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COMMENTARY

We must protect PII at all costs

By Lt. Col. Christopher Houseworth, 108th Contingency Response Group commander

I was watching a movie with my wife and kids called "Identity Theft". Although Hollywood turned it into an entertaining comedy, the basis of the story has a very real meaning. We are each individuals with families and responsibilities. We go about our daily lives swiping credit cards to make purchases and have multiple passwords and accounts. Our financial identity, like it or not, resides in the cyber world. Every day, hackers work hard to gain control of our personal information in order to steal our identity and our financial foundation, which we have worked so hard to build.

Consequently, we must protect PII and take the extra steps necessary to secure that information. It may require encrypting an email or modifying a document to prevent information like social security numbers, account information and personal addresses and phone numbers from falling into the wrong hands. Some of us live and communicate in a cyberspace, which utilizes Twitter, Facebook and other social networking sites. You would be surprised on how much information is available about you by just doing a Google search on your name. Now add to this, information like social security numbers, addresses and phone numbers. Then do a Facebook search on an individual for personal

information such as friends and pet names and before you know it, a hacker has enough information on you to apply for a line of credit or loan without you ever knowing it.

Speaking from experience, I was a victim of identity theft and my credit cards were compromised. About two years ago, I went overseas on a temporary duty assignment and used my personal credit card to make a small purchase. About four months after I returned, I received an email notification from my bank alerting me to a charge in the amount of \$9.75 which was made in Turkey. I immediately contacted the bank and disputed the charge, closed the account and was issued a new card and account number.

In addition, just recently my wife shopped at Target in December and a charge in the amount of \$9.84 appeared on my January billing statement. The charge was not one my wife made and again I closed the account and was reissued a new card. To this day I take every possible measure to protect my personal information by checking my credit card statement



monthly and looking for odd charges.

Therefore, identity theft doesn't have to be a large blatant attack. Sometimes hackers test the card to see if they can sneak a small charge that is hardly noticeable. If the charge goes through, they continue monthly with little charges on thou-

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Cover: The 108th Contingency Response Group conducts training Jan. 11, 2014 with new members of the CRG at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The CRG members drove in High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles with night vision goggles during the evening hours at DTA3 on the Fort Dix side of the base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Kellyann Novak / Released)



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Jamison promoted to colonel

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez

Steven Jamison was promoted to colonel Jan. 15 at the 108th Wing's Aerospace Ground Equipment bay area in building 33-31 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Surrounded by his family who included his wife, Kim; children, Erin, Sean and Kerry, as well as his parents, Bob and Carol, Jamison was pinned with his new rank by his children and wife.

In attendance for the promotion ceremony was the 108th Wing's commander, Col. Robert Meyer Jr., and various 108th group commanders, as well as Col. Wayne McCaughey, Joint Force Headquarters Chief of Staff – Air; Col. Richard Williamson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander; Col. Patrick Kennedy, 177th Main-



Kim Jamison, right, pins colonel rank on her husband's service dress epaulette during his promotion ceremony



Newly promoted Col. Steven Jamison, 108th Maintenance Group commander, smiles as his children, Erin, left, Kerry, center right and Sean, right, pin colonel rank on his service dress shirt and garrison cap.

tenance Group commander and Chief Master Sgt. Vince Morton, New Jersey Air National Guard State Command Chief.

The promotion ceremony was presided by the Adjutant General of New Jersey, Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, who also helped pin colonel rank on Jamison's service dress epaulette. In addition, Cunniff administered the oath of office to Jamison as traditionally done for officers upon their promotion.

Jamison, a Hainesport, N.J. resident, is the commander of the 108th Maintenance Group and has been in the military since 1987, when he entered the Air Force Academy. He joined the New Jersey Air National Guard in 2002.

Giving the gift of life

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez

Approximately 200 Airmen and Soldiers from the New Jersey National Guard recently attended a worthy event at the Sun National Bank Center in Trenton, N.J.

