

Wing earns several high marks during inspections

by Maj LeeAnn Tumblson 137 ARW Chief of Staff July marked the end of a

whirlwind inspection schedule, earning the 137th Air Refueling Wing high-marks in many critical areas.

The wave of inspections began in June with the **Aircrew Standardization Evaluation** Visit. Air Mobility Command inspectors graded aircrew support, training and standardization and evaluation programs at the operations group and squadron levels. On a two-tier grading system the 137th Operations Group earned a "Mission Ready."

According to the ASEV team chief, the unit was easy to inspect. "This was obviously a total team effort and outstanding job. We hope all other units flood your phones asking how you do it," said Lt. Col. John Majewski. AMC/IG.

In the major graded areas, a five-tier system generated an "Excellent" for Stan/Eval with inspectors touting the shop's use of Patriot Excalibur (PEX) for tracking evaluations, training and trends as "best seen to date." Aircrew performance earned an "Excellent" with an "Outstanding" in examinations and an "Excellent" in flight evaluations. The other areas including training and tactics earned overall "Satisfactory" grades with "Excellent"



The 137th OG Training Team receive kudos from in-

in training administration and continu-

eral years is in my mind, outstanding,'

said Col. Devin Wooden, 137 Opera-

tions Group Commander. "Across the

July brought a flurry of inspections

A team from HQ Air Force Inspec-

tion Agency conducted Health Ser-

vices Inspections on both the 137th

Medical Group and the 137th Aero-

and quality of healthcare delivery at

Air Force medical units grading areas

medical Evacuation Squadron. Inspec-

board, you earned it! Now we just

spectors for a "Best seen to date" process.

ity training.

need to keep it up."

from several other teams.

on a 100-point system.

The 137th MDG was graded on more than 760 line times. earning themselves an overall "Excellent" and breaking a trend of poor performance among Reserve units. In fact, they earned a perfect score of 100 in the clinical sub category of In Garrison Operations which scored a total 89 points. In Expeditionary Operations they earned a 90, and in Leadership an 85.

Col. Gerald Wiest, AFIA

Photo by Senior Airman Caroline Hayworth team chief, touted the group's efforts. "You have a couple of days a month to do what active duty has 20 days to do, and sometimes you put us to

shame. Great job!" "The level of effort over the last sev-

While the 137th AES scored well in Expeditionary Operations with 83 points and Leadership with 75 points, they slipped slightly in Resource Management with a 67 and In Garrison Operations with a 63 earning them an overall "Marginal" and a revisit from inspectors.

Col. Greg Ferguson, 137th Air Refueling Wing Commander, said that despite the grade, he was encouraged by what the squadron had to offer.

"Given the amount of real-world contingencies you support, there is no doubt that you have what it takes to do what you do operationally," he said. "You just need to challenge yourselves to take the adminis See UCI, page 6

Wing demonstrates professionalism during inspections



By Col. Gregory Ferguson, 137 ARW Commander

he 137th ARW's inspections were a huge success. The many hours of diligent work were recognized by all of the inspection teams, and I am proud to tell you they were extremely impressed with your **ATTITUDE, PROFESSIONALISM and DEDICA-TION.**

Our overall Unit Compliance Inspection grade was a "SATISFACTORY". But based on the degree of difficulty we have faced over the past five years, to achieve that grade is commendable.

Of the 22 major areas, we earned "OUTSTAND-ING" in three areas, "EXCELLENT" in two areas and "SATISFACTORY" in 15 areas. While we did get one "MARGINAL" and one "UNSATISFACTORY" I am confident we will fix those discrepancies and move forward.

The Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection was an integrated inspection with the 507th and 137th Maintenance Groups in which we earned an impressive "OUTSTANDING" in all five major areas. What a phenomenal job to accomplish such success after only being in the KC-135R business a short while.

During the Health Services Inspection, HQ Air Force Inspection Agency inspectors described our Medical Group as being "enthusiastic and dedicated". Our Medical Group set the bar high when they earned an "EXCELLENT" overall; breaking what has been a trend of poor performance in Reserve Component HSIs. Even more, the In Garrison Operations area earned an "OUTSTANDING" with an unheard of score of 100 in Medical Management.

