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COMBAT EXCELLENCE-ALWAYS ON MISSION

From The WING COMMANDER

Col. Tim Donnellan 124th Fighter Wing Commander

Warriors!

During professional development seminars and through casual conversation around the Fighter Wing, I am often asked what I personally think is the most important thing a person can do as a leader. My answer is always the same read! Reading is always a great thing to do if you want to clear your mind and focus on just one thing (no television, texting or social media!). More importantly, it gives you the opportunity to learn hard lessons from those who came before you, and who have lived and gained a lifetime of experience. If you read just three autobiographies (or biographies) a year, then you have gained the wisdom of three lifetimes over that short period. Imagine how much you could learn if you lived 30 lifetimes over 10 years! The wisdom you would gain and then apply to leadership would be invaluable and give you the tools you need to be a great leader - all for the small



contribution of 20 minutes per night. The dynamics of today's military environment are staggering - the decisions we make, along with their strategic and tactical impact are enough to make the bravest Airman hesitate. Our only defense is to arm ourselves with as much knowledge and wisdom possible so we're prepared to make the call when that time comes.

After last year's tough winter, we've been given a break this year! I hope you are all taking advantage of it, minus skiing and boarding, and maximizing our training opportunities this drill. If we get a tough spring, then consider lighting the fire, grabbing a good book and gaining wisdom - you won't go wrong!

As always, be safe in what you do and take care of each other while you do it!

Attack! Donut





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Deputy Base Civil Engineer, 1st Lt. Matthew Mills, 124th Civil Engineer Squadron inspects an Airman's chemical protective suit during a CBRN training event during January UTA.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Skyla Child)

STEM MATTERS

IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD PARTICIPATES IN STEM MATTERS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

EXPEDITIONARY SKILLS RODEO

SEE SOME IMAGES FROM TRAINING WHERE WING MEMBERS ACCOMPLISHED LAST DRILL WEEKEND

WING MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

CIVIL ENGINEER & MEDICAL AIRMEN COINED



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* THERE WILL BE NO FITNESS ASSESSMENTS THIS UTA

Thursday

No significant events

Friday

No significant events

Saturday

0745 - Promotion - TSgt Lavelle, Bldg 145, SFS

1130 - 1600 Expeditionary Skills Rodeo, Bldg 1530

1130 - Lunch and Learn "Change your financial

behavior part 2" Base Chapel

1245 - CDC Testing

1500 - Promotion - MSgt Zimmerly to SMSgt, Bldg 138

1330 - Promotion - TSgt Wethern to MSgt, Bldg 1523

Sunday

0700 - Promotion - TSgt Asher to MSgt, Bldg 143

0815 - CDC testing

0830 - Enlisted Promotion board, Bldg 600

1100 - Promotion - MSgt Krohn to SMSgt, Bldg 148

(AMXS Conf. room)

1500 - MSM - MSgt Beck, Bldg 400 Foyer

What's for lunch?

There will be no hot lunch option this month.

MREs will be available Thursday-Sunday of drill and should be coordinated through your chain of command.



*Picture shown above is for illustrative purposes only and may not be an accurate representation of actual MRE you receive.

'STEM MATTERS' AT IDAHO CAPITOL

Photos by Master Sgt. Joshua Allmaras 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

















Members of the Idaho Air and Army National Guard participated in "STEM Matters" at the Idaho state capitol in Boise, Idaho Jan. 31, 2018. "STEM" stands for Science, Technology, Education and Math. The event showcased various hands-on and focused on careers such as civil engineering, robotic technology, computer programing, natural science and more. The guardsmen were on hand to show students some of the various military technologies used at Gowen Field.



GIDDY UP, IT'S RODEO TIME!

By Tech. Sgt. John Winn, 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

embers of the Idaho Air National Guard gathered on the hangar floor of building 1530 to begin what would be a full day of training. CBRN, or Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear training is a very important requirement for all members.

Airman 1st Class Mark Davis, an Emergency Management Specialist with the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron provided some of the hands on training. "As Airmen, being downrange, we may have the responsibility to be on a Post Attack Reconnaissance team, and because of that, we need to be able to identify what those hazards are downrange." Davis went on to explain that having the CBRN training could help save the life of a fellow Airman.

In addition to CBRN training, Airmen also trained on basic life support techniques and Self Aid and Buddy Care, which includes clearing airways, bandaging wounds and victim transportation.

Lieutenant Colonel Miller, a men need Registered Nurse with the 124th readiness.

Medical Group said the medical training was very practical. "It's very handy knowledge that most people do get to employ." Miller also went on to say that the training also helps the medical personnel share their civilian experience with members of the wing.

At a minimum, Airmen must attend CBRN training every three years. The hands on training, which spanned over a three-day period, is one of many training requirements Airmen need to maintain combat readiness.

to by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshui



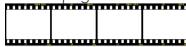
Photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshu



Photo by Staff Sgt. Skyla Child



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ALARM RED MOPP 4!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Skyla Child



Photo by Master Sgt. Joshua Allmaras



Photo by MSgt. Becky Vanshur



By Tech. Sgt. John Winn, 124th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Select members of the 124th Medical Group and the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron were presented with Commander's Coins and words of appreciation from 124th Fighter Wing Commander, Colonel Tim Donnellan, January 14, 2018. The Airmen were recognized for their achievements during January drill weekend,

THE DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLIMATE SURVEY

This Congressionally-mandated annual survey provides IDANG members with the chance to anonymously provide feedback to their leaders in several standard areas, such as an organization's climate, leadership, job satisfaction, bullying, discrimination and sexual harassment. Not only are these areas covered, but there will be specific questions developed by commanders from the 124th Fighter Wing. The survey is completely anonymous unless someone includes their name or something specific to them in the comments. The demographic information collected is not tied to the other answers when the final report is given to the commanders, and commanders cannot access the source information. After the survey closes, commanders will receive a report with the feedback collected. Col Donnellan and the other group and unit commanders highly encourage your full participation and honest feedback.

SURVEY LINKS WILL BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL AND THE SURVEY MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL FEB 13, 2018!

For further information contact Maj. Aaron Blake, 124FW EO Director, 208-880-5308

supporting the Expeditionary Skills Rodeo. Members of the 124th Medical Group trained in various Self Aid Buddy Care techniques as we;l as basic life support, while members of the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron taught Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear response.

Medical Benefits Survey In the coming

members may be randomly selected to participate in a health care survey.

The email invitation will come from a non-DOD source, but it's **NOT SPAM** Ms. Ria Reynolds at the Center for Naval Analysis (CNA) via MAX.gov

Participation is important!

Help improve health care options for our members and their families.



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