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Master Sgt. Kristin Weeman, a First Sgt. from the 180th Fighter Wing, prepares food at the Cherry Street Mission Eatery in Toledo, Ohio, October 20, 2014. The Cherry Street Mission is an organization devoted to serving the homeless and the poor of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan for over 65 years. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Williams/Released)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: THANKFUL TO BE A STINGER

Recently, I was reminded what it means to be a Stinger. The 180th family turned out in large numbers to volunteer in their local communities and help prepare and deliver meals and perpetuated the spirit of good citizenship. During the week of Thanksgiving, Stinger Airmen came together and contributed over 200 hours of volunteer service while working with the Cherry Street Mission. To support communities in Northwest Ohio, Stingers helped assemble and deliver 1,000 turkey dinners to families in need, ensuring that they would have a Thanksgiving meal this year. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the sense of community and commitment 180th Airmen demonstrate daily.

As we bring 2014 to a close, it's hard to believe that the year has almost passed by already. What a year it has been for our 180th family! As usual our amazing team stepped up to the plate, faced challenges and obstacles head on, and exceeded expectations. In the upcoming Stinger, Col. Baker will comment on our past accomplishments as well as articulate the way ahead for 2015. As we move in to the new year, take some time to reflect on all your great achievements, both personally and professionally, as well as what you want to accomplish next.

2015 WILL be yet another extremely challenging and stressful year but, as always, we will continue to press forward with the same steadfast resolve that has made us successful...it's in our DNA. Frankly, we simply have no choice. The citizens of the U.S. and, for that matter the world, count on us and demand it. After all, we



Colonel Lindsey Whitehead
180th Fighter Wing
Vice Commander

are part of the greatest Air Force on the planet and we will never let them down.

The holiday season is upon us and regardless of your religious beliefs, this is a special time of year for most of us. Given that, I wish you nothing but the happiest holiday season ever. Please take some time this month to spend some well-deserved quality time with those you love and care about. Make sure you let them know and show them just how much they really mean to you. In our business, you can't always know if this will be your last chance to share your heart, soul, and feelings with your family or someone you care about. So take the time now.

I can personally attest to the fact that we sometimes become so engrossed in "making the mission happen," that we lose sight of what is really important. Our pillar, our family is what gives us the strength

to "make the mission happen." We sometimes take this for granted and, whether you believe this to be true or not, they need you and you need them. It's the simple things that make the most positive difference. For example, as much as I detest shopping with my wife and daughters, it always turns out to be a great time and more importantly, a wonderful bonding opportunity with my family. If shopping isn't your thing, any outdoor activity will suffice. Visit a retirement or children's home, or homeless shelter. Bottom line; just do something as a family. I promise, any time you spend together will be special moments.

Also, just as important as spending time with family is spending time on yourself. Make some time to relax, decompress, vegetate, or whatever it is that you do to "just chill." Re-energize your batteries and enjoy this magical time of the year.

We need you well rested and ready to take on the challenges and opportunities that 2015 will have in store for the Stingers. Everyone in this wing is an integral part of the team. So, start the New Year off with a bang and come rested, ready to rock and roll, and make it your best year yet.

Lastly, as Stingers, your unstinting service to our wing and nation is something to be especially proud of and cherished with those closest to you. Thanks to you and to your family for that service! Thanks for being a dedicated Citizen Airman and a shining example of what is right with our wing, state and nation. Enjoy your holiday and I can't wait to see all of you next year! CHEERS

**I CONTINUE TO BE AMAZED AND HUMBLLED BY THE
SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND COMMITMENT 180TH
AIRMEN DEMONSTRATE DAILY**

STINGERS VOLUNTEER AT THE CHERRY STREET MISSION

BY TECH. SGT. NIC KUETEMEYER



Airmen and family from the 180th Fighter Wing prepare food while volunteering at the Cherry Street Mission Eatery in Toledo, Ohio, October 20, 2014. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Williams/Released)

During the holiday season, it's easy to get caught up with thoughts of shopping, big meals with family, traveling to and from loved one's houses, and battling the weather. For a group of Airmen from the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio, the holidays brought a sense of duty and desire to help their fellow men and women.

