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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome back to the Rhode Warrior. First Quarter 2013 kicks off the inaugural issue of the new Rhode Warrior. Due to budget constraints we will be continuing the digital magazine format until further notice. The magazine will be available online at [www.143aw.af.mil/resources/rhodewarrior.asp](http://www.143aw.af.mil/resources/rhodewarrior.asp). We will also be working on a mobile app for your reading pleasure on the go!

I would like to invite all of our readers to make suggestions and submit photos and information for articles for the Rhode Warrior. This means families too! If there is something that you would like to see more of (or less of) please e-mail me or Major Peloso and we will work to make your Rhode Warrior the best it can be! The deadline for the second quarter 2013 Rhode Warrior edition is 7 June 2013.

**HAPPY READING!**

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Covers: Team Photo - the 143d Airlift Wing gathered for a team photo in November. Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Jason Long, 143 AW/PA





## FROM THE DESK OF THE WING COMMANDER

COLONEL ARTHUR FLORU



Team,

The only way to begin is with my personal, most sincere, "Thank You."

Thank you for everything you do to make our *Rhode Warrior Spirit* such a powerful asset for our state and our nation.

Our 143d Airlift Wing has a remarkable history. It's a history that is rich in success. It's important to remember and thank all those that have served this Wing before us and have given us the opportunity to represent this incredible team. We will protect and advance our legacy.

For the last few years, a very interesting expression has entered into our daily conversation. *Global Impact*. How can it be that the smallest state in America operates on the global stage every day? The answer is simple. We take the concept of Tactical Airlift, energize it with our *Rhode Warrior Spirit*, and create a product that is very difficult to duplicate. If anything the *Rhode Warriors* accomplished was easy to duplicate, then everyone would be doing it.

Global impact? Really? Yes, really. Members of our *Rhode Warrior* team are stationed around the globe at this very minute. In places like Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Bahrain they're applying their Tactical Airlift Wing expertise and professionalism across the Civil Engineering skill sets. Of course all of their performance feedback has been exceptional. No surprise. We receive reports daily on the accomplishments of our international training programs. Our team is routinely mentioned by the Secretary of the Air Force-International Affairs office. They talk about the *Rhode Warriors* and the C-130J Foreign Military Sales program in places like India, Iraq, Norway, Denmark, Canada, United Kingdom, and now, Oman. All made possible because of an incredible team effort.

It's the same team effort that let us successfully complete the 2012 ORI. And, the same team effort that will lead us successfully through the Consolidated Unit Inspection (CUI) in October.

In the last year, we've experience several high-level visits to Quonset. Every foreign dignitary has concluded that Quonset is their number one choice for training sites. The conclusion was the same for US Air Force leadership visiting us on several occasions. It's not because of any one person. It's because of our entire team. Our success in any area is a team success. Our team has something extra.

That something extra is the *Rhode Warrior Spirit* mentioned earlier. Our *Rhode Warrior Spirit* is a force that can't be quantified. It's a force that fuels our team. It's the reason we excel at every challenge.

And it all starts with you. We're all different and we're all the same. We're different because we all bring something very special to our team's formula. We're the same because we understand that our success is not negotiable. "Yes" and "Win" are very common words in the English language but for the *Rhode Warriors*, they're practically regulation. It's an attitude. An attitude that increases our individual and team competitiveness. An attitude that mandates platinum results. An attitude we can't scientifically describe but it starts the first day you make the team.

Look at our student flight. As we prepare for the future, a challenge for all of us is to lead, mentor, and teach the next generation of *Rhode Warriors*. It's very energizing to engage our student flight members. They talk to us about continuing education, graduate degrees, military training, physical fitness, PME, their hopes of making the team and even use phrases like distinguished graduate. They already possess a burning desire for success and at the infancy of our *Rhode Warrior Spirit*, most importantly, they understand Career Excellence.

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# MISSION. YES.

