

# BIG SKY FLYER



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## Command information

Col. Patrick Hover  
120th Operations Group Commander  
I sincerely hope all of you experienced a Wingman Day that was meaningful to you in some way.

Our guest speaker was Col. Richard Tatem from the Air Force Profession of Arms Center of Excellence [CLICK FOR STORY](#)



## Four MTANG members commissioned

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson  
Four members of the Montana Air National Guard were recently commissioned as second lieutenants during a ceremony performed at the completion [CLICK FOR STORY](#)



## December Wingman Day offers key to resiliency

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Touchette

Nearly 800 members of the Montana Air National Guard gathered at the Mansfield Convention Center here for a wingman day event on Saturday of the December unit training assembly.

Col. Lee Smith, commander of the 120th Airlift Wing opened the event by welcoming the Airmen of the 120th AW and the 219th RED HORSE Squadron, followed by an end of year video montage highlighting the many events [CLICK FOR STORY](#)



Col. Richard Tatem speaks to Montana Air National Guard Airmen during the Wingman Day event held at the Mansfield Convention Center in Great Falls, Mont., on Dec. 5, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson)

## Wingman Day speaker captivates Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Soulsby

Col. Richard Tatem served as the guest speaker during the Montana Air National Guard Wingman Day held at the Mansfield Convention Center Dec. 5, 2015

His Enhancing Human Capital Course focused on understanding the human aspect of a job using psychology, communication skills, and self-awareness.

Tatem is an individual mobility augmentee to the Director of [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

## NCO/SNCO induction ceremony broadcast story



## MTANG participates in Southern Katipo Exercise

By 1st Lt. Robin Allen

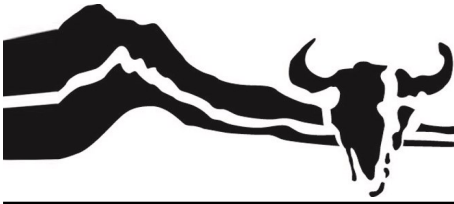
Nineteen members from the 120th Airlift Wing traveled to Ohakea Air Force Base, New Zealand to participate in the multinational Southern Katipo Exercise October 26. The crew of the C-130 Hercules participated in land-to-air missions and air-drop [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

## Vigilantes use new DZ

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

The aircrew of two C-130 Hercules transport aircraft assigned to the 120th Airlift Wing of the Montana Air National Guard made their first training [CLICK FOR STORY](#)





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Seats for 50 employers only- first come, first served. Bosses should not have flown in the past.

**Please note:** Guests with back, hip, or neck injuries or those prone to airsickness are advised not to fly.

Have a supportive civilian employer? Send them a Patriot Award. Visit ESGR.mil under awards to nominate online. Montana ESGR presents the award in person at your place of business. Spouses may also nominate their civilian bosses if they have been supportive of your military career.

Contact Montana ESGR [parker.f.sullivan.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:parker.f.sullivan.ctr@mail.mil) for registration forms for both nominations.



**Airmen end year  
delivering holiday cheer**



By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Some residents of Great Falls enjoyed a brighter holiday season thanks to members of the 120th Airlift Wing of the Montana Air National Guard. [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

**Faces of the Guard—  
Holiday Party photos**



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**All AF occupations  
open to women**

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced all occupations in the U.S. military will be open to men and women alike during a press conference Dec. 3. [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

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**History of the Montana Air National Guard  
(from the January 1966 Scorpion newsletter)**



Certain streets of Great Falls will again be manned by Air Guardsmen accepting gifts from motorists for the March of Dimes. This will happen Jan. 22, 1966, from 7 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

Buckets will again be used for cash tossed into them by drivers and stickers will be given to them.

If you are selected to take a tour of duty on this project, you can be sure you are doing something worthwhile. Let's hope the weather is with us on this day.



**January UTA  
Dining Facility menu**

**Saturday**-Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Orange Glazed Chicken Breast, Steamed Jasmine Rice, Glazed Carrots, Zucchini Squash

**Soup**-Bean and Ham

**Desserts**-Cupcakes, Blueberry Crisp, Parfaits, Jello, Soft Serve Ice Cream Bar

**Sunday**-Pork Chops with Mushroom Gravy, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Noodles Jefferson, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Calico Corn