



140TH MX GROUP NEWSLETTER

1 July 2016

Commander's Comments:

Maintenance Warriors,

Sometimes I say the only thing constant is change? What do I mean by this? Information can be a slippery slope. The TSP location is K-town again, right? Our Hungary airlift is cancelled, right? Neither of these are true, but I heard this so much I felt the stress, which is really out of our control. This can be draining and takes away from our job focus. It's a "fine line" passing information when not all the facts are known or circumstances beyond our control are not yet fact. I want you to know MX leadership is not trying to deceive or keep information from you, however, to tell you information not yet complete or decided on can be difficult. Trust your supervisors and leaders. We want you and your families to stay informed with accurate information rather than struggle with false information.

On another note - We will have had 5 weeks between June drill and the Hungary deployment. If you are not on the Hungary deployment, you will have had 9 weeks between drills, which is a long time. Take advantage of this time off to savor the Colorado summer and be with your family. When I tell family members, "Thanks for your support, without it we can't do our job as well", I mean it, so enjoy and appreciate them! Furthermore, take care of yourself during this long break. Whatever your plans are this summer, re-energize and enjoy the time off as a DSG or full time Guardsman. Be safe this summer (boating, motorcycling, swimming, hiking, fireworks, etc.) and be ready to start another busy military fiscal year! Stay focused, continue to do your job well, take care of yourself and your family.

Cheers!

Technicians – Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) is an automated, secure, self-service web application that allows employees to review general and personal benefits information, and allows you to calculate your own retirement estimates. EBIS also allows you to make benefits elections for Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB), Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), and the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Please update your personal benefits if you have divorced, re-married, or had any life changes

Please WELCOMELt Col Jason Kneuer and Family!



Hello maintenance warriors! I would like to say how excited I am to join the 140th team! The maintenance work and performance you accomplish here is renowned Air Force wide. I say this not only from my point of view but from that of many others. Over the past couple months when I told my colleagues where I was headed, there was nothing but praise for the work that is done in this maintenance group. I heard comments such as, "They do exceptional maintenance there!", "You are lucky to go to such a great team!" and "I was once in that unit and I wish I never left. They do it right there!" You all are the maintenance professionals in which active duty, reservists and guardsmen alike look up to as the F-16 standard! Congratulations for your accolades!

It has been a dream for my family and me to be stationed at Buckley and serve in the city where I grew up. It is a privilege for me to join your team and work alongside of each of you. I am very excited. Here is a little bit about myself so you get to know my family and me a little better.

I was born in Aurora, Colorado and lived my formative years in Littleton where I played most sports but focused primarily on soccer and baseball (I have a funny and embarrassing story about meeting Todd Helton). I went to Mullen High School in Denver and received my appointment to the United States Air Force Academy where I graduated in 2001. I spent the majority of my Air Force career on the F-16 but also have experience in the A-10 along with multiple other manned and non-manned aircraft. The Air Force gave me an amazing opportunity to coach Division I college soccer at the Air Force Academy. While there, I was also able to become a level two combative instructor and as well as a physical education course director/teacher. I had the privilege to deploy three times to Afghanistan in support of combat operations. In fact, my last active duty assignment was a one-year deployment as the 455 EAMXS commander.

I hope you get the chance to meet my phenomenal wife, Cathy and our two amazing girls Josephine (6) and Claire (4). Cathy is a prior Logistics Officer for the Air Force with combat experience in Iraq. She is a University of California Los Angeles ROTC and University of California Irvine graduate with seven years of active duty experience. Cathy and I met on our first assignment at Misawa Air Base, Japan. From there we went onto five assignments that took us to great locations such as Portugal, Korea, and Germany to name a few. Our family is excited to get into the outdoor Colorado lifestyle and make the 140th our home.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you and to help continue the tradition of exceptional maintenance in the 140th to the best of my abilities. My goal is to be effective with a purpose. My family and I are very glad to join this great family! Thank you for the opportunity to serve beside of each of you.