**RHODE WARRIORS DON'T SAY NO.  
WE CONTINUE THE MISSION AS A TEAM.  
INTEGRITY FIRST, SERVICE BEFORE SELF,  
EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO!**



## 143D AIRLIFT WING





# MISSION FIRST SAFETY ALWAYS!



## How's YOUR Safety Culture Unit Commander?

Lt Col Mike Comstock, 143 AW/SE

Have you ever seen a news story about an overloaded ferry sinking or an overloaded train derailment killing hundreds of people? It's usually in a third world country and we ask ourselves how the people in charge could have allowed it to happen.

Don't they have any safety regulations? The answer is probably yes, they likely do have safety regulations. What they don't have is a good safety culture.

Good Safety Culture is... the ingrained inclination to follow applicable technical guidance and proper safety protocols in a given situation.

Regulations don't give a unit a good safety culture. Regulations can be ignored and ultimately forgotten. Corners can be cut in the rush to "get 'er done." If this is happening in your unit, you have a poor safety culture and it's only a matter of time before your ferry sinks or your train derails. Your mishap may not kill hundreds, but it could kill or seriously injure someone or compromise his ability to work. The resulting investigation will note the ignorance of regulatory guidance, the corners cut, and may even find your poor safety culture culpable in the mishap. It's a familiar pattern.

A good unit safety culture is a function of unit command. The effectiveness of a unit safety program is a reflection of the emphasis given it by the unit commander. The commander must ensure safety is fully integrated within all operations and that supervisors understand their responsibilities to the safety program. The wing safety office does none of this for you. We'll support the unit through the Unit Safety Rep and commander, but we can't give you a good safety culture. This must be developed from within over time. If you expect this will be a painful process, that's probably an indication that your safety culture isn't very good and needs to be changed.

"Being safe" is no substitute for a good unit safety culture. When I was 17, I thought I was pretty smart with a motto I invented to "protect" myself from my own dumb behavior. My moronic motto said, "If you're going to be stupid, be smart about it." GENIUS! Okay, so I managed not to get killed or arrested, but I risked everything and was lucky to escape unscathed. My teenage safety motto sounds ridiculous now, but we essentially do the same thing whenever we think we can skirt T.O. guidance and safety protocols because we're "being careful" while doing it. All we're really doing is fooling ourselves into thinking the regs are too strict, as we set the stage for a future mishap.

So unit commander, the safety ball is in your court. Take a hard look at the safety culture in your unit. Do you see an ingrained inclination to follow applicable technical guidance and proper safety protocols or people merely "being safe"? If you see the latter, take no comfort in "so far, so good." The stage is still being set.

## Improving Safety Culture within Unit Culture

MSgt Ken Hupf, 143 AW/SE

The military has a language all its own, and in the Air National Guard we have our own distinct dialect. Over the past few years, we've adopted several new catch phrases to describe changes in the way we do business. Among the most popular is "transformation" and "culture change!" Since these terms may mean different things to different people, I'd like to share with you ideas regarding "safety culture."

Within our Wing, there is a unique culture built upon history, tradition and core values. But when you look at our units individually, other distinct cultures become apparent. For example, the Maintenance Group has a culture different from the Operations Group. These diverse cultures are a good thing; camaraderie is strengthened through shared experiences and mutual understanding.

The great thing about safety is it's relevant in any culture. Unfortunately, safety has often been treated as a regulatory requirement rather than a flexible process adapted to a unit's unique needs. Making safety a fundamental value that's part of every culture will require changing the way we think about it, moving from a compliance-based mindset to one focused on creativity and total team participation. An improved safety culture means Airmen are keeping risk management in their thoughts and that helps to reduce injuries, incidents and mishaps!

How do we go about making this transformation? Leaders can start by identifying the strengths, limitations and resources within their units. The next step is to take existing safety programs and tailoring them to their unit's culture. There is no "perfect cure" for the safety issues we see on a daily basis. Our programs must be driven by conditions within the unit itself. The challenge our office faces is incorporating these unique unit cultures into the overall Wing safety program.