At the Cherry Street Mission in downtown Toledo, Ohio, Airmen of the 180th took time out of their busy holiday schedules to volunteer and serve over 300 meals and deliver another 225 to Toledo citizens who might otherwise have gone hungry for Thanksgiving.

The Cherry Street Mission is a faith-based community outreach center that has been serving men, women, and children for over 65 years. It is the only community center in the area that serves three meals a day for free. The mission opens its doors to anyone needing a safe place to stay, every hour of every day.

With over 880 meals to serve on any day and no government program funding, the mission receives a lot of help from its volunteers. Only weeks before

Thanksgiving, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Joy Chittum organized a group of Airmen and family members to spend time in the kitchen at the mission. They also prepared box lunches to deliver to homes. Chittum thinks volunteering at the Cherry Street Mission is an exercise in changing perceptions about the homeless and the needy and is determined to get the Airmen she supervises involved.

"A couple of my young guys, I don't know if they really wanted to go," said Chittum with a sly grin. "But afterwards, they say it was incredible. They walk away with a different attitude about people."

It might be easy to judge people who go to places like the Cherry Street Mission. Assumptions get made about what brought them to that place in their life. Because of this, the mission fosters compassion in those that volunteer.

"The number one encouragement from the mission is to grab a meal and go talk with people," said Chittum. "They're very open with you and they tell you all their stories."

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180TH FIGHTER WING AIRMEN OF THE YEAR



Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Christie Smith

Senior Airman Christie Smith, Logistics Plans Specialist

During this award period, Smith coordinated Army and Air cargo load training for over fifty personnel, enhancing deployment execution capability and joint relations. She led cargo inspections for a winter basing deployment in New Orleans, Louisiana; processing and deploying 26 short tons of equipment. Smith astutely managed transport of one short ton of hazardous materials; saving the Army over an estimated \$3,000 in shipping costs. She administers the wing pallet and net program, with over \$360,000 in assets; ensuring the unit has resources for cargo deployments.

Smith implemented a mission tracker database, providing 100 percent mission visibility and allowing for streamlined data retrieval and analysis. She also performed a joint-inspection on aerospace ground equipment for over 14 short tons; enhancing the Kentucky Air National Guard air show capabilities. Smith instructed a cargo prep course, educating over 20 Airmen resulting in better equipping of organizations to prepare and deploy.

Smith is currently working towards her Community College of the Air Force Associate Degree in Logistics, as well as an Associate Degree in Social work from Owens Community College. Smith volunteers about 30 hours a month at Toledo's PET Bull Project and delivers needed animal supplies to residents. She has dedicated over 100 hours annually to the Veterans Matter Project, facilitating veterans transitioning to long-term housing and serves as the wing's blood drive coordinator.

Senior Airman Smith exemplifies the whole Airman concept and is committed to excellence.

Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Hubbard, Ordnance Systems Specialist

During this award period, Hubbard designed six alert mobility kits, allowing the North American Aerospace Defense Command to deploy four alert aircraft within a 24-hour time period. He received a 97 percent pass rate on over 32 loading evaluations, well exceeding the standard pass rate of 92 percent. Hubbard was selected as a Standardized Lead Crew member to evaluate and certify over 14 weapons load crews, reducing workload by 50 percent. He trained and mentored eight new personnel resulting in 100 percent first-time certification for launch and recovery tasks. He identified a deficiency in F-16 gun cleaning procedures and submitted a change that would save 252 hours annually.