Finally, the Aircrew Standardization, Evaluation Visit recognized our aircrew performances and flying programs as MISSION READY. Again, while only in the Refueling mission a short while, the inspectors were extremely impressed with every aspect of our inspection. In fact, the team chief briefed great attitudes and an outstanding level of effort in all areas observed.

So what lessons were learned now that four Major Inspections are over? Based on the results, one lesson that stands out is units who do their work in a safe, standardized, repeatable and technically compliant manner all the time score the best. Also, commander involvement at all levels is paramount. Programs that are consistently monitored, updated and allowed to grow even when we have personnel turnover are strong programs.

EVERYONE did a fantastic job, and I salute each of you for your contributions to this great wing. Considering all of the challenges over the past few years your performance was "OUTSTANDING"! Well done.

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Command NOT notified

Get medical care & counseling

Victim Advocate attends to victim needs and provides supportive services

CAN make unrestricted reporting decision at a later date

UNRESTRICTED

Contact SARC Command IS notified Get medical care & counseling Victim Advocate attends to victim needs and provides supportive services Investigation initiated

For more information or to make a report, contact: SAPR Coordinator: Maj Liz Kettler

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2010 Drill Dates

September October November December Find the 137th Air Refueling

Wing on Facebook!

Job Announcement: Military Equal Opportunity Officer

Job duties include performing, supervising, and managing MEO and Human Relations Education programs, while also conducting administrative functions to support MEO programs. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree.

Interested candidates should submit packages that include a resume and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores to Maj. LeeAnn Tumblson, 137th ARW Chief of Staff, by COB on Sept 12 (Sunday of Sept UTA). Interviews will be conducted during the November UTA. For more information, call 686-5039.

FAMILY DAY AT A GLANCE

- Spouse flight sign up 9:00 a.m.
 Personnel welcome families at 10:30 a.m.
 Lunch provided
 Booths/Activities available throughout day
 Hometown Hero booth for plaques/medals
 - Personnel released at 4:00 p.m.

Menu

Saturday (Breakfast) eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy oatmeal, fruit

Saturday (Lunch) with Family Day activities

Sunday (Lunch) swedish meatballs, chicken, mashed potatoes, corn

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Special recognition during UCI inspection

ASEV:

Exceptional Performers

Maj Matthew Biehunko, exceptionally qualified Master Sgt. Will Blanton, exceptionally qualified **Top Performer**

Tech. Sgt. Richard Rogers

Exceptional Teams

Training Team: Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Whitaker, Master Sgt. Will Blanton, Maj. Justin Walker and Lt. Col. Mark Hole *ASEV Support Team:* Senior Master Sgt. Brian Brindle and Lt. Col. Peter Browning

AES HSI:

Outstanding Performers

Staff Sgt. Dylan Keller, 2nd Lt. Samuel Lingle and 1st Lt. Gregg Larman

Special Recognition

Maj. Carla Walker

MDG HSI:

Outstanding Performers

Senior Master Sgt. Doug Mason, Senior Master Sgt. Elsie Milkowski and 1st Lt. Candice Baxendale Special Recognition

Lt. Col. Charlie Thigpen

UCI:

Outstanding Teams

CE CI Preparation Team: Master Sgt. Dan Tatro, Mr. James Bland, Mr Nick Eischen, Ms. Kaitlyn Lloyd, Mr. Steve Martin and Mr. Jackie Molder

Engineering Team: Mr. James Bland and Mr. Raymond Chaffey

CE Material Control Team: Mr. Steven Black, Mr. Jackie Molder and Mr. Allen Yanik

Command Post Team: Maj. Doug Garretson, Master Sgt.