Even the greatest safety program won't be effective if it isn't put into practice every day with buy-in from Airmen at all levels. Change has to come from the top and bottom simultaneously, with both leaders and subordinates actively participating in the process. The end goal is to have a culture where every individual is an owner of their personal safety and risk management process. The goal is to have people make good choices, work as a team and take care of their wingman when potentially dangerous situations arise.

In these extremely challenging times of doing more with less, now, more than ever, protecting our highly trained team, valuable assets and resources are vital to our mission. We can't do our mission without people, assets or resources.



## Active Shooter Threat and Response

By: Lieutenant Colonel Peter Horne  
143d AW Anti-terrorism Officer

This year has seen an unprecedented level of active shooter incidents in the US. The Active Shooter is considered the greatest threat in government, military, educational, and mass-gathering public areas such as malls and theaters. The number of attacks demonstrates the need for all personnel to be aware of the potential for similar incidents to occur locally.

There are several types of "Active Shooters"; disgruntled employee, failed relationship mentally ill, "Terrorist". The bottom line is that there is no set profile of an active shooter. There are several warning signs specific to the military and include those: involuntarily discharged; awaiting disciplinary action; suffering from PTSD; making unsolicited comments about violence, firearms or death; served a restraining/no-contact order, made anti-military comments; displays 'anti-war' or 'anti-military' sentiments, and self-radicalization.

If faced with an active shooter scenario, escape is always the best option. If you can't escape then go to a secure location, close/ lock/barricade the doors and windows; turn off lights, radios, televisions, mute cell phones; hide and call 911.

If shooter is in your office remain calm, hide or flee if possible, dial 911 and leave line open. If you commit to attacking the shooter (as a last resort), throw things, use improvised weapons, yell, and attack with as much speed, surprise and violence as you are capable. When law enforcement arrives: remain calm and follow instructions. When calling 911, advise law enforcement of location of active shooter(s), description of shooters, number/type of weapons held and number of potential victims at the location.

The 143rd Airlift Wing is dedicated to the safety/security of all who enter our base. We are making sure that we are prepared for an active shooter scenario by conducting dynamic training and realistic exercises based on current events. The key thing to remember is to make a plan as to how you will survive such an event.



143d Security Forces members during an Active Shooter Exercise (provided photo)



143d Security Forces members during an Active Shooter Exercise (provided photo)



# Another Rhode Warrior Receives a Second Star!

Major General Paul Ayers comes “home” to the 143d Airlift Wing for his pinning

By: Tech. Sgt. Arthur DesLauriers  
143d AW/PA

Brigadier General Paul L. Ayers stood at attention as he was pinned with his second star on March 3, 2013 in a ceremony held at Quonset Air National Guard Base in the P-1 Auditorium. Although he was officially promoted on January 1, 2013, Gen. Ayers waited until he could come home to the 143d Airlift Wing to pin on his new rank.

Filling the auditorium were, Maj. Gen. Kevin McBride, the Adjutant General of the Rhode Island National Guard, past and present members of the 143d AW, members of the Rhode Island National Guard, as well as the Captain General of the Rhode Island National Guard, Governor Lincoln D. Chafee.

Maj. Gen. Ayers asked his wife, Beth and Maj. Gen. McBride to pin his new rank to his lapels. Remarking on Maj. General Ayers' career and service as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, General McBride said, “General Ayres is the perfect fit for the job”. McBride continued on also mentioning how Gen. Ayers was always striving to better the Rhode Island Guard and started his days with what could he do for Guard.

“Bringing his training and experience to the Rhode Island Air National guard was a great benefit to the Rhode Island National Guard,” said Governor Chafee.

General Ayers thanked the members of the Rhode Island National Guard and his family for their support throughout his career. Ayers said, “My accomplishments are the accomplishments of the teams I've lead. Without them I would not be in the position I am in now.” Remarking on why he thought it was fitting to come back to the 143d AW to be promoted he said, “This is where my family is.”