Hubbard has selflessly volunteered his vehicle and time to retrieve a World Trade Center steel "I" beam for the 180FW 9/11 memorial. As a bee keeper, he has educated 20 youths at local elementary schools about the impact of bees on the environment. Staff Sgt. Hubbard is an active blood donor for the American Red Cross, potentially saving the lives of over three people per donation. He also volunteers as a handy man, assisting four disabled veterans and their families with odd jobs around their homes. He is dedicated to his community and he has supported the "Bark in the Park," raising over \$38,268 for the organization. He also participated in Humane Hustle 5k; supporting Northwest Ohio animal shelters by raising over \$4,225.

Hubbard leads by example. He was voted as the "Go-To" guy by shift members, and exemplifies core values and leadership skills.



Non-Commissioned Officer
of the Year

Master Sgt. Ann B. McCormick, Management Internal Control Tool Self-Assessment Program Manager

**Senior Non-Commissioned
Officer of the Year
Master Sgt. Ann McCormick**

During this award period, McCormick's accomplishments reflect her benchmarked performance. She single handedly developed the 180th Fighter Wing Inspector General's SharePoint page providing leadership with current and accurate Air Force Inspection System information. She created an IG database merging over 600 write-ups into 12 reports in three unique formats.

McCormick created and managed the Inspector General Investigations training program; the one and only personnel development tool for all wing inspectors. She skillfully developed the commander dashboard; an Air Combat Command touted display of present-day commander's inspection program results within the wing. She is a leader and motivator, steering the wing's Airmen into 100 percent compliance with 485 MICT checklists, twice in seven months.

McCormick devotes significant time and efforts towards self-improvement; earning three Community College of the Air Force Degrees in Criminal Justice, Human Resource Management and Allied Health.

She volunteers as a volleyball coach, basketball coach and track coach for youth organizations, mentoring and increasing their leadership skills, while building their confidence levels. She has selflessly created and donated over 30 baby bibs and presented to the families of all newborns in the 180th Fighter Wing. Recently, McCormick, along with her team, raised over \$18,000 dollars for uninsured and underinsured cancer victims for Chicago's Avon Walk.

McCormick transcends leadership expectations and goals, while leading by example.

Master Sgt. Nathan Howard, First Sergeant assigned to the 180th Medical Group

During this award period, Howard spearheaded the medical group's new attendance policy helping to build accountability and decreased short staffing issues. He created the Medical Group's orientation for new personnel; ensuring 100 percent of new members are properly in-processed. Howard has instituted quarterly Non-commissioned Officer in Charge meetings before the Unit Training Assemblies, resulting in improved communication and cooperation. He took charge of new Air National Guard ancillary training program, resulting in 56 individuals receiving mandatory training. He has also managed orderly patient flow for a recent humanitarian mission; ensuring over 3,500 patients received the appropriate care. Howard took charge of 80 individuals at two bases at combined Ohio Air National Guard overseas annual training; ensuring 100 percent accountability.

Howard is currently employed as a high school English teacher in the Eastwood Local School District, where he coaches middle school track and football. He volunteers as a Key Club Advisor coordinating over 400 community service hours earned by students yearly. He serves as a Special Olympic track volunteer in Wood County, and helps teach Sunday school at Sonfire by the River in Pemberville, Ohio. Howard has also led multiple fundraising activities resulting in over \$4,300 dollars donated to the American Cancer Society, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Northern Ohio and UNICEF. Howard volunteered to receive training in dealing with individuals with disabilities, which encouraged 10 others to receive the training.

Master Sgt. Howard inspires excellence in others by encouraging ownership of additional duties and is committed to excellence; continually setting the example for others to emulate.



**First Sergeant
Officer of the Year
Master Sgt. Nathan Howard**

Capt. Melanie Grosjean, Director of Personnel and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

During this award period, Capt. Grosjean revitalized the wing's Sexual Assault Response program, expedited Sexual Assault Response Coordinator certifications, and trained three victims' advocates and 40 facilitators. She has transformed the environment as the wing's SARC; enlightening 808 members and attaining a 92 percent completed training requirement. She captured the wings attention by inviting Kori Cioca from the film "The Invisible War" for the facilitated wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training day.