**Whammo Competition during June UTA:
MORALE, MORALE, MORALE!!!....."WAMMO LODEO" – great turn out and thanks for your support!**



Good Ideas? If you think you have a “good idea”, please forward it up the chain of command or send me a shout out and I will definitely consider anything which will help improve the organization.

Another resource to look into is API – Airmen Powered by Innovation =

<https://www.my.af.mil/gcssaf/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=s0ECF2BB844E64F620144F48AA2DF00BD>



Recognition: Great job!
EPU/CDDAR Team:

- MSgt Dustin Adair
- MSgt Robert Baker
- MSgt Kenneth Bell
- MSgt Clint Mills
- MSgt Michael Neeley
- MSgt Matthew Cyr
- TSgt Albert Miller
- TSgt Desmond Lyles
- TSgt John Guardiano
- SSgt Dave Nieto
- TSgt Steve Frederick
- TSgt Shane Sturgeon



Thunderbird #6 thanks you!



Colorado Aviation Day at Centennial Airport:



FNG's: (Fantastic New Guy/Gal)

1. Who are you? (Rank, name, age, your AFSC/what you work on, and where you are from/live)
2. How long have you been at Buckley?
3. Why did you join the Air National Guard?
4. What are your first impressions now that you are back from Tech school and working full time at Buckley?
5. What are your professional and personal goals during your commitment to the military?
6. If you were "King for the Day", what would you change or keep the same?



1. A1C Aaron J Murphy-Age 19-Flightline Avionics-Parker, CO
2. Arrived May 17, 2016
3. I joined the Colorado Air National Guard for the opportunity to learn new skills, the awesome education benefits, and also because my Father and Grandfather have been Air National Guard members.
4. I love Buckley - the people here are great and I like that we've got awesome views of the Colorado Front Range from our flight line.
5. I want to make the most of each day here, learn everything I can, and progress quickly to become a valuable member of our Avionics shop. Military-wise, I believe that I'll stay in COANG for well over my first enlistment, but then again, that's a decision for a few years from now.
6. Can't really see I'm seeing anything I'd change. Everything seems to make sense. Thanks!

Family Readiness Personnel (Commanders, Key Volunteers (KV's), and Military Points of Contact (MPOC):



Jorge and Michele Charry, Mitch Neff, Bob Algeo, Sherry Riggs, Marcia and Mike Neeley, Mike Brinkman

Save the dates:

MOF and MXS change of command over September UTA

Hungary = mid-July through August UTA 2016

MXG commander call October UTA

Red Flag (Nellis) = Feb UTA through March UTA 2017

TSP (Pacific) = May through July 2017

“Bustin Chops” – Quotes provided by SMSgt Pochop (engine shop)

"Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open"

-John Barrymore-

"What you can't get out of, get into wholeheartedly"

-Mignon McLaughlin-

"The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience"

-Harper Lee-

"To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have"

-Ken Keyes, Jr-

"Happiness is often the result of being too busy to be miserable"

-Anon-

"Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall"

-Oliver Goldsmith-

Status of Discipline: The Wing will begin publishing disciplinary measures for personnel who merit a Letter of Reprimand or greater. The perception is there is no disciplinary action in the Wing, which is not true. So, like active duty, it will be publicized with the rank and action taken. (Not Group specific)

1. A tech sergeant received a reduction in rank to staff sergeant for wrongful use of marijuana and was discharged.
2. A senior airmen was given a letter of reprimand for driving under the influence of alcohol and being found guilty of DUI by a civilian court of law.

Shop Supervisors - Y:\140 MXG\MXG ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD to help communicate

140TH MXG PERSONNEL AT WORK!



(During WHAMMO competition)



“Nothing could be finer than flying tree, tree, niner” ...
Words from the late Walt Adams (former Buckley crew chief)