



DET 215 AFROTC Alumni Newsletter

Wild Aces at IU

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2nd Lt. Lammlein mingles with top officers at symposium

I never thought I would be going through the same breakfast buffet-line as the former U.S. Air Force chief of staff. Recently, I was given the chance of a lifetime to attend the Marshall/Arnold AFROTC Leadership Symposium, where retired Gen. John Jumper acted as the seminar chair. During this two and a half day seminar, I was given the opportunity to listen to senior Air Force leaders speak about a variety of topics, mostly involving their experiences and advice they had for the more than 140 cadets in attendance.

The seminar, in Washington D.C., included many notable Air Force leaders. Present throughout the conference were Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools Commander Brig. Gen. Alfred Flowers and AFROTC Commander Col. William Kunzweiler. These two individuals could be seen as intimidating for any cadet in ROTC, considering their positions. However, after spending a weekend in the company of these two officers, I can honestly say they are personable, professional, and outstanding individuals, and I have no doubt the officer training programs are in good hands.

As a matter of fact, the most memorable part of the seminar was talking with Gen. Flowers. About four other cadets and I were standing around talking and waiting for lunch when, out of nowhere, Gen. Flowers came over to us and said, "How're you guys doing?" After the initial shock that a general was talking to us, we replied with the standard, "Good, Sir," "Great, Sir," or "Outstanding, Sir," whichever came out first. We then spoke with Gen. Flowers for about an hour. He told us about his plans for the future of AFOATS. Some of his new plans include requiring all ROTC cadets to complete more foreign-language credit hours before commissioning and perhaps moving all officer training camps to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Following lunch and dinner each day, we listened to a speaker. I cannot remember a time when I have heard such spectacular speakers. In order of appear-



Courtesy of 2nd Lt. Kyle Lammlein

From left, Cadet Art Bull from Wright State University Det 643; Brig. Gen. Alfred Flowers, AFOATS commander; and 2nd Lt. Kyle Lammlein, BA'07, gather at the Marshall/Arnold AFROTC Leadership Symposium. Bull and Lammlein attended the same high school.

ance, we listened to speeches from: Brig. Gen. David Warner, commander, Defense Command and Control Systems, Defense Information Systems Agency; Maj. Gen. LaRita Aragon, Air National Guard special assistant to the deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel; Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Maynard, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB; Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander, Air University; and Lt. Gen. John Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve.

The Marshall/Arnold AFROTC symposium was the chance of a lifetime to interact with some of the Air Force's top personnel. After only a few days of listening to senior leaders and interacting with some of the top cadets in AFROTC programs across the country, I am excited to commission in an Air Force with such a sturdy foundation and great potential for the years to come.

— 2nd Lt. Kyle Lammlein, BA'07

Hoosiers attend Air Force Memorial dedication

When Air Force history was made on Oct. 14 with the dedication of the new Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C., five Hoosiers were on hand to help make it happen. A group of two cadre and three cadets from Indiana University's AFROTC Det 215 packed an Air Force van and traveled more than 600 miles to participate in the Air Force Memorial dedication ceremony. 2nd Lt. **Jonathan Pollock**, BA'06; Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor; and Cadets Bradley Snyder, Jonathan Barnes, and Dustin Mayes served as ushers for the event, allowing them the opportunity to escort and greet many others who have helped shape Air Force history. They met medal of honor recipients, Tuskegee Airmen, Women Air Service Pilots of World War II, and former Air Force chiefs of staff and chief master sergeants. They also had the chance to speak with current Air Force and Department of Defense leaders, as well as members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Ceremony highlights included remarks by President George W. Bush, who noted, "A soldier can walk the battlefield where he once fought, a marine can

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Det 215 celebrates at 2007 Awards Banquet

Proud parents, knockout dates, sharply uniformed officers and cadets, faithful award presenters, and alumni gathered in the Indiana Memorial Union Solarium in a harmonious atmosphere of laughter, chatter, and great jazz music. During the awards ceremony in Alumni Hall, retired Col. Marc Oliphant brought a roar of laughter when he received a few hugs from female award recipients, causing him to nearly click his heels together as he was leaving the stage. No one looked at their watches, wondering when the ceremony was going to end. It was a wonderful night.

A new award was established this year. Retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass approached Det 215 alumnus Col. **David W. Eberly**, BS'69, about naming a cadet award in his honor. If you are not familiar with this war hero, you can read about him at www.faithbeyondbelief.com. Cadet Sasha N. Goeringer was the winner of the inaugural Col. David W. Eberly Award for Outstanding Leadership and Performance in the Face of Adversity. She received an engraved Jefferson Cup, a certificate, and an autographed copy of Col. Eberly's book *Faith Beyond Belief*. This award is the



Courtesy of Col. David Eberly

Col. David Eberly, BS'69, presents his name-sake award to Cadet Sasha Goeringer.

only cadet annual award in which the recipient is selected by his or her peers.