Facing a blood shortage in New Jersey, the New Jersey Workplace Blood Donor Coalition, the New Jersey Department of Health and the 2014 NY/NJ Super Bowl Host Committee held a blood drive Jan. 14, at the Center. The drive was the final event of the eight-month Super Community Blood Drive, whose goal is to help alleviate the blood shortage in the state.

"January is National Blood Donor Month and we face a critical blood shortage because of the extreme cold temperatures earlier this month, flu activity and the fact that blood supply is always low after the holidays," said Health commissioner, Mary O'Dowd.

Consequently, doing their part were several members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, who had several members from their two wings: the 108th Wing out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and the 177th Fighter Wing out of Atlantic City.

Staff Sgt. David Savino, a finance management journeyman, 108th WG, had no qualms about giving some of his blood.

"I volunteered to donate blood cause (sic) I have a good source of blood and it was the right thing to do," said the Cherry Hill resident.

In attendance at the event were also the Adjutant General of



Staff Sgt. David Savino, right, watches as a nurse identifies a vein from his right arm where blood will be drawn.

New Jersey, Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, and the Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, Kim Guadagno.

Cunniff said of his troops, "more than 2,300 troops were activated during Super Storm Sandy for relief efforts. Their contribution to this blood drive is just one additional way they work to support the residents of the state."

Blood donors provided a gift of life during this event and each one had a chance to win tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium on Feb. 2, but for Savino it was more than that.

"I do it because other people might need my blood and it could save their life," said Savino.

DRIVING IN

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN

Imagine you are driving through hostile territory in pitch-black darkness and cannot use any form of lighting for fear of giving away your position to enemy forces. How can you safely maneuver through woods, over bridges, and around obstacles without putting yourself or fellow Airmen at risk?

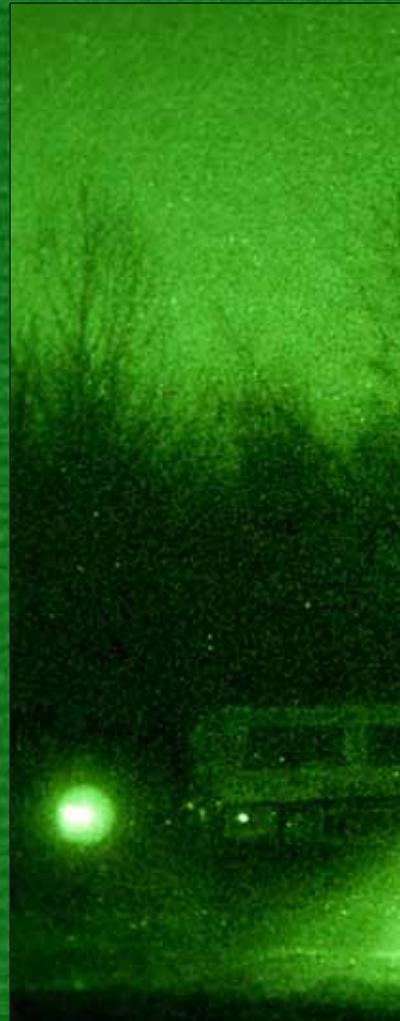
The 108th Contingency Response Group teaches their members to do just that through night vision goggles training. The training was held on one of Fort Dix training ranges known as Driver Training Area, or DTA 3, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Jan. 11.

Therefore, during January's Unit Training Assembly, a training class was held with approximately 20 Airmen in attendance. The students ranged in rank from airman first class to lieutenant colonel. Most of the Airmen were relatively new to the CRG and are working towards their Category I certification. Chief Master Sgt. Grieg Moore, 108th CRG superintendent, explained, "CAT I training certifies new members to be able to fulfill contingency response missions and awards the members a special education identifier. The training entails graduation from the expeditionary centers, a five-day Contingency Response Mission Orientation Course and completion of Contingency Response Job Qualification Standards." Night vision device training, vehicle operations with NVDs, and vehicle spotter with NVDs are required components of JQS.

