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Commander's Comments

Col. Lee Smith
120th Airlift Wing Commander

Welcome back to our November drill!

It continues to be a busy time for the 120th. Last week, the 219th RED HORSE Squadron along with four members of our wing deployed to Southwest Asia. It took a team effort to get them all ready and out the door and I want to say thanks to all who helped make that happen. We wish our deployed brothers and sisters a successful deployment and look forward to seeing them return safely home in the spring.

During this UTA, you may notice a few visitors around the base. They are members of the AMC IG Team conducting our AFIS mid-term assessment. So now you're probably asking yourself, "Why am I just hearing about this now?" [CLICK FOR STORY](#)



219th RED HORSE Squadron members board an aircraft at Great Falls International Airport in Great Falls, Mont., to begin their deployment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson)

MTANG 219th RED HORSE Squadron deploys

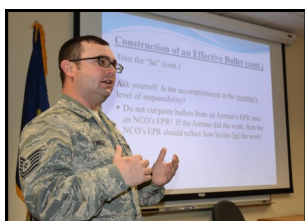
By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Members of the 219th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron boarded a contracted civilian airliner to begin their deployment October 3.

The Montana Air National Guard military construction specialists travel to the United States Central Command area of operations to work on engineering projects. [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

Malmstrom Airmen teach bullet writing

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



Airmen assigned to the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base conducted three bullet writing classes for members of [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

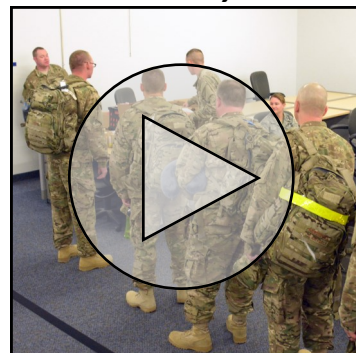
Guardsmen volunteer to read to children

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



120th Airlift Wing air transportation specialists read a children's book to kids attending a Great Falls daycare. Master Sgt. Joshua Archer, [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

219th RHS deployment broadcast story



Kids treated to Halloween party

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

The Montana Air National Guard Airman and Family Readiness Program treated kids to an early Halloween party this year in the 120th Airlift Wing Headquarters Building October 14.

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A father helps his son draw on a pumpkin during the Halloween party. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson)



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Faces of the Guard - Master Sgt. Earl Nilsen

Master Sgt. Earl Nilsen has retired from the Montana Air National Guard following 39 years of service to his country and state. [CLICK FOR STORY](#)



OPERATION BOSSLIFT

Invite your civilian boss to be a part of OPERATION BOSSLIFT and fly on a C-130 Saturday of the June 2016 UTA. Some health restrictions apply. For more information, please contact Montana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program Support Technician Parker Sullivan at 406-791-0895.

ESGR's Customer Service Center is available to answer USERRA questions or to refer cases to a trained Montana Ombudsman. Contact the center Monday through Friday (except Federal Holidays) toll-free, 1-800-336-4590 (select option 1) between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST)

Cyber aware throughout the year

October was National Cyber Security Awareness Month, but it's important for Americans to keep themselves, their identities and their information safe online throughout the year.

Set strong passwords with 8 characters or more and a combination of upper and lower case letters; keep your operating system, browser, and critical software optimized and secure by installing updates and limit the amount of personal information you post online. Use privacy settings for your apps and social media websites.



120th Airlift Wing food services and installation health professionals will be teaming up to bring Go for Green to the dining facility. Go for Green is a point-of-selection food-identification program approved by the DoD Food and Nutrition Subcommittee and designed to help service members easily identify the nutritional value of food choices when eating in appropriated dining facilities. Foods are color-coded according to their nutritional impact on performance, both physical and mental.

All foods served in the dining facility [CLICK FOR STORY](#)

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History of the Montana Air National Guard (from the November 1965 Scorpion newsletter)



Cascade County government officials acquired a cannon to place on display at the Cascade County Courthouse. They called upon the Montana Air National Guard for assistance to move the cannon from a boxcar located at the Great Northern Railroad freight yards to the courthouse lawn. County Commissioner Charles Snyder, County Assessor Carl Seltzer and Master Sgt. Gil Fleury stand near the cannon being placed onto a rock pedestal at the courthouse in this photograph taken Oct. 12, 1965.



November dining menu

Saturday Holiday Meal-Roast

Rib of Beef, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots, Steamed Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans with Mushrooms, Shrimp Cocktail, Beef Gravy, Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Mini Croissants

Soup-Lumberjack

Desserts-Pumpkin Pie, Pecan Pie, Blueberry Cheesecake, Soft Serve Ice Cream Bar

Sunday-Turkey and noodles, Szechwan Beef, Steamed Rice, Peas and Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Brown Gravy