. It's very rewarding to learn, to continually improve our trade craft, and I thank you all for attacking the exercise scenarios with such a great attitudes. We learned a great deal in Feb, and we'll continue to practice key elements until June.

Speaking of the inspection, I am almost certain you have gotten the word that the scope of our Consolidated Unit Inspection has changed. We will still be taking an inspection, but it has been reduced to a Phase 1 only--we will not do the Phase 2 half. The factors that drove us to this point were 1) a reduced amount of flying hours (for the big, little, and pointy airplanes) in the month of March (which negatively impacted ops' ability to prepare, let alone maintain readiness), 2) the uncertainty in the national fiscal picture and potential furloughs (I'll come back to that), 3) less money in the ANG to support inspection preparation, 4) the tremen-

dously long time since we've had a Phase 1 inspection, and 5) less money in ACC's (read IG) travel budgets. So the bad news is that we don't get to show off our Phase 2 skills in front of the IG, the good news is that we can focus on an even greater challenge and target an 'Excellent' rating in a Phase 1 scenario.

Back to the potential furloughs--by the time you read this, the full timers will hopefully have received a briefing from HRO on the DCNG's implementation plan. There is still a large amount of confusion, largely attributable to the large amount of memos, statements, and briefings that are flooding the market. DoD has put out guidance, and so has the AF, AFDW, CNGB, NGB, and DCNG, just to name a few that are in our area of operations/chain of command. So please be careful when you read something--pay close attention to the words, who is doing the talking, and who their intended audience is--words are important. The bottom line is that I encourage those of you who are affected to continue to prepare, ask all the questions you have, and stay focused on the mission.

March UTA priorities are 1) Phase 1 prep, 2) Medical and dental readiness, 3) Prayer breakfast and everything else. Have a great March UTA, I appreciate your service to the country, and thanks for all you do!

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## Commander's Action Line

The Commander's Action Line gives all Airmen a direct link to the 113th Wing commander for any questions or suggestions regarding the 113 WG.

The action line can be used to express constructive points of view on the policies and procedures of the wing, as well as discuss safety and security issues. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response.

Airmen should use this tool after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, first sergeants or commanders. If you're not satisfied with the response or are unable to resolve the issue, e-mail the action line at [113WG.CAGL@ang.af.mil](mailto:113WG.CAGL@ang.af.mil).



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# Andrews kicks off Air Force Assistance Fund campaign

By Staff Sgt. Torey Griffith  
11th Wing Public Affairs

Stars and Stripes filled the Distinguished Visitor's Lounge as senior officer and enlisted leaders from around the installation gathered to kick off the 2013 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign here, highlighting the importance of "Airmen helping Airmen."

The AFAF was established more than 70 years ago as an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to any member of the Air Force family--active duty, retirees, reservists, guardsmen and their dependents, including surviving spouses--in need.

"The Air Force Assistance Fund is unique among charities in that it focuses solely on current and former Airmen and their families," said Lt. Col. Jason Wollard, Joint Base Andrews AFAF project officer. "Through AFAF, we have the opportunity to be that wingman to surviving widows and widowers, spouses, and eligible Airmen and family members in need. It is our honor to be able to extend a helping hand to those in our Air Force family who may be facing tough times."

Team Andrews members may choose between four charity organizations: The Air Force Aid Society, which grants around \$20M each year to some 40,000 Airmen and family members; the Air Force Enlisted Village, which provides more than \$1.1M annually to the spouses of current and former enlisted members; Air Force Villages (AFV), which cares for the widows and widowers of officers; and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation (LEMAY), which cares for widowers and widowed spouses whose incomes fall below the poverty line.

This year's campaign runs from March 18 through April 26. AFAF representatives from each unit aim to offer every member the chance to donate. Cash in any amount is accepted and encouraged, as are donations by check or payroll deduction. Anyone may help Airmen, regardless of their mili-



Air Force senior leaders come together to kick-off the 2013 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign at Joint Base Andrews, Md., March 4. AFAF raises funds for charitable affiliates that provide support to Air Force families in need. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Airman 1st Class Aaron Stout)

tary status--active duty, reserve, Air National Guard, retiree, civilian, contractor. All that is required is the desire to help.