As the director of personnel, Grosjean has managed personnel deployment function operations for three deployments processing 547 personnel. She led the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Personnel Deployment Function resulting in 270 members processed with zero discrepancies in 24 hours at the deployed AEF location.

Grosjean has upgraded the dining facility and led the Service Sustainment flight through six public health exams with zero findings and two excellent ratings; keeping 1100 Airmen fed each Unit Training Assembly. She has also led the execution of 15,000 training days and \$1.7 million improving wing-wide force development; increasing readiness by 22 percent. She has led wing's company grade officer council, which orchestrated the community "I Believe I Can Fly" 5K run/walk, raising over \$4,000 for the North West Ohio Arms Forces Association.

Grosjean is a certified rehabilitation counselor, accredited to provide rehabilitation services to people with disabilities. She has furthered her education, earning a Master Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling degree from Bowling Green State University.

Capt. Grosjean is involved in multiple community events. She is also an avid runner, participating in two marathons and six half-marathons. She has directs the Feet on the Street 5k, generating over 280 participants and raising over \$22,000 for developmental disabilities. She also led the Nancy Ullum Relay for Life Southern Wood County team raising over \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Grosjean exemplifies the Air Force core values; Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do. She is an example to follow.



**Company Grade Officer
of the Year
Capt. Melanie Grosjean**



**180th Fighter Wing
Chief's Award
Master Sgt. Jason Mims**

**Master Sgt. Jason P. Mims, Base Records Manager and
Wing Senior Knowledge Operations Manager**

During this award period, Mims developed a publication and forms status-tracking database effectively tracking 194 items and increasing efficiency by 25 percent and accuracy by 33 percent. He has conducted staff assistance visits for five functional area records managers, targeting program weakness, and preserving the integrity of mission essential records. Mims streamlined organizational processes, implementing paperwork reduction strategies aligning with Air Force direction. He performed Commander's Inspection Program self-inspections for nine programs, identifying and correcting shortfalls, achieving 100 percent compliance. Mims also conducted regular Privacy Act training ensuring personal information protection was maintained across the wing During this time period.

Mims was detailed to 180th Communications Flight as the wing's functional knowledge operations manager. He sustained seven vital programs and training for twelve knowledge operations managers. He has attended the status of resources and training system course in order to ensure accurate commander visibility and reporting of the organization's mission readiness.

Mims is a member of the Honor Guard and has participated in multiple high-profile events. He has volunteered to serve as a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand-down facilitator and provided vital leadership and guidance. Along with volunteering as a member of the 180th Dragon boat race team, Sgt. Mims is a liaison for the Airman and Family Readiness Program.

Master Sgt. Mims demonstrates strong leadership and dedication to his organization, the Wing and family members.



Robert Burns, a Liberty Center High School graduate, gets congratulated for crossing the finish line first by Col. Craig Baker, 180th Fighter Wing commander, of the "I Believe I Can Fly 5k" at the Toledo Express Airport in Swanton, Ohio on Oct. 5, 2014. Burns, who set a personal best in his third 5k race, is training for the 2016 Paralympics and hopes to compete on the United States team in Rio de Janeiro. (Ohio Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Nic Kuetemeyer/Released)

PHOTOCOPYING MILITARY, CAC IDS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW

BY TECH. SGT. TRACY PHILLIPS, OSS

Recent incidents have been reported regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation to provide government rates for services. The photocopying of U.S. Government identification cards is a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by fine and imprisonment.

This prohibition, however, does not apply to government agencies, police can make copies for official purposes.

Although asking for military/government identification is totally permissible by commercial establishments, many government personnel are unaware

of the prohibition on duplication of government identification.

There are no safeguards in place to ensure a government identification card won't be counterfeited or "cloned" based on a photocopy by a commercial establishment. Criminal elements and terrorist organizations place U.S. Government identification as a high value logistical element when planning acts against the U.S. military.