Retired Col. Eugene Merrell is a faithful supporter of Det 215 and was professor of aerospace studies from 1966 to 1968. It was a wonderful reunion for him and Col. Eberly, one of his former students. Col. Merrell has said many times that, "the '60s at IU were really something," when the detachment was located in Rawles Hall across from our current

building. They had to step over student protestors and were called "baby killers." Col. Merrell shook his head because the memories were overwhelming.

Col. Eberly told the audience that he attributed his leadership skills to people like Col. Merrell. Anyone who has met Col. Merrell would never doubt that statement.

Since coming to Det 215 four years ago, I have worked with one cadet each year to organize this event; it is no small task. Much of the organizing they do is behind the scenes and starts as early as January. First of all, Alumni Hall has to be reserved for the next year's awards banquet immediately after the current year's event. To get both this large hall and the Solarium together is a juggle for IMU staff, but they manage to make it work for us each year. The remaining organization is done by the cadet. Cadet Samantha Schinder worked hard this year to put the event together, and she did an ace of a job just as the cadets before her. We just keep finding ways to improve our continuity and relationship with IMU, and it shows with each event.

— Jackie Harding, AGS'97, BGS'00
Det 215 secretary

Cadet Yuska receives Alumni Scholarship Award

On behalf of Cadet Bradley Yuska, I want to thank you for your donations to this year's scholarship fund. Det 215 has wonderful alumni who can still look back and see themselves in our cadets and remember how much it takes to live day-to-day as a student. You also trust the cadre to be thorough in their selection process.

Yuska is an AS200 The Evolution of Aerospace Studies cadet who is dedicated to the program, and the cadre is confident he will make a great leader. It comes as no surprise that he was chosen by his cadet wing commander to be a physical fitness officer in the upcoming fall semester. His extracurricular roles include Honor Guard commander, Arnold Air Society physical fitness officer, and Arnold Air Society cadet class president. Yuska ran in



Cadet Bryan Abell

Hoosiers Outrun Cancer with a rucksack. He was on the first Air Force team to participate in Army Ranger Challenge, has several award ribbons, and received the Alpha-Beta Scholar Athlete Award. On top of that, he put in 44 hours to earn money for the wing. He aspires for a flying slot, but first he must face field training. We have no doubt he will do well.

For more information about this alumni scholarship award, contact Jackie Harding at 1-800-IUB-ROTC or e-mail afrotc@indiana.edu.

— Jackie Harding

Retired Lt. Col. James Brown, BA'78, AFROTC Alumni Association president, presents the Alumni Scholarship Award to Cadet Bradley Yuska at the banquet on April 14.

Lesson learned planning Dining Out

I believe this year's Dining Out was a success in many ways. People ate good food, enjoyed each other's company, and had a good time. Planning Dining Out with Jackie Harding, AGS'97, BGS'00, I learned quite a few useful lessons. We had many sources of help from all over the cadet wing to achieve this success. The communications staff presented a great slide show. The Honor Guard posted and retrieved the colors. Arnold Air Society presented a prisoners of war/missing in action table. The services-squadron staff worked hard to prepare, manage, and clean up Dining Out. Special thanks go to Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor and 2nd Lt. **Nay Naing**, BS'07, for their contributions and general know-how. *Lesson learned: Lean on your teammates.*

This year we were lucky to have
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Commissioning



Cadet Bryan Abell



Jackie Harding

December 2006

(graduate, career field, base of assignment)

- 2nd Lt. **Nicholas D. Arthur**, BGS'06, pilot training, Scott AFB (Ill.)
- 2nd Lt. **Douglas J. Wietlisbach**, BA'06, intelligence, Goodfellow AFB (Texas)

May 2007

- 2nd Lt. **Sarah E. Gunn**, BS'07, contracting, Cannon AFB (N.M.)
- 2nd Lt. **Nay Naing**, BS'07, acquisitions/space and missiles, Vandenberg AFB (Calif.)
- 2nd Lt. **Kyle P. Lammlein**, BA'07, doctor, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, Md.)

TOP LEFT — Retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass gives the oath of office to new 2nd Lts., from left, Douglas Wietlisbach, BA'06, and Nicholas Arthur, BGS'06, at the December commissioning ceremony in the Presidents' Room of the University Club. ABOVE — From left, Sarah Gunn, BS'07, Kyle Lammlein, BA'07, and Nay Naing, BS'07, show off their new second lieutenant bars after the Air Force/Army ROTC joint commissioning ceremony at the IMU's Whittenberger Auditorium on May 4.

