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Are you a patriot?

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I was asked to write an article and was trying to think of a topic that would be somewhat interesting to our warriors of the 301st Fighter Wing. I had been mulling around with different ideas, such as leadership, integrity, courage and other things of a military nature when it reached out and smacked me right in the cranium this past 4th of July.

It was the first time I have spent July 4th in Fort Worth and I was attending the "Willie Nelson 4th of July Family and Friends" event in the Stockyards in downtown Fort Worth. I was thrilled to see the excitement and enthusiasm from all the people attending this event—with red, white and blue clothing, hats, banners, and flags flown and posted all over town. I swelled with pride knowing I was a military professional and patriot defending the freedom we have fought for and defended for 236 years! Patriotism!

About 25 years ago, Lee Greenwood wrote a song that became a rally cry for renewed pride in our country and recognition of the principles of freedom that the United States epitomizes to the rest of the world. That song, "God Bless the USA" immediately came to mind as I began thinking about the subject of my article: patriotism.

According to the dictionary, patriotism is a love for and devotion to one's country. There was a time long ago when patriotism was not vogue. The

war in Vietnam made many Americans question the role of the United States in relation to the rest of the world. Some Americans lost faith in our country's leadership. Individuals were so concerned with their daily lives that they didn't have time for their country. Even in the armed forces we seemed to drift away from the idea of service to our country. Recruiting focused on education, a great way of life, and seeing the world, not defense of our nation. Of course all that changed after 9/11.

It was a rude shock to many in this country, and even some in our rank's, when we were sent into harm's way in places like Granada, Panama, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Many political leaders, remembering the divisiveness of Vietnam, feared there would again be civil turmoil throughout the country. But the willingness of Airmen like you to put yourselves in mortal danger in the defense of the country spurred not only renewed respect for the armed forces, but also a renewed appreciation for our country and the freedom it stands for.

A patriot is someone who loves his country and is willing to give his or her life for it. Each of us swear to support and defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. We also swear to obey the orders of the president of the United States and the officers appointed over us. Many of us have put our lives in jeopardy more than once to uphold this sacred obligation. More than once, members of Congress have questioned the fitness of some of our presidents



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to be commander in chief but that they and every Soldier, Sailor, Airmen and Marine would of course follow the president's orders.

At those times, I remember thinking how foolish those congressmen were to think that we, who had given our oath ,would not follow our commander.

I want to close this commentary with some thoughts on the freedoms we as patriots have obligated ourselves to protect. When listening once again to Lee Greenwood, whose song was played by a band in the Fort Worth Stockyards, I knew he had said it far better than I.

"...I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today. Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God Bless the USA!"

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More than just a game

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A coach has skills players need to be successful, but he also has the opportunity to impart life lessons to his team.

Master Sgt. Jose Guajardo, 301st Civil Engineering Squadron emergency management noncommissioned officer in charge, took the opportunity to do this when a coach was needed two days before the Spring T-ball season started for Rylan, his 6 year old son.

Guajardo decided to coach because of his passion for baseball and love of kids, he said.

“It allows me to pass on my knowledge and love for the game, and assist kids in developing their own skills for future use.”

He coached the Astros, a Lake Worth Youth Association T-ball team, consisting of boys and girls ages 4 to 6 years old.

During the season, players learn the primary skills of hitting, running, fielding and throwing.

In order to learn these skills, the team practiced twice a week for one hour and 15 minutes for three weeks before our season began, he said.

The reward for all of their hard work was a winning season.

“The team scored an average of 17 runs a game,” Guajardo said. “They won the T-ball Championship in Lake Worth and stayed undefeated 14-0.”

Coaching his son’s team has had a positive impact on their relationship.

“It allows us to bond and grow with each other, both on and off



Master Sgt. Jose Guajardo, 301st Civil Engineering Squadron emergency management noncommissioned officer in charge, teaches his T-ball team, the Astros, the importance of the ready position to defense Tuesday, May 8. (Courtesy photo)

the field,” said Guajardo. “It gives us the opportunity to talk and learn from each other.”

Rylan shares his dad’s sentiment, only from a 6 year old point of view.

“It was a good thing,” he said. “I liked it.”

Guajardo’s most memorable moments from the season were watching his team “take a knee for an injured player, seeing them all stand together during the National Anthem, scoring 25 runs in less than an hour, taking them to the Ranger vs. Angels ball game, and most of all just watching them be kids,” he said.

Rylan’s favorite memories from the season were when he was batting, because he sometimes hit it in the outfield, he said.

Guajardo’s coaching career isn’t over, he plans to move up to Coach Pitch with his son next year.

Rylan wants his dad to coach him next year because “he coaches good.”