"The NVG training that was conducted over drill is our NVG Phase I/II training," said Moore. "The course of instruction is designed to provide personnel with an orientation/familiarization with the proper use, care, and application of the PVS-7 Night Vision Goggles. Once the personnel are comfortable with the devices, Phase II instruction provides practical application while operating a HMMWV."

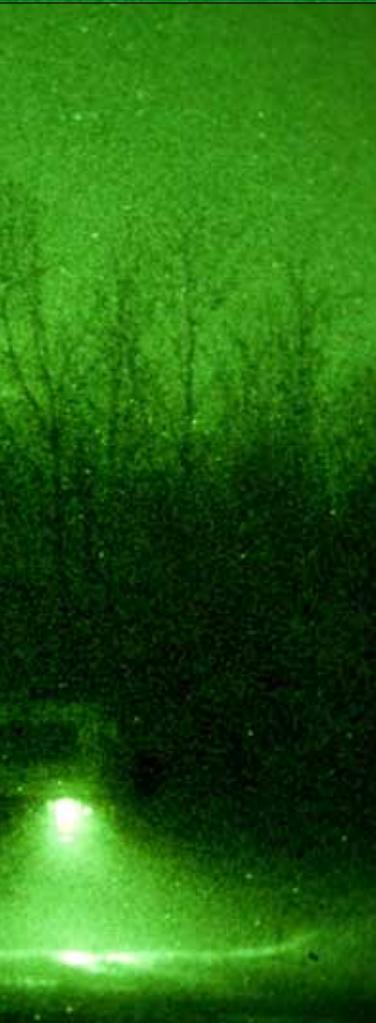
A HMMWV, a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, is a four-wheel drive military tactical vehicle commonly used by the military to transport personnel and light cargo.

The NVG training is broken up into three phases of instruction.



IN THE DARK

BY ROBERT MAN KELLYANN NOVAK



Phase I is familiarization with NVDs; Phase II is a practical application of using the NVGs while operating a tactical vehicle, and Phase III is Air Force Specialty Code specific for using NVGs while working with materials handling equipment and marshaling aircraft. By regulation, NVG Phase I and II are required initial training, and refresher training must be conducted within a 15-month time frame.

Consequently, the goal of the CRG is to complete the NVG refresher training on an annual basis. "Driving with NVGs, whether a HMMWV or MHE, is not an easy task," said Moore. "It is a highly perishable skill and we need to continually train to keep our qualification and be considered [mission ready]." This training is not only a basic requirement for the CRG initial CAT I training, but it also gives personnel the ability to work contingency operations in minimum lighting conditions.

"While working in minimum lighting conditions, our personnel are able to continue to do their job safely and effectively while minimizing their exposure to hostile forces," said Moore.

As one of only two CRG groups in the Air National Guard, with the other in Kentucky, the 108th CRG is a rapid-deployment unit designed at the initiative of Air Force leadership to be a first-in force that will secure an airfield and establish and maintain field operations. They are tailored for a specific mission and incorporate more than 20 military specialties, which comprises an approximately 120-person unit ready for deployment around the globe with no more than 12-hour notice. The 108th CRG provides the ability to rapidly establish and coordinate air mobility operations worldwide from established sites to austere operating areas in support of combat operations or humanitarian missions.

There are times where the CRG must provide initial airfield operations while working in low/minimum light conditions using night vision devices. Thus, in order to complete their mission, driving in the dark needs to be second nature for the Airmen of the CRG.



108th Wing Airmen



Provide Security



Senior Airman Steven K. Frank, 108th Security Forces Squadron, monitors the perimeter of MetLife Stadium along with a New Jersey State Trooper Jan. 29, 2014. The New Jersey National Guard in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police provided security details for the event.



Tech. Sgt. Sharif T. Hewlett, picks up handcuffs as Airmen from the 108th Contingency Response Group and the 108th Security Forces Squadron prepare to leave Jan. 26, 2014, for East Rutherford, N.J., to assist state and federal officials with security augmentation for Super Bowl XLVIII.