Chief Baltazar (left) and Chief Mesollela present Major General Ayers with his two star flag. Photo by: Tech.Sgt. Jason Long



Major General Ayers is pinned by his wife, Beth and Major General McBride. Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Jason Long

Maj. Gen. Ayers currently serves as the Air National Guard assistant to the commander, Air Education and Training Command. In this capacity, Gen. Ayers is responsible for advising and assisting the Commander and staff on formulating, developing and coordinating policies and programs impacting more than 106,000 Air National Guard members. General Ayers ensures mission requirements of the 88 Flying Wings and 88 Support Units are considered in the planning and execution phases of the Air Education Training Command.

# Community Outreach

## Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey Program Invites Rhode Island Air National Guard for a Fun Game of Hockey

By: Captain Mike Martin  
143d FSS/CC

Members of the 143d Airlift Wing, Joint Force Headquarters and the 282d Combat Communications Squadron were recently invited to play an enjoyable game of hockey with the Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey Team, the Pawtucket Pirates. On February 23d, the two teams met at the Lynch Arena in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to take part in an hour of fun and excitement.

The Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey program is a non-profit organization and is part of the Pawtucket Youth Hockey Association. It was developed and is overseen by Gerry Letourneau and has been in existence since 2008. Since that time, the program has worked with over 90 children from age 5-15 in the state of Rhode Island with a wide variety of disabilities. Hockey players from numerous state high schools serve as volunteers from week to week and the program is never short on staff. Jake Martin, son of Captain Mike Martin has been volunteering with the program for three years and is that is how the RI Air Guard came to know about the program. This model has been so successful, it is now a benchmark for other similar programs throughout the country.

Based on this record of success the coming together of the Rhode Island Air National Guard and the Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey Program just seemed to make sense and was inevitable. We pride ourselves on community outreach and giving back as often as possible. As luck would have it, our Rhode Island Air Guard is packed with many hockey players of all abilities who all have the same passion for the game as these kids do.

The teams went back and forth, and as much as Colonel Floru tried, he could not get a goal past Jake Martin! It was a tough battle but in the end, the teams tied it up 4-4!

Following the game members from both teams enjoyed some pizza and snacks to refuel. During the refuel a \$1,000 check was donated to the Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey Program on behalf of the National Guard Association of Rhode Island. The relationship between the Rhode Island National Guard and the Rhode Island Special Needs Hockey Program is a new one but one that we certainly hope will last for many years to come.

### Rhode Island Air National Guard members who participated:

Col Art Floru - 143d AW  
Col Bob Germani - 143d AW  
Lt Col Denis Riel - JFHQ/RI  
Lt Col Rick Hart - 143d AW  
Maj Kevin McDonnell - 143d AW  
MSgt Janeen Miller - 143d AW  
MSgt Deb Thibodeau - 282d CBCS  
MSgt Ken Hupf - 143d AW  
Mitchell Caruso - son of MSgt Joe Caruso  
Jake Martin - son of Capt Mike Martin





# Making the Effort

By: Lieutenant Colonel John Trovato  
143d Operations Support Flight  
Commander

I have a motivational picture in my office with the title of "Effort" and the image of a football, pair of cleats and a helmet all plastered with mud. It was a gift for me back in 1994 when I was a senior, playing high school football, and it contains a quote from the iconic Green Bay Packers' coach, Vince Lombardi, saying the following:

*"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle, victorious."*

In my opinion, "effort" is the key component to any unit's preparation for deployment, especially given the unique characteristics of a guard unit. Effort must be emphasized in the following areas: the Guard, our civilian jobs and, of course, our families. I was told at the beginning of my military career that being a guardsman requires a constant balancing act of the three above mentioned areas and sometimes one gets more attention than the others. Obviously while deployed, the Guard will be getting almost all of our attention.