Guajardo’s advice to adults is simple: “Anytime you have the opportunity to influence children with lifelong lessons, you should be proud to take advantage of it ... understanding, listening and teaching are a much more valuable approach than forcing them to learn based on what an adult needs.”

“It was truly an honor to coach such wonderful kids,” he said.

On the Cover: October of this year will mark the 40th anniversary of the 301st (Tactical) Fighter Wing. In honor of this occasion, 301st FW members designed tail art representing the wing’s heritage by including all three aircraft that have been flown by the wing. Tail art includes silhouettes of the F-105 Thunderchief, F-4 Phantom II, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the years the wing has been activated, and lettering which represents the wing’s role as the first Air Force Reserve fighter wing. (U.S. Air Force Illustration/SrA Jeremy Roman)



The
TIGER

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301st NOW

Editor's Note: "As part of the national realignment of reserve forces, May 1972 through March 1973, a tactical fighter wing will be activated at Carswell AFB. The new wing will be designated the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, Reserve, and will control three F - 105 equipped Groups based at Carswell; Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, and Hill AFB, Utah,"

Excerpt from the Tiger newspaper, Carswell, AFB, Texas, May 1972.



Col. John E. Taylor Commander 301st Tactical Fighter Wing



Col. Taylor, Col. Budde, Col. Johnston, Gen. Hoff, Col. Johnson

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301ST TFW NOW IN OPERATION !!!



Gen. Hoff, Col. Lawson, Col. Taylor

Maj. Gen. John W. Hoff, Commander USAFR Central Region, was present last UTA to observe Col. John E. Taylor assume command of the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing.

Following the brief ceremony, Col. Taylor delivered a short speech in which he complimented the 506th and issued a challenge to all present to make the 301st TFWg the number one wing in the reserves.

Concluding the commander's call, Maj. Gen. Hoff also paid tribute to the 506th, underscoring Col. Taylor's challenge. He pointed out a series of advantages that the 301st possesses that will enable it to become #1:

- An excellent history.
- Quality personnel.
- A first-class commander.
- Top-notch aircraft.
- A superior base.
- A fine community.

To support his challenge, the general referred to the "substantial need" of the active force for the support of quality reserve units, stating that no war had ever been fought by the U.S. without

the aid of the reserves.

Gen. Hoff also addressed the need for equal treatment of the reserves and guards, especially in the area of "fringe benefits." He specifically mentioned the reenlistment bonus, assuring the unit personnel that such matters are being seriously discussed in top Air Force echelons.

The general stated that the reserves and guards, while comprising 30% of the defense force, are financed with only 2% of the total defense budget.

"We need more reserve support."

In conclusion, Gen. Hoff again challenged 506th members to be "responsive and responsible" in a time when life is more complex, when national priorities are being questioned and when, as much as ever, there is a serious need to maintain a strong, top-notch military force.

Paraphrasing George Washington, the general ended, saying, "Every American owes this country his time, his service and even part of his personal property."

SCOUTS TAKE TOUR OF BASE

Last UTA, Boy Scout Troop, 515 of Ft. Worth and Scoutmaster Bill Purdy toured Carswell with Capt. Dick Bowers and Maj. "Feets" Shelton of the 506th IO shop.

Their tour included the sentry dog kennel, the control tower, a fire truck demonstration and a special treat—a close look at 7th Bomb Wing's Stratofortress and Stratotanker, and 506th TFGp's Thunderchief.

Needless to say, the scouts were very impressed and went home to "bend some ears."

idea?

Do you have an idea of how to improve the 301st TFWg.? Then write it down and submit it through normal channels to the policy council of TAC.

The policy council meets twice yearly and considers about 100 recommendations at each meeting.

Use them as a sounding board for your ideas.

SPEAKING OF SEAT BELTS:



Slow down and live!



Four of the first five 301st Tactical Fighter Wing commanders attended the 40 Year Reunion held at the Lone Star Center Friday, July 6. Pictured left to right: the founder and godfather Maj. Gen. John E. Taylor JR., Brig. Gen. Bob Efferson, Maj. Gen. Dean Erwin and Brig. Gen. Bill Lawson. (Photo by Larry Patterson)

301st Fighter Wing 40th anniversary party

It's a done deal!

Well troops, after planning it for over a year, the 301st Fighter Wing 40th Anniversary Party has been relegated to the annals of history.

Over 160 of us attended the wing-ding and everyone had a good time. The first arrivals hit the door early - a little past 6:00 pm, Friday, July 6 and the last of us rolled out of the Club (Lone Star Center) well after 11:00 pm. Although the previous three reunions were held at the Green Oaks (now also history), the Club seemed to be the perfect venue for this party.