Staff Sgt. John A. Rivera, 108th Contingency Response Group, assists a New Jersey State Trooper check Super Bowl XLVIII event credentials at MetLife Stadium Jan. 29, 2014. Rivera was among the more than 30 Airmen from the Wing that assisted authorities with security at the event.



Senior Airman Michael D. DeMarco, 108th Security Forces Squadron, checks vendors' credentials at MetLife Stadium Jan. 29, 2014. Super Bowl XLVIII was played at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., and 108th Wing Airmen provided security support to local authorities.

Air Force puts out new uniform rules

Reflective belts, light-colored shoes no longer required PT gear

**By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri,
Air Force Public Affairs Agency**

The Air Force updated the policy governing uniform wear Jan. 17, with a goal of not financially burdening Airmen.

Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, approved several updates to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, *Air Force Dress and Appearance*, with many of the changes coming directly from Airmen.

During the past year, Welsh prompted Airmen to make their voice heard through the Every Dollar Counts campaign, held last spring, and suggestions made directly to him during base visits or comments to the uniform survey board itself.

“The policy changes revolve around three areas,” said Col. Patrick Doherty, Director of Air Force Services, who has oversight of the uniforms and awards and recognition branch. “The first area of policy changes is focused on heritage, team building, esprit de corps and unit pride. The second is recognizing and valuing Airmen’s experiences, qualifications and job performance, allowing Airmen to wear what they have earned. The last area is a group of common sense approach inputs from Airmen in the field that senior leaders thought were great ideas.”

Consequently, there are dozens of updates to the AFI, including the following:

Morale T-shirts/patches representing individual squadrons that were worn in the past to increase unit pride are now authorized to wear on Fridays. Squadron color T-shirts may be worn with the ABU or flight suit when in-garrison or on-station during unit temporary duty assignments and contingency deployments. Shirts must be one color throughout the squadron, and may have only a small squadron patch over the left chest. Wing commanders can authorize personnel from different units to wear the same color T-shirts to facilitate esprit de corps and team building.

For example, maintainers, life support personnel and flight doctors are allowed to wear the color T-shirt of the flying squad-



ron they support. Also, authorized is the in-garrison Friday wear of morale patches and nametags that have tasteful nicknames or call signs on flight suits. Unit commanders have approval authority for morale patches and nametag naming conventions.

Earned Air Force and other services’ badges are authorized to wear, but only the command insignia pin is mandatory. This reverses a previous decision to prohibit wear of qualification badges and various patches on ABUs, to eliminate the need to remove and replace badges for deployment or permanent change of duty station moves.

In recent years, Airmen deployed to Afghanistan wore the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern. The OCP is flame retardant, treated with insect repellent and also used by the Army. Following this evolution, the ABU has become primarily an in-garrison uniform, according to Air Force senior leaders.

“The increased wear of the ABU in-garrison, coupled with Airmen’s long-term desires to wear the qualification badges and the command insignia they have earned, makes authorized wear on the ABU a logical step,” said Lt. Gen. Sam Cox, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower,

personnel and services.

A list and examples of all newly approved badges authorized for wear on the ABU is located in attachment five of AFI 36-2903.

The Air Force physical training uniform no longer has color restrictions for athletic shoes. Reflective belts are no longer required during PT and Airmen are now also authorized to wear black socks with their athletic shoes.

While the Air Force no longer insists on the reflective belts during PT, commanders still have final say, according to the AFI.

Cell phones no longer have to be black, as long as they’re not worn on the uniform or attached to a purse.

Changes came directly from the field and major commands, said Cox.

“The changes are the result of months of the Chief of Staff listening to what Airmen had to say about ABUs and other uniform wear policies,” Cox said.

Airmen can expect to find the optional badges on the AAFES website by mid-July to early August. The commander’s insignia pin will be mandatory once the cloth pins go on sale at AAFES.

For more information, please view [Air Force Instruction 36-2903](#).