"Donating to AFAF is really easy," said Master Sgt. Russell Foley, assistant project officer for Joint Base Andrews' 2013 campaign. "For my donation, I visited <http://www.afassistancefund.org/fund/form.cfm> and filled out the contribution form online. I printed it, signed it, added my social, and e-mailed it to my unit POC. It took less than two minutes to complete and I know the donation will help my Air Force family."

To inaugurate the 2013 AFAF campaign, the 11th Wing is slated to host a two mile "fun run" on March 18, which begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Military Personnel Flight track. All Team Andrews members are welcome to participate. Donations to any of the four AFAF charities will be accepted at the start/finish line.

"The success of Air Force Assistance Fund depends on the willingness of Airmen to take care of their own," said Wollard. "Any donation, no matter how great or small, makes a difference."

# Montana Citizen-Airman named enlisted advisor to chief, National Guard Bureau

By Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill  
National Guard Bureau

Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell Brush will be the next senior enlisted advisor to the chief of the National Guard Bureau, Army Gen. Frank Grass announced Wednesday.

Brush, currently the Montana Air National Guard's state command chief, will be the Bureau's fourth senior enlisted advisor, replacing Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall. She retires in June after three years serving in the highest position ever held by an enlisted woman in the U.S. armed forces.

The senior enlisted advisor advises Grass, who is also a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on all enlisted matters affecting the force, such as training, health and enlisted professional development.

"I'm honored to have this opportunity to represent the enlisted force," Brush said. "There is much that people are unaware of about the sacrifices that our Guard members make every single day: We are police officers, plumbers and teachers in our communities who make a seamless transition to Soldiers and Airmen when our states, territories or nation call."

Prior to assuming his current position in Montana, Brush served as 1st Air Force command chief at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. A true Citizen-Airman, Brush has served as an officer in the City of Billings Police Department for more than 21 years.

He enlisted in February 1987, serving six years with Air Force security forces on the active-duty side before taking a break in service to pursue his civilian police career. He re-enlisted in the Montana Air National Guard after an 18-month break, again serving with security forces.

"We were fortunate to have a number of extremely qualified candidates," Grass said. "It speaks to the excellence and professionalism of our senior enlisted leaders in the states and territories. Chief Brush is going to provide outstanding advice at a critical time when we face fiscal constraints and changing missions."

"He also joins us at a crucial moment as we restructure the National Guard Bureau," Grass added. "It is important we continue to meet the enhanced responsibilities given us as a direct result of the performance of our Guard members since the Sept. 11 attacks."

Brush is married. His wife, Blaire, and he have three sons, Davis, Parker and Cooper.

"My family's been very supportive and they too bring a perspective as a Guard family that hopefully will benefit the enlisted force," Brush said. "All Guard families sacrifice so that our Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen can perform their double duties as civilians and service members."

Chief Brush said he is looking forward to starting his new position in May and ensuring America's investment in the National Guard continues to pay dividends.

"One of my concerns as we work through sequestration is that we make deliberate, well-thought-out changes to our force, not lose the best and the brightest and not hollow out the force," he said. "It is critical that we not lose the extraordinary professionalism and capabilities that the National Guard has achieved in more than a decade of contributing to our nation's warfight."

Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Leonard was the first senior enlisted advisor. He was followed by Army Command Sgt. Maj. David Hudson, who served until Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Denise Jelinski-Hall became the third advisor and the first drawn from the Air National Guard.

# Message from the First Sergeants' Council

By Master Sgt. Elias Sepulveda  
113th Medical Group First Sergeant

Capital Guardians.