Dedication

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walk the beaches he once stormed, but an airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across on a mission to defend freedom." Hearing the commander in chief in person was a first for most members of the group, and the entire experience is one they will always remember. After all was said and done, Cadet Mayes noted, "I've only been in AFROTC a semester and was able to experience meeting and seeing people who have shaped history. I've seen more here than a lot of people will see in their entire lives."

Each member of the Det 215 contingent received a hearty thank you from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and the Air Force Memorial Foundation chair, Ross Perot Jr. They also received an Air Force Memorial T-shirt, coin, lunch box, and an Air Force 60th anniversary coin.

The Air Force Memorial is rooted on a hilltop overlooking the Pentagon in view of Arlington National Cemetery, a short distance from where Orville Wright made the first flight of a military aircraft. The memorial comprises three outwardly curving pillars, representing the bomb-burst formation. Inscribed on one of the pillars is a line from the poem *High Flight* by John Gillespie Magee Jr., "Put out my hand and touched the face of God." Each pillar signifies the Air Force core values of integrity, service, and excellence and the total force of active duty, guard, and



Courtesy of Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor

From left, 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pollock, BA'06, Cadet Dustin Mayes, Cadet Jonathan Barnes, Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor, and Cadet Bradley Snyder prepare to help with seating at the new Air Force Memorial.

reserve members. Finally, it represents the Air Force's mission — "To fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace." In all, the Air Force Memorial is a symbolic tribute to the past, present, and future of air and space power.

— Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor

Cadets attend spring break visit to Travis Air Force Base

This spring break, several cadets from Det 215 visited Travis Air Force Base in California. Cadets from IU, Purdue, and Miami University of Ohio arrived on a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker. During the flight, the tanker refueled several A-10 Warthogs (Thunderbolt II). After arriving at the base, cadets were greeted with warmer weather. The Travis AFB tour began with an inside view of a brand-new C-17 (Globemaster III). Next we visited a Security Forces K-9 unit, where the noncommissioned officers explained how dogs are trained to sniff out explosives and attack the enemy on command. Then we had lunch at the Officers' Club with the vice wing commander. He explained how leaders operate by three principles: those who command with their heads down (not confident but they still issue orders); those who command with their heads up (trying to please their bosses at the expense of their people); and those who listened, especially to their subordinates. Those who listened were the best leaders.

After lunch, the cadets toured the C-5 simulation facility and the air-traffic control building and tower. The next day, we met a civilian who uses trained falcons to clear the airfield of birds that could get sucked into planes. Then cadets toured the base Emergency Ordinance Disposal building. The EOD staff explained how their job involves constant deployment, and they showed off the robots and 60-pound suits airmen use to disarm improvised explosive devices. After lunch, we viewed the interior of a C-5 Galaxy and stood on the wings of this massive cargo jet. The tour ended with a nuclear, biological, and chemical briefing, where several of us were able to experience CS gas (2-chlorobenzal-malononitrile). This gas is used as a riot-control agent and caused much discomfort to the cadets who inhaled it. It was a learning experience. Overall, the trip was a great success.

— Cadet Kemper Kelly



Cadet Trevor Fulk

Ready to fly in a KC-135 from Grissom Air Force Base in Peru, Ind., to Travis Air Force Base in California for their 2007 spring base visit include: from left, seated, Cadets Vernon Thomas, Jonathon Bristow, Daniel Brown, Bradley Boswell, Bryan Abell, Master Sgt. Christina Keesee, Cadets Cassie Humphrey, Aaron Ward, Kemper Kelly, and, standing, Michael Jennings. Squatting in front, from left, are Cadets James Buell, Kristopher Gadshian, and Joshua Borders.

Alumnus, author, and POW survivor visits campus and inspires

On Nov. 16, AFROTC Det 215 was honored with the return of our esteemed alumnus, retired Col. **David Eberly**, BS'69, and his wife, Barbara (Freund), BS'70. The two served as our grand marshals in the 1991 IU Homecoming parade after his release as a prisoner of war in Iraq.

Col. Eberly gave a motivational speech beginning with how he entered the Air Force in 1969, after graduating from IU. At that time the Vietnam War provoked so much resentment on campus, the cadets were instructed to refrain from wearing their uniforms. With current operations in Iraq losing support, Col. Eberly encouraged us to wear the uniform proudly and follow the core values: "Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do."

As an F-15E Strike Eagle

pilot during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Col. Eberly wore the uniform proudly even after being shot down and surviving as a POW in Baghdad, Iraq. While detailing his experiences, he

referenced a great American hero, Patrick Henry, to illustrate the message of his motivational speech: "We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power ... The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

I, personally, was inspired by his story. I feel confident speaking on behalf of the cadet wing in saying we were privileged to have the opportunity to listen to the advice of a modern American hero — Col. Eberly.