We owe it to the Guard to know our military jobs inside and out. Our efforts have to be focused on knowing our regulations, our systems and our people. With this in mind, we have to challenge ourselves in our training. We must put ourselves through rigorous training scenarios so when things don't go as planned, we will revert back to our training. In my civilian job, as a law enforcement officer, my defensive tactics trainer's motto is: "How you train, so shall you fight."

I was told at the beginning of my flying career the three things a great flight lead or aircraft commander needs to possess are general knowledge, situational awareness (S.A.) and good decision-making. You can't develop good decision-making unless you put the effort into knowing the technical requirements of your job and then gaining S.A. by exposing yourself to challenging scenarios. Although the previous references aviation, it is applicable to each and every one of your jobs.

For our traditional guardsmen, the area with the least focus while deployed is our civilian jobs.

My advice is to minimize the adverse impact your service to your country imparts onto your employer. This means giving your employer as much of a "heads-up" on your departure and doing all you can to get job-specific tasks completed prior to leaving. This is the dilemma of the citizen-soldier (at least for me personally): I am not as good of a police officer as I could be due to the time commitment to the Guard and I am not as good of a guardsman due to the obligations of my job. How you balance these two commitments in the fine manner you do should make you feel very proud, because it is a testament to what type of exceptional individual you are.

Finally, our families come first, although it may not seem that way when we are deployed since we are not physically home. Our efforts before we depart ensure all financial and legal business is squared away (i.e. Power of Attorneys and Wills) and that we are spending as much quality time with our loved ones as possible. While deployed, your concerns for your family's well-being must be minimized to the maximum extent possible so that you can focus on doing your part for the team. The advancement of social media has made our time away easier thanks to computer applications such as Skype. The Guard's increased commitment (time away from family) to our nation's strategic objectives has increased drastically over the past decade. Your selflessness characterizes what type of patriot is serving in our guard today.

Referring back to the earlier Lombardi quote we have truly worked our hearts out and put so much effort in deployment preparation. We all work long days and nights in theater with the ultimate goal of ensuring our men and women "down range" have what they need and that they are where they need to be in order to do their jobs. We come home "exhausted" and are rejoined with our families, victorious because of all the *effort* put forth.



LtCol. John Trovato

# 143d Maintenance Squadron spreads its wings to accomplish the 143d's mission.

By: Lieutenant Colonel Mike Donnelly, 143d MXS/CC

Two very active members of the Maintenance Squadron are enriching the wing's mission by taking advantage of opportunities to put to use old AFSCs or by acquiring new ones. They are: TSgt Alun Boyns and SSgt Jamie Boudreaux. Both are Jamie and Alun hail from the Communication/Navigation shop of the Avionics Maintenance section.



2LT Jamie Boudreaux and MSgt Seraphim "Sef" Resendes on commissioning day. Maxwell AFB, AL (provided photo)

By the time you read this SSgt Jamie Boudreaux will be 2LT Boudreaux, newly returned from Maxwell AFB's AMS commissioning program and preparing to embark on the next phase of his career: attending pilot training and transferring to the Airlift squadron. The next year and a half of his life will be challenging and rewarding. He begins with land and water survival training at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Washington, then Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Laughlin AFB, Texas and finally Little Rock AFB, Arkansas for his C-130 basic and mission qualification returning to Quonset near the end of 2014. Jamie is from New Orleans, LA but currently resides in Warwick, RI and Quonset is his first assignment in the Air National Guard. He has been a valued member of the Maintenance Squadron deploying to Bagram AB, Afghanistan twice and to Ramstein AB, Germany for Joint Enterprise. He has also been very active in this hemisphere of the globe by deploying to Puerto Rico for Coronet Oak on two occasions not to mention completing a Private Pilot certification course in Georgia in his spare time to prepare for the pilot selection board.