As you may know sequestration is amongst us and will be in effect beginning in late April. The 113th WG First Sergeants are here to support and to ensure you know about the resources available to you. A great resource here on base is the 113th WG Airmen & Family Readiness Support, managed by Ms. Seconda "Connie" Moore @ 240-857-9746. She can provide assistance with: financial planning, utili-

ties, groceries, great resources and connections with relief organizations. In addition, the 11th FSS Military & Family Support Center @ 301-981-7087 is also here to assist you. They can help you with: Personal Financial Readiness, Financial Education, Personal Money Management, Financial Planning Classes, Relocation Assistance to include the Military One Source and Transition Assistance. If you are interested in receiving assistance in these areas contact your Unit First Sergeant and/or 113th WG/ Joint Base Andrews Military & Family Support Center.



## March Promotions

**Technical Sergeant (E-6)**  
SSgt Vega, Sonia - 113 MOF

**Senior Airman (E-4)**  
A1C Hedges, Aaron S. - 113 MXS



# *Exercise, Exercise, Exercise* The 113th Wing wins the WAR!

*The February Consolidated Unit Exercise in pictures...*



Staff Sgt. Tristan White, 113th Wing Civil Engineering Squadron, stands guard in Sector Alpha during the CUE. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Hurst)



113th Wing Security Forces members take cover inside a bunker during the CUE. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Hurst)



A 113th Wing Security Forces member watches the perimeter during an active shooter inject during the CUE. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Hurst)



Staff Sgt. William Roberson, 113th Wing Maintenance Group, maneuvers a tow vehicle into position on the flightline of Joint Base Andrews, Md. (Photo by Airman First Class Sumeana Leslie)



113th Wing members process through the CCA processing line after they were 'slimed', AKA they were covered by airborne chemicals. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Hurst)



Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice for District of Columbia, Paul A. Quander, Jr. and Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz, Commanding General, D.C. National Guard, say hello to 113th Wing members participating in the consolidated unit exercise at Joint Base Andrews, Md. on Feb. 22, 2013. The Deputy Mayor toured the 113th Wing, including a brief of the 121st ACA and the 201st Airlift Squadron. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



Maintenance crewmembers from the 113th Wing Maintenance Group recover a returning F-16 Falcon aircraft at Joint Base Andrews Md., February 24, 2013. The Service members are participating in a multi-day combined unit exercise (CUE) in preparation for an upcoming inspection. (Photo by Airman First Class Sumeana Leslie)

# ANG first female MTI named NCO of Year

By **Capt. Peter Shinn**  
OTS Squadron commander

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS)** -- 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.

Tech. 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 Re-

serve 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."

# Safety is critical to mission success

By **Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Thompson**  
113th Wing Safety

Safety during inspections and exercises must be viewed as an aid to maintaining combat capability and not viewed as a hindrance to the mission.

If you see a hazard, correct it. If you cannot correct it, report it to your supervisor or the Safety Office. Practice ORM in all situations. It only takes one moment of inattention or lapse of judgment for a tragedy to occur. Think before you act and don't allow others to take unnecessary risks. Embrace risk management, be an aggressive Wingman, and assure our mission success by protecting our most critical resource: our people. Make safety a mission priority and a personal responsibility.

If you see a situation that jeopardizes the safety of personnel or poses potential damage to equipment, anyone can immediately declare a "knock-it-off/time-out" to prevent the occurrence. When "knock-it-off/time-out" is declared, ac-

tions should stop and the inspector will assess the situation and take appropriate corrective action.

Read and heed the following safety related guidelines. POC is Ground Safety:

1. Inspect your work area and surroundings for obvious hazards.
2. Do not create hazards when setting up shop or relocating; i.e. overloading electrical circuits, blocking egress routes with equipment.
3. Ensure your personnel know how to identify and report any safety related issues.
4. Ensure safety related issues and shop specific concerns are briefed before each shift.
5. Vehicles shall not be backed or parked within 25' of any aircraft unless authorized for operations.
6. A spotter shall be posted when backing a vehicle towards an aircraft.
7. Stay hydrated!

