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## Command Information

Chief Master Sgt. Steven Lynch  
120th Airlift Wing Command Chief

Taking a look back over the last 35 years of my career I often reflect on how methods and means of communication have changed. The evolution of conversation has been nothing short of profound; we are emailing, cell phoning, texting and posting on social media at an incredible rate. Simply put we are overwhelmed by information and the means to “put it out there.” We got this, right? Not so much.

We recently visited the Satellite Airman Leadership School Class 16-6: “E-4 No More!” on their final day before heading to the in-residence portion of their course at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee. What a phenomenal group of future leaders! We asked them what they thought would be the biggest challenge for them in their [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)



Participants of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Boss Lift event assemble on the flight line before boarding a C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft June 4 at the Great Falls International Airport. The program promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component service members and their civilian employers. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Michael Touchette)

## Boss Lift shows employers Guard mission

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Touchette

More than 40 employers of Montana National Guard Airmen participated in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Boss Lift at the 120th Airlift Wing here June 4.

“Our job at ESGR is to educate and advocate on behalf of, not only the employer, but the Guard and Reserve member as well. If you have an issue with your main street employer we're here for you to come to,” said Chris Hindoien, chairman for Montana ESGR. “We can intervene and step in as a neutral party. We can sit down with your boss and walk through some of the issues that they face as an employer.”

According to their website, the ESGR is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in Reserve components through outreach, recognition and educa-

tional opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws, and resolves employment conflicts between the service members and their employer.

“We want happy Guard members to help balance out the valley between the guard, the family and the employer,” Hindoien said.

On the agenda for the day were briefings by Montana Air National Guard leadership and an orientation flight aboard one of the unit’s C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft.



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**Featured video—search begins for new drop zone**



## Chief Brush visits Vigilantes

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Soulsby

Command Chief Master Sgt. Mitchell O. Brush, senior enlisted advisor for the National Guard Bureau, spoke to members of the Montana Air National Guard June 4 in the Larsen Room here.

A Billings, Montana native and past member of the MTANG, Brush advises the Chief NGB, Gen. Frank J. Grass.

Brush gave Airmen an overall view of the Guard, encouraged members to proudly share the Guard’s mission and touched on areas for improvement.

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**New DPH introduced**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



A new director of psychological health for the Montana Air National Guard is enjoying serving Airmen

and their family members from her 120th Airlift Wing office.

Elizabeth Crabtree brings a wealth of experience as a behavioral health provider to the wing. A licensed clinical social worker possessing the highest level of licensure, Crabtree has experience working for the [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)

**SARC joins 120AW staff**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson



The new Montana Air National Guard Sexual Assault Response Coordinator brings exceptional education and

experience to work with her at the 120th Airlift Wing.

Debra Glenn, a licensed clinical social worker, earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Wyoming.

Before coming to work at MTANG in May, Glenn spent [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)

**STARBASE students visit MTANG fire station**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Over 40 children of military members enjoyed a weeklong summer camp hosted by the STARBASE program located at the 120th Airlift Wing June 13-17.

STARBASE Summer Academy offered students in fourth through eighth grades a chance to further their interests in the science, technology, engineering and math fields while experiencing the activities an Air National Guard C-130 Hercules air transportation base had to offer.

During the week the stu-



Montana Air National Guard Fire Department Lt. Jacob Harris demonstrates how to operate a fire extinguisher during a STARBASE tour of the station June 15, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson)

dents visited the Montana Air National Guard Fire Department and were treated to a tour of the station and planned activities that included a firehouse relay event and an opportunity to put out a live fire with a fire [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)

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**History of the Montana Air National Guard**

*(From the July 1966 Scorpion newsletter)*

**F-102 Delta Dagger conversion training begins**



120th Fighter Group personnel gather together on the flight line to inspect the first F-102 Delta Dagger to arrive at the base in Great Falls July 29, 1966.

The first of August will bring to the Montana Air National Guard an Air Force mobile training detachment (MTD) to instruct aircraft maintenance personnel in all the intricacies of F-102 repairing and maintaining. The group of instructors and their demonstration devices will be here for about six months. It is hoped that as many as possible 120th CAMRON personnel will be able to take in some of the training. Air Techs, of course, will be in the school for as long as it takes to learn the business.

**Another stripe another**

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Soulsby



Family, friends, wing leadership and distinguished guests gathered to honor seventeen 120th Airlift Wing Vigilantes new non-commissioned officers and six senior non-commissioned officers inducted June 4 in the Larsen Room.

The NCO and SNCO induction ceremonies celebrate individuals that earn the staff sergeant stripe and master sergeant stripe.

Chief Master Sgt. Steven Lynch, 120th Airlift Wing command chief, was

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