Heather Collins, Staff Sgt. Cale Nockels, Senior Airman Stephen Strong, Airmen First Class Jonanthan Baker, Jeremy Benavides, Nicole Buckner, Susanna Hayworth and Taylor Hosick

Contracting Team: Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Pollard, Master Sgts. Dan Tatro and Tricia Harp and Tech. Sgt. Christine Walker

Distribution Flight Team: Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Rosebrook, Master Sgt. Alquintin Steele, Staff Sgts. John Whang and James Smith and Senior Airman Adam Vanhooser

Fire Protection Operations Structural Reponse Team: Senior Master Sgts. David Langford and Clifton Nance, Master Sgts. Daniel Davis, Billy Newton, Matthew Wall and Jeremy Wood, Tech Sgts. Daniel Gonzales, Garrett Hays, Robert Ingwerson, Aaaron Monroe, and Jeremeh Murphy, Staff Sgts. Owen Bryce, Thomas Burgess, Matthew Dodge, Matthew Dillion, Todd Lambert, Paul Rinehart, and Jason Throckmorton, Senior Airmen Shane Deryckere, Chase Nichols, Michael Rigsby, and Matthew Turner, Airmen first Class Tyler Buck and Dustin Teague, Mr. Timothy Mullennax

Intelligence Team: Lt. Col. Tracey Hale, Maj. Robert Cogdell, 2nd Lt. Zachary Lee, Chief Master Sgt. James Tucker, Master Sgt. Brian Veazey, Tech. Sgts. Bert Burnside and Brianna Olsen

Logistics Plans and Programs Team: Capt. Jeffrey Payne, Senior Master Sgt. John Keel, Tech. Sgts. Joseph Conell, Eddie Scott and Marianne Staton

Outstanding Individual Performers

Lt. Col. Thomas Ryan, Lt. Col. Michael Spaulding and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Randall

Special Recognition

Maj. LeeAnn Tumblson, Capt. Stuart Letcher, Master Sgt. Robbie Cruze, Master Sgt. Elaine LaNou, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Conell, Staff Sgt. Todd Lambert, Senior Airman James Lawler and Ms. Amy Cullen

Family day to re-energize WRANGB

by Senior Airman Patricia Baker 137 ARW/ Public Affairs

A free family day event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, at the base main hangar.

The event is open to all Airmen, soldiers and their families.

Families are welcome to arrive at 10:30 a.m., and units may begin releasing personnel at that time. The event will continue until 4:00 p.m.

Static displays of various airplanes and helicopters will be on exhibit. Lunch will be provided along with popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. Festivities will include wiener dog races, inflatable toys and games.

Jennifer Lain, the base Airman and family readiness program manager, said "It will be a great way for troops and families to relax and re-energize."

Construction starts on \$4.8 million 146 ASOS facility

By 2nd Lt. Paul Blankenship 137 ARW/Public Affairs

Construction is underway on the 146th Air Support Operations Squadron's new \$4.8 million facility at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base.

Members of WRANGB gathered for the ground breaking ceremony here on June 30. The facility will replace the 146th's current location in building 1009, the old supply building.

"The new ASOS building is imed since inception out of temporary

facilities, and while adequate, we have had to work around some significant challenges and limitations. Having a new facility to call our own will allow us to better train for and execute our mission and will give us needed room to grow and prosper," said Bruce Hamilton, Lt Col, 146 ASOS commander.

The 146 ASOS is a new Oklahoma Air National Guard unit activated in October 2008 to advise Army ground commanders on airpower capabilities as well as provide Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) personnel responsible for re-



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Tucker Preparation for a new Air Support Operations Squadron building marks the beginportant to us because we've operat- ning of a \$4.8 million facility at WRANGB.

questing and controlling airstrikes as part of the ground commander's scheme of maneuver. The squadron is directly aligned to support the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) of the Oklahoma National Guard and the 79th IBCT of the California National Guard. The 146th ASOS is expected to deploy to Afghanistan with the 45th IBCT in 2011.

If you are interested in this unit there are many positions open in 1C4X1 career field (Tactical Air Control Party). "This is an extremely physically challenging four

month tech school with about a 50% success rate. These are Battlefield Airmen positions and are front-line combat oriented," said Hamilton. To learn more, stop by the 146 ASOS office for an orientation visit or speak with a recruiter.

As for the new facility, it was designed by C.H. Guernsey of Oklahoma City and the contract was awarded to Magnum Construction of Broken Arrow. Completion of the new 146 ASOS facility is scheduled for August 2012.

Airmen recognized for exceptional work

By Senior Airman Patricia Baker 137 ARW/ Public Affairs

Wing-level Airman of the Year awards and the Honor Guard Award were given to five Airmen from here and from Tinker Air Force Base last year.