TSgt Alun Boyns is reaching back to a past AFSC in Petroleum Oils and Lubricants (POL) to help the wing and LRS with its increased international training flying duties. Before being assigned to the RIANG and the 143d Maintenance squadron, Alun was a POL specialist servicing F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft at Otis ANGB, Massachusetts. While the added international students' training required increased fuel usage, POL looked to the wing for anyone with this AFSC in their background. Alun answered and has been driving fuel trucks and pumping the additional JP-8 jet fuel since early February. TSgt Boyns is also a very active deployer with trips to Diego Garcia while assigned to Otis ANGB, to Bagram AB, Afghanistan for the Maintenance Squadron as a maintainer and then Bagram AB again as a Force Protection Monitor. The Bagram trips were within twelve months. Additionally, he deployed to Puerto Rico for Coronet Oak. Alun also has a weather forecaster AFSC from active duty, holds Plumber/Pipefitter and EMT certifications as well as Bachelors and Associate degrees. Alun is from Kidwelly, Wales, UK (which explains the funny accent) and now makes his home in Rhode Island with his family.

Both Jamie and Alun have bright futures in the wing as we look ahead. We appreciate their past deployments, current endeavors and future contributions to our capable organization. Well Done.



TSgt Alun Boyns performing fueling duties at Quonset ANGB, RI (provided photo)



## Retiree Update

The RING Retirees Association has started a new program called the Emergency Support Fund. Each year our retirees support the RING Airshow by staffing the ear plug booths. We receive a stipend for this effort which supported the RING Living Memorial. Since the Memorial is fully funded now, our association decided to create the Emergency Support Fund "to provide emergency financial assistance to any member of the Rhode Island National Guard or the Retirees Association."

This program mimics the successful NGARI program. Although a smaller dollar amount, we felt it was important to assist in any way we can. We have already distributed last year's funds (including two Airmen from the 143d) and are looking for other funding resources to support the program. We want to be of service!

The application and more information are found on our website, along with several photos of the memorial's construction and dedication. You can also contact the Memorial Committee noted on the site if you have more questions.

[www.ringretirees.homestead.com](http://www.ringretirees.homestead.com)

Sincerely,

Bob Urquhart, Chairman, RING Retirees Association ESF Committee

Below: The 143d AW brick array at the RING Living Memorial



Below: The RING Living Memorial in the winter



## Unit Public Affairs Representatives Help Tell the Story of the Rhode Island Air National Guard

With the implementation of the Unit Public Affairs Representative Program (UPAR), the next chapter of the 143d is about to be written.

The UPAR program will augment the Public Affairs staff. The program will enhance the flow of news worthy events by training individuals in each unit. The UPARs will allow better representation of the units of the 143d, while providing a more comprehensive and balanced understanding of the Air Force and the people who make it succeed.

As a UPAR, the Airmen become the representative of their unit/section and responsible for telling their unit/section's unique story. UPARs will take photographs, write captions and articles. Upon completion, the UPAR submits these items for publication in the Rhode Warrior, Ocean State Guardian or posting on the 143d's website.

Beginning with the March UTA members of the 143d will be trained in the newly implemented UPAR Program. The Public Affairs Office will provide training to the members who have been selected. The program allows unit members to write, take photos and assist the Public Affairs Office in telling the 143d's story.

Major Christopher Peloso, Public Affairs Officer for the 143d Airlift Wing, said "Telling the Air Force story is a total team effort. The goal of the Public Affairs Office is to ensure each unit is well represented through the UPAR Program". "The UPAR Program is an excellent opportunity for Airmen at every level to have a positive affect on the telling our story. With the force multipliers of the UPAR Program, the Public Affairs Office will be able to reach into every unit, not just on the UTA week-ends but throughout the month. This is critical in telling the complete Quonset story", added Peloso.