# Tops In Blue star joins 201st Airlift Squadron

By **Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper**  
Editor

The 201st Airlift Squadron recently added yet another to its long list of superstars. Senior Airman Lisa Weiss is the newest flight attendant in the 201st AS, joining the unit after a recent one-year tour as one of eleven female vocalists in the Air Force performance group Tops in Blues.

Airman Weiss is excited to be a part of such an outstanding unit and be able to partner the skills she learned with TIB to her new occupation as a flight attendant.

"The experiences I had with TIB really prepared me to be a flight attendant by learning to be a world traveler. I enjoy travelling and visiting 19 countries and 46 states in a 10-month period taught me to be prepared for anything," said Airman Weiss.

During Airman Weiss' time at TIB, she had many experiences that many only dream of. She performed for the Thanksgiving day parade in Plymouth, Massachusetts; she sang for the troops in Afghanistan on Christmas Day; and one memory that really stands out is performing for the pre-game at Super Bowl XLV.

"We were asked to sing background vocals for Lea Michele (from the television show Glee) and I can't explain the rush of performing in front of over 11 million people. My facebook and phone blew up afterward with congratulations and 'confirmed Lisa sightings' on TV."

Of course with every duty in the Air Force, there are hardships to endure as well. During Airman Weiss' tour with TIB, she often worked grueling 18-hour shifts. She helped set-up and tear-down the stage (all TIB personnel also work as roadies), and found herself working in brutal heat conditions during tours of Iraq in the summer months. However, the rewards she experienced while performing for the troops far outweighed the costs.



"I will never forget singing GOD Bless the USA on the flight-line in Baghdad on July 4th in front of a group of U.S. service members. I had goose-bumps the entire time."

Airman Weiss' new unit is more than happy to have her on board. Col. Sherrie McCandless, 201st AS Commander, is used to working with outstanding unit members, and she knows Airman Weiss will fit right in.

"Airman Weiss will bring a host of skills to the 201st from her previous experiences and we are thrilled to have her join our ranks!" said Colonel McCandless.

As she looks to the future, Airman Weiss is ready for the tasks that will come her way. Besides her tour with TIB, she has experience working in services, including food preparation and customer service training. With her enthusiasm to be a flight attendant, Airman Weiss is headed for great success.

"Being a flight attendant allows me to continue to travel and increase my understanding of international cultures and economics," said Airman Weiss, "It really is a great combination of my current skillset and my future training goals."

## *In Next Month's edition of the PAM...*

- 1. 113th Wing spouse wins NG spouse of the year**
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# Do you have a valid government driver's license?

**By Maj. Byron Coward**  
113th Logistics Readiness Squadron

If you are not sure if you have a valid government driver's license, here is how to find out:

- (1) If you have to think about it, then chances are you do not.
- (2) If it has your social security number on it, then it definitely is not.
- (3) If you don't know your unit Vehicle Control Officer and operate more than a Ford or Chevy, then you should at least be concerned.
- (4) If you have received a new CAC or new civilian driver's license and have not yet seen your VCO, then you may not.
- (5) If you operate a forklift, and have not completed your recertification in the last three years, then you do not.

Government motor vehicles are not just "cars" given to us to do work on base. They are indeed valuable military equipment that allows us to carry out our daily missions. Additionally, it reflects U.S. government personnel conducting official U.S. government business. When you began to think of military vehicles in this perspective, you will understand the capabilities they provide us and the responsibility we all share to operate them in a safe and appropriate manner. Government Vehicle licensing is the keystone to this thought process.

Your government driver's license indicates that when you are at the controls of a military vehicle, you are trained in its uses, capabilities and limitations. When accidents occur in military vehicles, the driver, unit VCO, commander(s), and vehicle operations and maintenance all share in equal responsibility for any damage, mission impairment and deaths that occur. When military vehicles are misused or operated without proper authorization, consequences for all parties mentioned could be career threatening.

