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## Command Information

Col. Thomas Mora  
120th Airlift Wing Vice Commander

Leading ourselves is the greatest leadership challenge we will face!

In my last article we discussed leadership, how it is an intense journey into self-awareness, and that leadership is also about moving organizations and others from "here" to "there." Our focus this month is on self-leadership, a topic often overlooked.

I believe that we all long to make a difference and to have significance in our lives. As Airmen, we are even more driven to make a difference in the lives of others; our core values instill this drive into us. There was a best-selling book a few years ago about the issue of significance and purpose titled, "The Purpose Driven Life." This book captivated the world as it explored significance issues; [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)



## Retiree returns to take wing's first Space-A flight

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Touchette

A single Montana Air National Guard retiree sat in the small air terminal awaiting his call to board one of the 120th Airlift Wing's C-130 cargo aircraft here July 18.

Robert Marquard retired from the Montana Air National Guard in 2006 after 40 years of service and is now eligible to take the free flights offered through the space-available flight program.

Space-a flights are provided to service members, retirees and their families at no cost when unused seats on military aircraft are available once all the space-required passengers and cargo have been accommodated, said Master Sgt. Joshua Archer, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the small air terminal.

"It's not going to cost me anything, virtually," Marquard said. "I've really never had the

opportunity before. I've been waiting ever since we got the C-130s for space-a."

The flight to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, was for scheduled maintenance that cannot be conducted at the Montana Guard base Archer said.

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Above: Bob Marquard receives a first flight certificate from 120th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Lee Smith and 120th AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Steve Lynch. Below: Marquard exits the aircraft after his flight. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Michael Touchette)



## Featured video—kids attend Camp Runnamucka

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



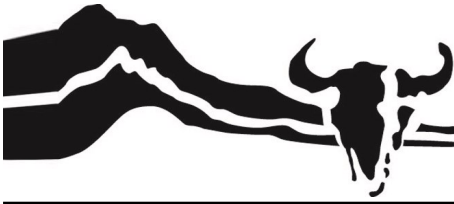
## SFS Airman earns honors at ALS graduation

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

A Montana Air National Guard Airman attending the satellite Airman Leadership School Class 16-6 was awarded two prestigious honors during his class graduation June 30, 2016.

Senior Airman Jedidiah Polk received a Distinguished Graduate Award and the Academic Achievement Award during the ceremony held at the Technical Education Center located at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

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**120th AW Guardsmen attend Maintenance U**

By Maj. Dale Greer  
123rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

More than 260 Air National Guardsmen from five states are attended a unique, weeklong course in aircraft maintenance to enhance their proficiency in everything from hydraulics to electrical generation.

The annual event, now in its eighth year, is called Maintenance University, explained Capt. James Campbell, the course's detachment commander. It was created in 2008 by maintainers at the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing because of the difficulty [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)



An Airman marshals a C-130 Hercules aircraft at the Air National Guard's Air Dominance Center in Savannah, Ga., during the Maintenance University June 13, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Dale Greer)

**Free online classes for CCAF degree available**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



Airmen pursuing Community College of the Air Force Associates of Applied Science degrees have an opportunity to pick up free college-level online classes that may help satisfy CCAF education requirements. [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)

**Protocol class taught at 120th AW**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Seventeen 120th Airlift Wing Airmen learned the rules of conduct of from an experienced U. S. Air Force Services Agency instructor during a protocol class held on base in the 120th Airlift Wing's Larsen Room July 24-29, 2016.

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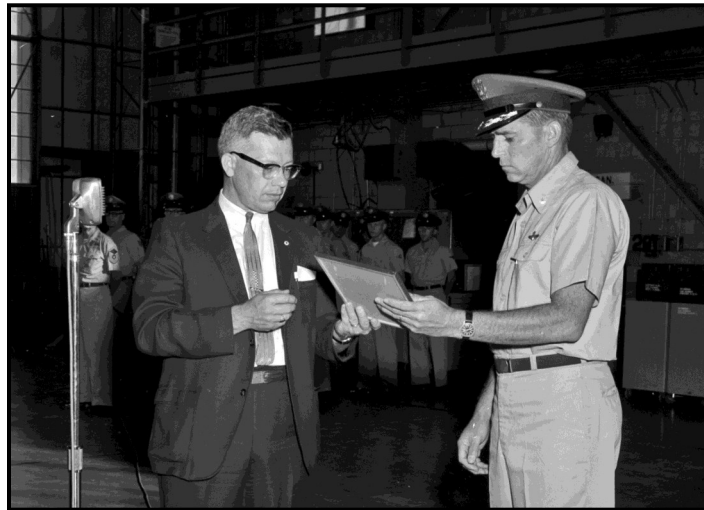
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**50 years ago—the history of the MTANG (Scanned negative researched from the film files of the 120th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office)**



A representative from the American Red Cross presented 120th Fighter Group leadership with a certificate of appreciation during a group formation in the main hangar August 28, 1966.

In June, group members donated 285 units of blood for the "Blood for Defense" campaign during two blood drawings held at the Army Reserve drill hall located next to the base.

The blood was intended to be used for troops deployed to Southeast Asia.

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**August RSD lunch menu**

**Saturday**-Chicken Tacos, Beef Fajitas, Refried Beans, Pepper and Onion Mix, Corn

**Sunday**-Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, BBQ Chicken Breast, Steamed Rice, Cut Carrots, Green Beans, Bread Sticks

**Monday**-Sliced Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Turkey Sausage, Pepper and Onion Mix, California Blend Mixed Veggies Soup-Chicken Tortilla Dessert- Chocolate Cake with Frosting, Apple Pie