Four of the first five 301st Tactical Fighter Wing commanders showed up: our founder and godfather Maj. Gen. John E. Taylor JR., Maj. Gen. Dean Erwin, Brig. Gen. Bill Lawson and Brig. Gen. Bob Efferson. The current 301st FW Commander Brig Gen. Ronald B. Miller also attended.

There were quite a few familiar faces we haven't seen for many years, as well as the usual suspects from the

monthly Restin' Crew lunches. Overall, it was a superb gathering of men and women who served in the 301st over the past 40 years, especially during the first 20.

People circulated around the room from group to group, table to table, renewing old friendships. It felt much more like a close family reunion than a gathering of former workmates. Our favorite war stories were swapped, a few new ones told, many spurred to memory by Jim Chambers' four-hour slide presentation running continuously in the background. The word "Thud" was oft heard and there were a lot of "flying" hands.

*Retired Air Force Col. Larry Patteron
301st Maintenance Control Officer*

Editor's Note: The Restin' Crew is a group of retired 301st Fighter Wing members, who meet monthly. For more information, please email restincrew@verizon.net.



Strive for zero motor vehicle accidents in August

Brig. Gen. William B. Binger
10th Air Force Commander

As we finish the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I'd like to ask that each one of us use just a little bit more caution than we normally do from August to mid-September in the final days of the CDOS.

Last year during this period, we experienced eight ground mishaps across the Numbered Air Force, a 60 percent increase over the normal rate – four involved a motor vehicle with a driver 39-46 years old; one resulted in coma/multiple injuries/amputations while another was fatal. We just can't have that this year. This year, let's have **zero** accidents involving motor vehicles.

In the four 2011 mishaps involving motor vehicles, all involved distracted driving. Interestingly, none of the 10th Air Force personnel were distracted – all were hit by a distracted driver. Additionally, no 10th Air Force personnel were legally at fault.

“Well, there's no way to prevent those kinds of accidents from happening,” some might say.

Really?

Actually, there is: *maneuver your motor vehicle and your body in a manner that does not allow others to hit you – create miss-distance*. By putting more distance between you and things that can hit you, you increase the time allowed to avoid a mishap. It's that simple.

Scenario: You're in the car and the light turns green. Do you just go through the intersection because you have the “right-of-way” or do you look both ways before going into the intersection because distracted drivers (who are busy texting, jabbering

with their friends, changing the radio station, etc.) don't really care whether or not you have the “right-of-way”? If they hit you ... yes, they are legally at fault. But, if you're in the hospital with non-recoverable injuries, does it really matter whether you had the “right-of-way”?

There is only one way to nearly assure that others don't hit you: *maneuver your motor vehicle and your body in a manner that does not allow others to hit you – create miss-distance*. If you elect not to drive through the intersection when the light is green because you see a car that *looks* like they are not going to stop, then you make it *almost* impossible for them to hit you. You've created miss-distance. When they go through that red light without you in the intersection, you have *maneuvered your motor vehicle and your body in a manner that did not allow others to hit you. You created miss-distance*.

Creating miss-distance can be applied throughout all phases of getting from point A to point B, not just when trying to avoid a distracted driver that barrels through a red light. Think about it ... just a little. It will make a difference.

During 2012's 101 CDOS, 10th Air Force had a great first month in avoiding ground mishaps; unfortunately, the rest of the Air Force had six motor-vehicle fatalities. A few weeks ago, our luck ran out: One of our 10AF Airmen was critically injured in a motor-vehicle accident.

We can prevent motor-vehicle accidents. We can prevent our families, friends and co-workers from being in motor vehicle accidents. We can prevent pain, tragedy and heartache.

We must understand that driving



Brig. Gen. William B. Binger

today is not the same as it was years ago. Just a few years ago, we had to actively avoid the inexperienced teenage driver. Today, we have to avoid the inexperienced teenage driver on his cell phone. And we also have to avoid the other drivers who are so busy tweeting that they are running red lights.

You may not be a distracted driver. None of our 10th Air Force Airmen involved in mishaps with motor vehicles was guilty of distraction — they were hit by distracted drivers.

I believe we can have **zero** motor vehicle mishaps during our 10th Air Force CDOS if we *maneuver our motor vehicles and our bodies in a manner that does not allow others to hit us*.

Create miss-distance ... please.

Good Hunting...

Blaze

DEPLOYED OR DEPLOYING?

Create emotional connections with your family that cross any distance



United Through Reading is the nation's first nonprofit program to promote the read aloud experience for separated military families providing deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks to their children.

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you can choose from their library
or bring your own book.
Record up to a 30 minute message.
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you can continue the program
through your assigned military installation.



Stay connected with your loved ones.



Contact Jay Evans at the 301st Fighter Wing Airman and Family Readiness Office at 817-782-7435 or email jay.evans.1@us.af.mil and participate in this program.