Tech. Sgt. Arthur DesLauriers briefs the UPARs on the proper way to write a photo caption. Sgt. DesLauriers is a Photo Journalist in the 143d Public Affairs Office. Photo by: Master Sgt. Janeen Miller, 143d AW/PA

UPARs will be contributing news, feature stories, photos, and story ideas about the various units and the news worthy events of the 143d's (both on and off duty events). The UPARs will enhance the flow of information via Public Affairs Office posting of the stories and photographs in the Rhode Warrior, Ocean State Guardian or on the 143d's website. The Public Affairs Office will reach out to the public media outlets via releases to the media to further tell our story.

UPARs will be instrumental in getting Airmen recognized and supporting the Hometown News Release Program. By providing DD Form 2266, Information for Hometown News Release, to unit members, and turning them into the Public Affairs Office for routing it will allow for maximum exposure of the accomplishments of the 143d.

"It is imperative that the UPAR understand his/her primary concern is still first and foremost their AFSC. Understanding that, their daily duties stay the same. As a UPAR, however, you are keeping an ear and eye open to newsworthy items and information for an article to submit to the Rhode Warrior, Ocean State Guardian or the 143d's web page", said MSgt. Janeen Miller, Base Public Affairs Manager, 143d Public Affairs Office.

The Public Affairs Office will have a limited number of digital cameras available for the UPARs to sign out for photo documentation of unit events. Additionally, there will be a computer work station in the Public Affairs Office for the for UPARs' use.

If you are interested in being a UPAR, contact your supervisor. Airmen can always contact the Public Affairs Office a with possible story or photo opportunity.

The first training class was held during the March UTA. Commanders and Supervisors will have information about future class dates.



Tech. Sgt. Jason Long explains proper photo arrangement to the UPAR class. Sgt. Long is a Photo Journalist in the 143d Public Affairs Office. Photo by: Master Sgt. Janeen Miller, 143d AW/PA

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But leading, mentoring, and teaching isn't just for our youngest members. It should happen at every level. An expression we often use is, "make your name jump off the page." As career opportunities present themselves in the Wing, our goal is to maximize the competitive spirit to select the best and brightest. Expertise and qualifications in a particular field will get your name on the page of candidates. However, it's expertise, qualifications, and career excellence that will make your name jump off the page highlighting the best and brightest. Effective leading, mentoring, and teaching will keep the *Rhode Warrior* pipeline of our best and brightest very rich. This will keep us competitive on the global stage.

Focus now more than ever. Mission accomplishment is our number one priority. We can never lose focus on that. But recently, distractions have

surrounded us. Words like sequester, continuing resolution, furlough, defense cuts, and the federal budget have entered the dialogue. While the conversation can be spirited, these are issues we can't control. We must have maximum focus on things we can control. Safety and Mission Accomplishment ...Always.

As we continue to shape the Total Force Enterprise, the goal is to never know the difference between a guardsman, an active duty member, or a reservist. We'll always strive for that. However, the Rhode Warrior will always be known.

Congratulations to everyone for all of our team's remarkable accomplishments.

***The only way to end is with my personal, most sincere, "Thank You."***



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# PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND TODAY'S AIRMAN

## Every Airman Tells a Story

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# Do Your Part to Stop Terrorism



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WATCH.REPORT.PROTECT.

## The first step is knowing what to look for.

Always keep an Eagle Eye out for these suspicious behaviors:

### >> Surveillance.

Someone recording or monitoring activities, including the use of cameras (both still and video), note taking, drawing diagrams, writing on maps, or using binoculars or any other vision-enhancing device.

### >> Elicitation.

Anyone or any organization attempting to gain information by mail, fax, telephone, or in person about military operations or people.

### >> Tests of Security.

Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures.

### >> Acquiring Supplies.

Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture them), or any other controlled items.

### >> Suspicious Persons Out of Place.

People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. This also includes suspicious border crossings, stowaways aboard ship, or people jumping ship in port.

### >> Dry Run.

Putting people into position and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act such as a kidnapping or bombing. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

### >> Deploying Assets.

People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is the last opportunity to alert authorities before the terrorism occurs.



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