Specific Airmen are awarded these recognitions to honor their outstanding and exceptional efforts given to the Air National Guard and the Air Force as a whole

Master Sgt. David Powell was recognized as Airman of the Year under the category of first sergeant.

Master Sgt. Dustin Mercer was given the award under the category of senior non-commissioned officer.

Senior Airman Charity Bowman was recognized in the category of Airman.

Tech. Sgt. Johnny Riaz was awarded Airman of the Year under the category of

non-commissioned officer.

Also, Tech. Sgt. James Michael Ellis was given the United States Air Force Honor Guard Award in the category of honor guard member of the year.

As first sergeant for the 205th Engineering Installation Squadron here, Powell dedicated his service to improving unit standards, teamwork and squadron morale. He also gave his time to community and base outreach.

Working as a cable and antenna systems craftsmen for the 205 EIS, Mercer completed tasks to help ensure the squadron was mission-ready for duties on base and during deployment.

Bowman, an engineering assistant for the 205 EIS, committed her efforts to the complete accountability of unit inventory and to the organization of resources and unit work space. Inventory ranged from

weapons to mobility bags.

Working as a communication and navigation systems craftsman for the 137th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Riaz served as the junior enlisted council president for the 137th Air Refueling Wing here and also devoted his time to community outreach programs. Riaz is a 10-year member of the base honor guard. He went on to win the statelevel award in the NCO category.

Ellis, a jet propulsion technician for the 137 AMXS, specialized in various honor guard ceremony protocols and participated in a number of honor guard functions including change of command ceremonies, community events, and military funerals. Ellis also went on to win the state-level honor guard award.

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Lieutenant Colonel Mark D. Hole

Unit/position...137th Operations Support Flight, Training, Director of Training, 137th Operations Group,KC-135R Instructor & Evaluator Pilot

In the Air Guard... 25 years

Job duties... I over-see both Ground and Flight Training for all the Units in the 137th Operations Group (185th Air Refueling Squadron and 137th Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron, including attached flyers from the Wing, Group and Air Lift Control Flight). I also coordinate with Unit Training Managers and Unit Deployment Managers (UTM's & UDM's) to ensure that flyers and support personnel are Mission Ready and capable of 'World-Wide' deployment in their chosen career fields.

Hobbies... Flying airplanes, grilling, riding motorcycles, Sooner Football and most importantly, spending time with family. One of your most rewarding experiences... the entire experience in itself has been the most rewarding. A chance to be in such a fantastic unit is the biggest reward. Being a flyer, I am so lucky to get to travel and have so many unique opportunities. It really is hard sometimes to separate the day-to-day from the extraordinary. It truly is a family experience in so many ways. Advice to new Airmen... Work hard and play hard. Make it fun

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trative processes up to that level."

The 137th Maintenance Group received its inspection through the **Logistics Compliance Assessment Program.** The Guard and Reserve inspection team is designed to ensure all logistics and maintenance squadrons follow standardized processes. The LCAP provides leadership with an evaluation of a unit's ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized, repeatable and technically compliant manner. Graded jointly with the 507th Maintenance Group, the pair earned an overall, "Outstanding".

In preparation for their inspection, members from each unit used one another's checklists and worked on them as a team, ensuring each understood the question and was able to provide the best information possible. With more than 2,500 events to accomplish, this enabled the team to provide feedback to one another regarding best practices for a successful mission.

"We've had a lot of challenges to overcome," said Senior Master Sgt. Tom Berry, 137th ARW Maintenance Flight Chief, "but open communication has been key to our success."

Inspectors from Air Force Reserve Command and the National Guard Bureau cited numerous unit strengths and thanked the units for all of their hard work. They noted the challenges presented to each unit and commended actions taken by squadron superintendents, flight chiefs, section chiefs and other section personnel who have come together to deal with these challenges.

"Congratulations," said Col George Pierce, AFRC inspector, "You have set the bar high! From wing leadership to the workerlevel in the Maintenance organizations, it's working and great things are happening here."





Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Tucker to learn and be a part of The Best Air National Guard unit in the country. Also, think of yourself immediately as a teacher, as well as the student. It's easier to learn it if you can teach it.