It's recommended that military and Department of Defense travelers provide a state driver's license or other form of photo identification to be photocopied if an establishment insists on a photocopy of the traveler's identification.

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Chittum spoke sympathetically about a young veteran of the Iraq war whose life was turned upside down when his wife died of cancer while he was deployed. She passed away before he could get home to her on emergency leave. After losing his wife, he left the military, struggled with drugs and alcohol, and eventually his family took his children out of the house. A bitter and angry path finally led him to the Cherry Street Mission when he realized he needed help.

"It's kind of amazing how many are veterans," said Chittum. "These people are not just people that have given up on life. No one wants to be homeless. There's a story behind each one of them and why they're there."

Hopefully soon this young veteran can be counted among the many whose lives have been turned around by the programs offered at the mission.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Agard and Maj. Elizabeth Vossler from the 180th Fighter Wing, prepare a food at the Cherry Street Mission Eatery in Toledo, Ohio, October 20, 2014. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Williams/Released)

During the week of Thanksgiving, the Airmen of the 180th volunteered over 200 hours to assemble boxed, donated meals to be delivered to families in the Toledo area. The Cherry Street Mission supplied 225 families with Thanksgiving meals delivered by the local men and women who protect and defend them.

"The boxes are all donated and has everything a family needs to have a Thanksgiving meal," said Chittum.

NEW STINGERS

James Atchison, CES
Justin Busch, AMXS
Winston Cooperwood III, LRS
Sara Elias, MXS
Todd Enis Jr, MXS

Derek Herzog, AMXS
Alex Howard, MDG
Bradley Iannantuono, FSS
Andrew McCrory, FS
Matthew Morgan, AMXS

Kayla Proffitt, MXS
Liyaquat Qurbanali, FSS
Jordan Rucker, LRS
Kristen Short, AMXS
Stephanie Smiddy, MDG

RETIREMENTS

Lt Col. William Antoszewski, MDG
Chief Master Sgt. Merl Creps, OG
Chief Master Sgt. Therese Sadowski, FSS
Senior Master Sgt. James Dickman, FW
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Vossen, OSS

Master Sgt. Kevin White, MXS
Tech. Sgt. Jerry Crawford, MXG
Tech. Sgt. James Grandowicz, MOF
Tech. Sgt. Victor Kynard, LRS
Tech. Sgt. Michael Woehrman, MOF

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Inspector General Complaints Program

Don't let a minor complaint turn into a serious, unmanageable issue. The U.S. Air Force has a well established complaints program. You have the right to present a complaint without fear of reprisal and you can get help quickly when you communicate your complaints to the IG.

Initially, seek resolution by using the following process:

- 1st - Talk to your immediate supervisor
- 2nd - Talk to your First Sergeant
- 3rd - Talk to your section, squadron and/or group commander
- 4th - Talk to your Inspector General

Not all matters are appropriate for the IG complaint system (AFI 90-301, table 3.6), but the IG will help in any way possible. Remember, the IG door is always open.

Air Force Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention and Detection Program

Fraud: Any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of something of value
Waste: The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Air Force funds or the consumption of Air Force property
Abuse: Intentional, wrongful or improper use of Air Force resources

Report suspected fraud, waste and abuse or mismanagement to:

- Your section, squadron and/or group commander
- 180th FW IG Hotline: Comm.: 419-868-4444, DSN: 580-4444
- AFRC Hotline: 800-223-1784, DSN: 497-1495
- AF Hotline: 800-538-8429, DSN: 425-1562
- DOD Hotline: 800-424-9098

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An F-16 Fighting Falcon helmet sits on display in front of members of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce during a presentation at the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio, October 22, 2014. The chamber visited the 180th Fighter Wing to get a first-hand understanding of the mission and capabilities of the 180th Fighter Wing. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Williams/Released)