Think before you click: the pitfalls of social networking

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For most, social networking has become the primary way to communicate with family and friends, find lost friends, and to stay up-to-date with school or special events.

A 2011 Pew Research Center study indicated that 65 percent of adult internet users visit social networking sites, while 9 percent use Facebook's and Twitter's tag functions that post their location. Socialbackers, a company that statistically tracks social media trends, noted that over 155 million Facebook users are located in the United States alone. This Facebook population consists of 55 percent female and 45 percent male. The top two age groups are the 18-24 age group at 24 percent and the 25-34 age group at 23 percent.

With the market explosion of social media, posting information becomes second nature, even addictive. How many have posted a picture of a cool restaurant, travel pictures, or just friends in different places? In 2010, police officers in Nashua, N.H., captured a burglary ring that involved criminals using social networking. The criminals logged on to the network site, determined through postings which homes were unoccupied and conducted break-ins.

How many have posted of a deployment or temporary duty? How many family members, children, spouses, parents, have posted of upcoming travel? How many have posted pictures of base locations? What's in those pictures and postings that others can use?

Not only locations are revealed,



U.S. Air Force Graphic

but people have lost their jobs, families have fallen apart, friendships have been dissolved and some have been victims of crimes such as scams and manipulation.

Someones' life can instantly be changed, for better or worse, by a single post. The Rutgers University student, for example, posted sexual statements and a video of a roommate. The roommate seen in the video became the topic of tweets, and eventually committed suicide, while the one that posted the information faced a criminal trial.

An article written by Shea Bennett, "Why Social Media is Good for Business," July 2, 2012, stated that "75 percent of people feel that their company is behind the curve when it comes to the use of social media".

The article further states, that approximately half of employers block the use of Facebook and Twitter; for example, Porsche blocked social media sites for fear of espionage. Numerous companies have also denied workers from accessing the networking sites because 91 percent of recruiters use social networking for hiring.

Another popular professional and social networking site is LinkedIn. This is a site that offers profession-

als a conduit to network with other professionals, stay in touch with colleagues, classmates, upload their resume or follow specific companies for potential vacancies. The site offers job opportunities and chatting with other professionals and it is a gold mine for intelligence. Members can enter their career field, graduation date, work history, etc., for all to see.

This is a great tool for intelligence gathering used by a person to conduct what we call a cold contact. This is when a member tries to extract valuable information by acting as a professional with the same interest as you, to earn your trust. Be careful what type of personal information is freely disseminated to avoid becoming a potential victim of foreign contacts attempting to elicit classified information.

If a company is interested, have the company provide contact information outside the social media site. For personal protection, verify the intent of the contact. Ask the company questions. If suspicious online activity is experienced, report it! Contact the local Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Naval Criminal Investigative Services or Anti-terrorism officer.

This article is not meant to turn you against social media, but to make you aware of the pitfalls and remember the personal and professional vulnerabilities that social networking can develop. Think about what information you want to divulge about yourself and others; and specifically, how it can adversely affect you, your family, friends and country. Remember the consequences before you elect to enter into the world of social networking.

Slow down and think before you click.

Civilian employers to see wing in action

The 301st Fighter Wing will conduct a Civilian Employer Day, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.

Civilian employers will have the opportunity to see firsthand the unique ability of the 301st Fighter Wing to fly, fight and win.

Several events planned for the day will emphasize the importance of their support, particularly during your extended tours of duty.

Employer support is a key component in the success of this wing. Allow your employer the opportunity to understand your contribution to the wing's mission, especially all the hard work that goes into an operational readiness inspection.

Deadline to provide employer information is Aug. 15, 2012 so that we can allow enough time to send personal invitations to employers.

All employer information must be submitted through e-invitations, to ensure data-entry accuracy and Privacy Act Information security.

Click on the "Invite My Employer" button below and fill in the requested information.

R.s.v.p. by August 15, 2012
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4th Annual NAS Fort Worth JRB Operation Ball Gown Giveaway

Operation Ball Gown Giveaway is a fun night out that includes a fashion show, entertainment and the opportunity to select the dress of your dreams and it's all absolutely FREE!

Date: Saturday, August 4, 2012

Location: NAS Fort Worth JRB, Loneslar Center bldg 2570

Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm and fashion show begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be given out at the door on a first come first served basis. Gown selection follows fashion show by ticket number.

Childcare: Available at the Child Development Center for \$4.00/hour. Children must be pre-registered by July 20th. Childcare questions please call (817)782-5832.



If you would like to pass along a new or gently-used, clean dress or dresses please deliver them to your Family Readiness Office or mail them to 136 AW, Family Programs, 300 Hensley Ave, Building 1673, Fort Worth, TX 76127.

All sizes and styles of dresses needed.

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