Finally, the **Unit Compliance Inspection** graded the wing at an overall "Satisfactory". A UCI evaluates the wing's compliance with safety directives, federal law, executive orders, Department of Defense Air Force directives and instructions, and Air Force Materiel Command policy initiatives. The inspection determines the base's ability to manage and execute critical daily activities leading to a sustained, effective mission performance. The inspectors identify obstacles that may hinder mission accomplishment and evaluate the base's oversight of contracted services.

Of the 22 major areas, the wing earned "Outstanding" in Intelligence Oversight, Contracting, and Civil Engineering. The grade of "Excellent" went to Intelligence and Information Operations. Fitness earned a "Marginal" and Disease Containment Response received an "Unsatisfactory" while the remaining areas earned "Satisfactory."

"I've never seen this wing as strong and working as a more cohesive team," said Col. Ferguson. "Our ASEV had a 'Best seen to date', our MDG HSI broke a negative trend and earned the best grade for a Reserve unit all year, our LCAP received outstandings across the board, and our UCI had a record-setting number of strengths reported. I would challenge any wing to match the degree of difficulty over the last five years and do as well as we have. As far as I am concerned, you earned an "Outstanding!"

Take time to set aside worries and focus on God



By Ch, Lt. Col. Timothy Fuller, 137 ARW

E ighty percent of all illness is caused by worry and stress. A nugget of truth to dazzle your friends at your next social gathering. It is true though. Coping with stress has been and continues to be the number one priority of today. Physically, it can lead to heart disease, cancer and drug and alcohol abuse. It can lead to domestic violence, even murder and suicide.

It's amazing what stress can do to us. And it usually doesn't take much to find something to worry about. We worry about so many things...our health, our families, children's problems, getting older, our jobs, finances, marriage.

We had added worries and stress during our latest inspections at the base. Sometimes we even worry for no reason at all or we worry about things that will never happen.

Now, I do think as long as we live on this earth with jobs and families and so many forces coming at us every day of our lives, we will always worry about something. So, I'm not going to suggest we become completely worry free. But I believe there are many times when we have to set aside our worries and get our priorities back in order; to focus on our relationship with God.

For some of us, I know that's hard to do; to stop rushing around doing things all the time, and to put our priorities back in order. So many things make demands on our atten-

This month in Air National Guard History...

Effective on Sept. 18, 1947, the National Security Act of 1947 created the United States Air Force as a separate military service and established the Air National Guard as a reserve component of the USAF. Stuart Symington became the first Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Carl A. Spaatz its first Chief of Staff. Visit http://www.airforce.com/learnabout/history for more information.

tion all through the day. It is very easy to lose sight of what really matters.

Imagine, though, what our lives would be like if we spent the same amount of time just being with God as we spend worrying. Just think what our lives would be like. Many of our worries would disappear. Or at the very least, they would be put in perspective.

Many people are willing to spend time every day, or almost every day exercising in order to stay fit. When I drive out to the base early in the morning, I always see people jogging or in the gym working out. But what about spending time every day reading the Bible or other spiritual writings, depending on your faith? Or listening to a tape of spiritual music? What about taking time every day praying for those who need our prayers?

I'm not talking about a lot of time either...20 minutes, 10 minutes, or even a simple five minutes every day. At the end of those minutes, we can start worrying again, but if we keep at it, I can almost guarantee we won't.

Remember though, we are not going to become worry free in one day. We're just not. We didn't develop the habit in one day. But we can make up our minds to focus every day on the most important thing in our lives...on the goodness and the love and the power of God. To focus on God, rather than on the worries that try to keep us from him.

Did you know...

Free confidential counseling is available through with the chaplain. Information is completely confidential. Call the Chaplain's Office at 686-5145 to make an appointment.



Saturday Catholic Mass Wing Conference Room, 10 a.m.

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Photo by 1st Lt. Jessica Chapa

Friends and members of the 137th Air Refueling Wing and 146th Air Support Operations Squadron spent a day helping Habitat for Humanity frame a new home for a family in southwest Oklahoma City. The non-profit organization depends on volunteers and has completed more than 575 homes in central Oklahoma since 1990.

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