That is why it is important that every wing member takes on the individual responsibility to ensure their military driver's license is current based on the following criteria(s):

- (1) CAC expiration date
- (2) Civilian driver's license date
- (3) Three-year, Material Handling Equipment certification date

If/when any one of these cards or certifications expire, then your government driver's license automatically expires.

Your "Request for Driver's Training and Addition to U.S. Government Driver's License" (also known as the AF Form 171) should include all the management codes (types of vehicles)

you have on your government driver's license. (Also known as the AF Form 2293) If you have management codes on your AF form 171 that are not reflected on the government driver's license, then there is no way to verify you were properly trained by trainers unless they are listed on your section's appointment letter.

If you operate a forklift, then you must consult your VCO to discuss you MHE recertification. Currently, recertification must occur every three years. You can complete your recertification online by visiting <http://www.freetraining.com/osha/Soshamenu.htm>.

Currently, the AFI has changed to give four-wheel drive vehicles and 15 passenger vans management codes separate from the BXX1 management code. This is mainly because these vehicles have their own particular characteristics and operating hazards separate from the basic automobile. If one of your assigned vehicles is either a 4X4 or 15 passenger van, then you will be required to have these two separate management codes on your license. If you have been a member of this unit prior to October 2012 and one of these types of vehicles are assigned to your unit, then you will be given these management codes based on the fact that you have operated these vehicles, in the past, safely. Members who have joined the unit after October 2012 must contact their VCOs to obtain training on both vehicles before it can be annotated on their AF 171 and later on their government driver's license.

To receive a new government driver's license, your first step it to visit your VCO. You can either fill out a new AF Form 171 or see if the VCO already has one for you on file. It is important that if you were issued a government drivers license (either here or at another location) then you need to bring it or a copy of it, or maybe a copy of an old AF 171. When you and the VCO have discussed what management codes are on your AF 171, the appropriate signatures must be on the AF 171. When this is done, you are now ready to visit the vehicle operations office to obtain a new government driver's license. If either the management codes or signatures are incorrect, then your AF 171 will have to be sent back to your VCO for corrections.

Please take the time to talk with your VCO regarding your vehicle training, AF Form 171 and appropriate management codes. If you have any questions, please contact your unit VCO first. You can also contact the Vehicle Operations office at 857-1649 or the Vehicle Management office at 857-2504.