Lt. Col. David Zink, center, administered the Oath of Enlistment to several members of the 108th Wing, who were re-enlisting Jan. 12, 2014 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. From left to right are

Tech. Sgt. Jan Ahner, Master Sgt. Phillip Hunt, Lt. Col. David Zink, Tech. Sgts. Thomas Cohan and Terence Rountree. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Adrian R. Rowan/Released)



The National Guard Association of New Jersey is holding its annual membership drive through 31 March 2014. All commissioned and warrant officers in the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard are eligible for membership in the association.

The goal of the NGANJ is to promote the interests of our membership, their families and all members of the NJ National Guard. Your membership in the association helps us achieve those goals. For further information on the association, visit our website at www.nganj.org. Information on membership dues can be found at www.nganj.org/membership.

You can pay directly online via credit card or you can pay through your unit representative. If you need assistance finding your unit representative to the NGANJ, send an email to secretary@nganj.org for further information.

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sands of accounts which provide them with a huge return.

So how can we safeguard our credit cards? Companies like American Express and most Visa and MasterCard give you the ability to setup ALERTS. I highly encourage you to look into this valuable tool. It could save you a lot of financial heart ache by catching identity thieves from the moment they strike. Furthermore, you should review your credit report annually - at the very least to look for odd accounts. This will not only keep your credit score strong, it will help you clean up that charge card you applied for when the cashier offered you a 20 percent discount for applying for a card and you only made one purchase in the store over the past five years and forgot about the card.

Therefore, we have two identities. The one we live with day to day as we go about our daily lives and the one that resides in cyberspace. You can't hide from it, because if you have a credit card, bank account, mortgage, car loan, student loan or applied for anything online, you have an identity in cyberspace. Thus, we must protect that information at all costs. Please be vigilant, take the extra steps to protect PII and just maybe the identity you save is your own.

Introduction from new Director of Psychological Health

By Andrea LoPresti

Hello members of the 108th Wing.

I am pleased to announce that I have been selected as your new Wing Director of Psychological Health and I will be available to answer any questions you may have or listen to any of your concerns.

I have a strong social work background with more than 25 years of experience and am a licensed clinical social worker. I received both my undergraduate and graduate degrees at Hunter College and the Hunter College School of Social Work. Furthermore, I have advanced training in cognitive, dialectical behavioral therapy, as well as in short term trauma recovery.

I am here to provide support, information and counseling services to all the service men and women assigned to the 108th Wing. At times, we all may need someone to talk to about family, work, financial, and relationship problems. Sub-

sequently, I am here to help in any way I can. The services provided by me are voluntary and confidential with one caveat; confidentiality is kept unless there is an imminent safety concern.

I will be coming around to all of the squadrons to personally introduce myself in the next couple of weeks and I will also be here during all of the drill weekends. My office is located in a private area at Wing Headquarters, which will provide you with entry and exit to my office without going through the main entrance.

I am thrilled to be here and sincerely hope the service men and women of the Wing will feel they can call or visit me. I am here Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as regular duty hours on drill weekends.

I can be reached on my land line at 609-754-2159 or my cell at 609-234-3556, please feel free to leave me a mes-



sage and I will return your call within 24 hours. My email is pending and once available, I will provide it to the Wing. I look forward to hearing from you.

Don't leave your money behind!

Have you seen the recent commercial that states "Americans have left behind over \$1 billion in taxes"? Well some members of the 108th Wing are doing the same thing, sort of!

Currently, there are more than 60 military pay orders that have not been filed for and more than 70 travel authorizations that have not been filed for in the Defense Travel System, totaling more than \$49,000.

Consequently, each week the 108th Comptroller Flight prepares and presents two reports to the Group Commanders. They are the "Outstanding Military Pay Order Listing" and the "Outstanding Travel Order Listing." The lists are saved on the 108th Comptroller Flight SharePoint Page. Not only does the Comptroller Flight save the reports on the SharePoint but they brief the commanders in stand up as to the total number of outstanding orders for each respective report. For the Outstanding Travel Orders List, they show an additional slide for the commanders that depict the orders that are more than 60 days overdue.