PROMOTIONS

To Chief Master Sgt.:

Robert Calhoun, MOF
Jeffrey Zimmerman, MXS

To Senior Master Sgt.:

Elizabeth Holliker, FW
Christine Martin, CPTF

To Master Sgt.:

Joshua Burke, SFS
Rodney Johnson, LRS
Ryan Lamy, MXG
John Murphy, AMXS
Kevin Rawski, SFS

To Tech. Sgt.:

Dennis Douglass, AMXS
Aaron Hubbard, AMXS
Nicholas Miller, AMXS
Aaron Zenz, MXG

To Staff Sgt.:

Kelly Obrien, MXS

Senior Airman:

Rami Abukhater, AMXS
Tyler Anderson, MXS
Aaron Corns, SFS
Kyle Colvin, CES
Joshua Miller, MXS
Colton Moore, MXS
Brittany Plocek, OSF
Jonathon Walker, CF

Airman 1st Class:

Benjamin Maciejewski, CES

FOR YOUR INFO....TRAVEL HEALTHY

BY LT. COL. THOMAS SODEMAN, 180TH CHIEF OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE

The holidays are always a time of heavy travel. Whether you travel near or far, the health and safety of our Stinger family should be considered. As you all know, even for civilians, almost every place in the world is reachable in a few days of travel. Therefore, one can go from an area with excellent health care to an area with none at all, in a very short time span. An accident, illness, injury, or a worsening of a chronic health problem can suddenly become life threatening when access to healthcare is limited.

Several points are worth considering when planning travel, particularly to foreign countries, and especially if you have a chronic medical condition. It pays to research where you are headed, regarding the state of their medical care, and whether or not there may be diseases present that would require precautions we are not used to here in the United States. The Center for Disease Control has excellent resources regarding diseases present overseas.

Discussing any potential travel with your healthcare provider is important because to areas overseas may require additional vaccinations. If you do require vaccinations, it is important to begin them early enough before travel so they will have time to take effect. Visiting your healthcare provider the day before you leave, which I have seen, asking for vaccinations is a bad plan.

If you will be to a remote area, even in the U.S., you should consider how to get to healthcare if you have an accident or injury. This would include potentially returning to the U.S. if the condition is serious

enough. If you are with a group, they may have plans in place regarding access to healthcare and evacuation. If they don't, it may be prudent to ask. Some tour groups have a physician, nurse or EMT along, especially if the travel is to a remote or rugged area.

If you have one or more chronic illnesses, make sure you have sufficient medication in case you are delayed while . Many medications might not be available overseas, and in some areas there are significant problems with counterfeit medications. If you run out of your prescription and are able to obtain a refill, it may do no good and might even be harmful. Stopping your medications due to their unavailability may have dire consequences, depending of course on the condition and the medication.

Despite careful precautions, you could return from an overseas trip with an illness. Sometimes symptoms don't appear until after you return. If you do become sick overseas and return, or develop a new illness after you return, it is important to inform your healthcare provider promptly so that you can be evaluated and treated if needed. If you did your homework before , you can inform them not only of where you went, but what you may have been exposed to.

Please don't let these warnings scare you from and enjoying yourself. Instead, let them serve as a reminder that even though accidents and illnesses can happen, preparation beforehand can prevent a ruined vacation or worse.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. William Lowinski, an F-16 crew chief, speaks to members of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce about the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon in the hangar of the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio, Oct. 22, 2014. The Chamber visited the 180th Fighter Wing to get a first-hand understanding of the mission and capabilities of the 180th Fighter Wing. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Williams/Released)

CDC/PME 90% CLUB

Congratulations to the following unit members who recently passed their respective CDC or PME exam with at least a score of 90% or better:

NAME	UNIT	CDC/PME
SSgt James Trevino	MDG	CDC 4N071N
SSgt Adam Ziehr	CES	CDC 10311W
SrA Bradley Kahrs	MXS	ALS PME 3A