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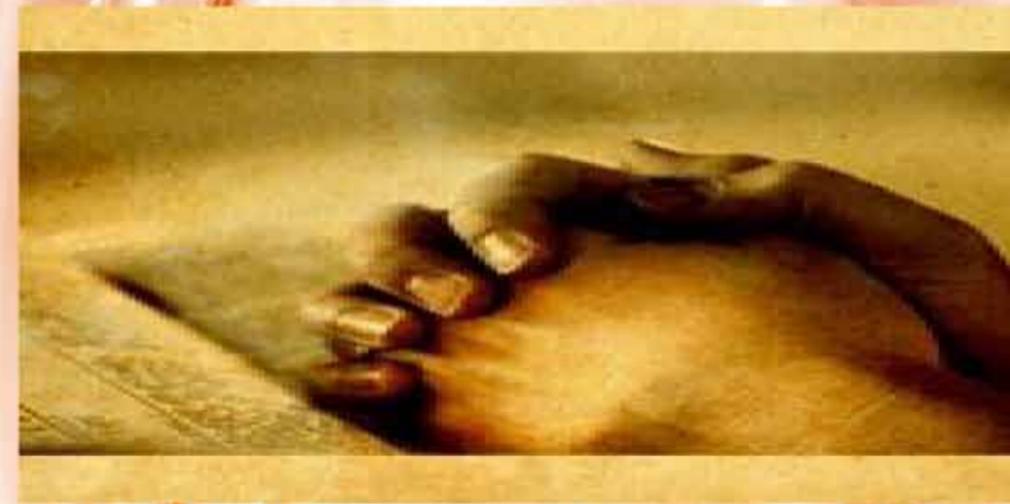
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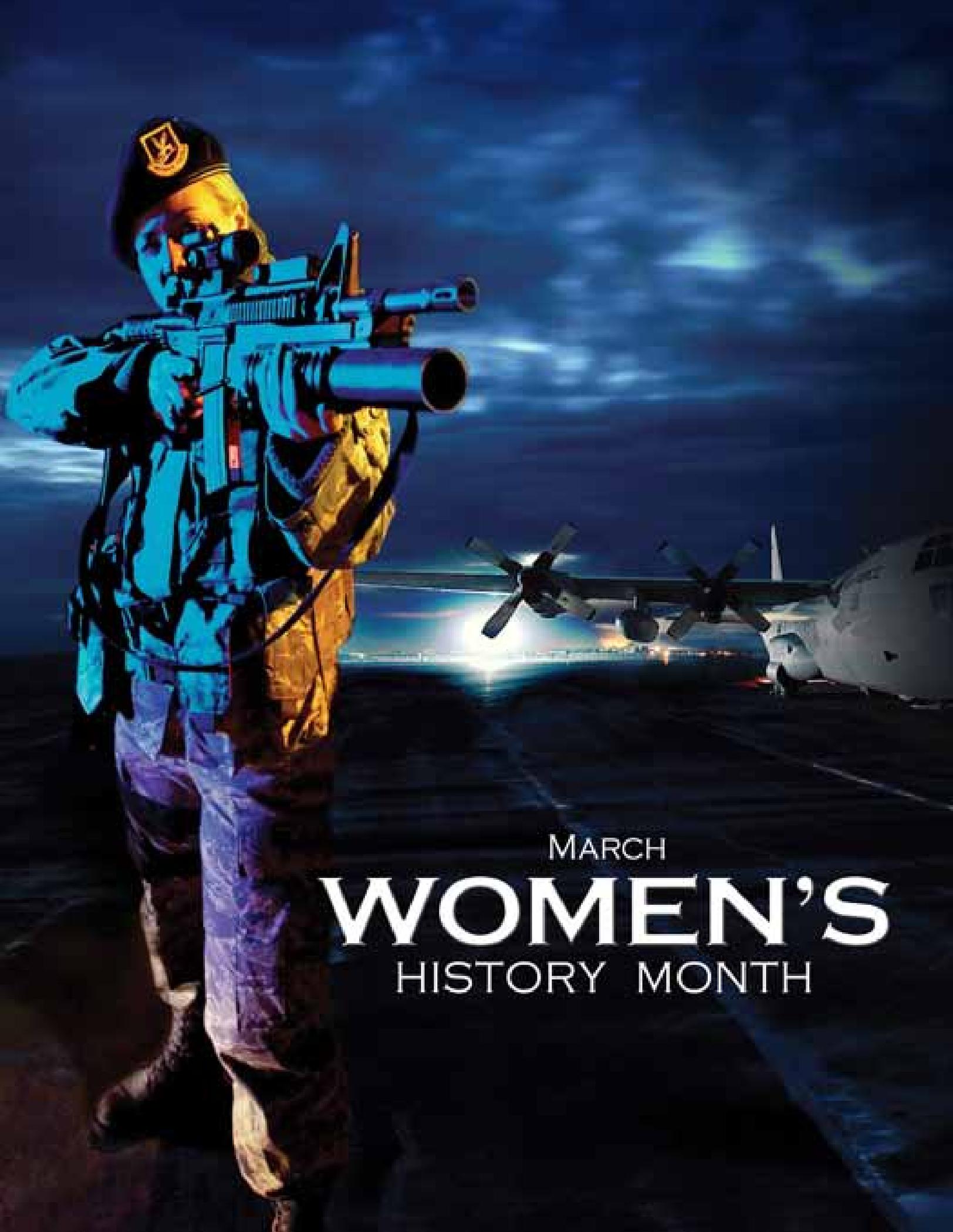


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