How can you prevent your name being shown at Stand-Up?

The best way to keep you name off of the list is to ensure you submit your military pay orders and file your travel vouchers in a timely manner. If you are unsure if you are overdue on submitting orders, then go to SharePoint and check out the weekly reports. Here is the link: <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/108WG/WingStaff/CPTF/Pages/default.aspx>

Where do I go once I am in SharePoint?

Along the left side of the page, under "LIBRARIES," you will see two folders; MILITARY PAY and TRAVEL PAY. When you click on each you will look for the folders named Outstanding Military Pay Orders Listings and Outstanding Travel Pay Orders Listings, respectively. Within each of these folders you will see a folder for each Group. The most current Outstanding Order Listing will be there and all you need to do is take the appropriate action.

What can I do to clear my name from these reports?

In the event that you are on the Outstanding Military Pay Order Listing and the order has been cancelled, please see your Unit Orders Specialist to have them cancel the order in AROWS. If you have already been paid for the duty, please contact the 108th Comptroller Flight customer support desk at 609-754-4178 or via Email at 108fm.customerservice@ang.af.mil, or simply stop by and see us. If you decide to stop by, please bring a copy of your orders for easier research and processing. We are open Monday through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during drill weekends from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

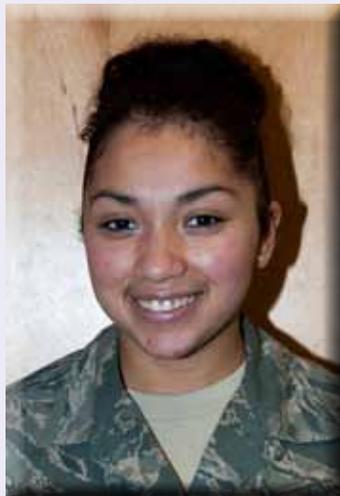
In the event that you are on the Outstanding Travel Pay Order Listing, please see your Organizational Defense Travel Administrator (ODTA). Below is a listing of the current Group ODTA's. Note that if you are on the list for over 60 Days past due, then there will be a comment on the right side of the report that tells you what action to take, i.e. sign voucher, file voucher.



MAN ON THE STREET

“What are your Valentine’s Day Plans?”

Photos by Senior Airman Kellyann Novak



“I’m going to leave a trail of rose pedals to lead my husband to a romantic dinner and a new watch.” - Staff Sgt. Esmeralda Ayala



“I expect something from my husband this Valentine’s.” - Staff Sgt. Janette Sheppard



“I’m going to show my husband and children how much I love them.” - Tech. Sgt. Quesandra Ward



“I’m taking myself to see Fantasia and Friends in concert.” - Staff Sgt. Tonya Cleveland



“I’m spending it with my Mom.” - Staff Sgt. Nicholas Joseph



“I’m going to surprise my husband with a romantic dinner.” - Staff Sgt. Stacey McGrane



“I’m taking a nice young lady out for diner and giving her chocolate and flowers.” - Staff Sgt. Jeremy Williams



“I’m taking a lady friend to Alma de Cuba for a nice dinner.” - Staff Sgt. David Brown

FRONT AND CENTER



TECH. SGT. TODD WOODWARD

Rank: Technical Sergeant
Time in service: 21 years
Job with 108th WG: Plans and Program Manager
Civilian job: Federal Technician doing the same thing
Family: Wife and two children
Favorite actor: Tom Hanks
Favorite TV show: Boardwalk Empire
Favorite book: Alone in the Wilderness
Favorite music genre: Classic Rock and music from Bruce Springsteen
What I do in my spare time: Hunt and brew beer. I'm president of Gloucester County Home Brewers
Person I most look up to: TSgt Don Woods
Goals for the future: Complete NCO academy and promotion to MSgt
If I was CC for a day: Frozen "Arnold Palmers" for everyone