— Cadet Daniel Sloat



Jackie Harding

From left Master Sgt. Christina Keesee, retired Col. David Eberly, BS'69, 2nd Lt. Nicholas Arthur, BGS'06, Barbara Freund Eberly, BS'70, Maj. Roger Scott, and retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass stand in Chemistry 122 after Col. Eberly's Leadership Lab lecture in November.

Det 215 bowls for kids' sake, raises donations

Air Force ROTC Det 215 participated in the 2006-07 Edward Jones Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraising campaign for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana. The campaign concluded in March with total fundraising efforts surpassing \$160,000, which constitutes almost a third of the agency's operating budget.

The bowling parties that marked the end of the campaign took place at Suburban Lanes in Bloomington, Ind., where Cadet Michael Jennings, Cadet Bradley Tucker, Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor, Commandant of Cadets Maj. Roger Scott, and Det 215 secretary Jackie Harding, AGS'97, BGS'00, joined in on the rock 'n' roll-themed fun. Cadet Jennings was focused on answering trivia questions announced by the emcee, while Sgt. MacIvor threw his bowling ball into the next lane, claiming his thumb was stuck, but he still bowled a 180. Most of all, the goal was to have fun.

Thanks in part to our team sponsor, AMVETS Post 2000 bingo donors, and more than 80 local businesses and organizations, Big Brothers Big Sisters will be able to support more than 250 mentoring relationships between volunteer "Bigs"



Jeff Hammond Photography

and their "Little Brothers and Sisters" for the coming year — that's more than a third of the kids they'll serve. Given the good time had by all, we hope to support Big Brothers Big Sisters next year.

Rocking and bowling for kids' sake are, from left, Cadet Bradley Tucker, Jackie Harding, AGS'97, BGS'00, Maj. Roger Scott, Tech. Sgt. James MacIvor, and Cadet Michael Jennings.

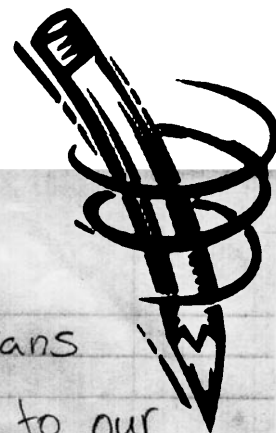
Did you know?

The symbolism behind the Wild Aces shield.



- The ace of diamonds symbolizes the importance of excellence.
- The ace of clubs represents the importance of discipline.
- The ace of hearts represents the importance of honor and integrity.
- The ace of spades symbolizes the importance of our military service.
- The winged dagger symbolizes global reach and power.
- The lightning bolts represent each of the four ROTC classes.

Fan mail from the kids



From: Olivia

Dear Color Guard and Veterans

Thank you for coming to our school and showing how much you care for the United States of America. I am very thankful that you try and help keep this country together and free. You have worked hard on keeping this world safe for us. Thank You

-Olivia





Courtesy of Bloomington Hospital Foundation

The AFROTC 2006 Hoosiers Outrun Cancer team includes, kneeling from left, Cadets James Guilfoyle, Justin Bush, Kemper Kelly, Samuel Newlin-Haus, Samantha Schinder, and Samantha Keese; and standing from left, Cadets James Buell, Sarah Ricketts, Jacob Levin, 2nd Lt. Nay Naing, BS'07, Cadets Daniel Brown, Bradley Boswell, Bradley Yuska, Cassie Humphrey, 2nd Lt. Jonathon Pollock, BA'06, Maj. Roger Scott, retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass, Master Sgt. Christina Keese, and Sara Keese. The cadets wearing battle-dress uniforms were IU's first AFROTC team to participate in the 2006 Army Ranger Challenge.

Rocking ahead: Homecoming 2007



Homecoming 2006 was awash in rain, as it poured all day and cancelled the parade. Still, many endured the weather and visited "rain or shine," like Linda and **Ed Heath**, BA'57. Visitors made the best of it under a rented tent and enjoyed catered BuffaLouie's food. Plenty of leftovers were donated to the Middle Way House and the Rise in Bloomington. Here's hoping for blue skies this year.

Rock the House Homecoming 2007 is Oct. 15–20. Please join us for the Air Force and Army ROTC alumni and cadet cookout at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 at 814 E. Third St.

For more information, contact Jackie Harding at 1-800-IUB-ROTC or e-mail afrotc@indiana.edu.



Cadet Samuel Newlin-Haus

Members of Det 215 participate in a 12-man push-up.



Capt. Joshua Hedges

From left, Cadets Kemper Kelly, Bryan Abell, and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pollock, BA'06, competed in the Air Force Marathon ROTC Relay at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in September. No trophies this year, but Det 215 has started a tradition. Cadet Abell has formed another team for 2007. Good luck, team.

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Faculty news

Lt. Col. Lori Bass, aerospace professor, retires

Everyone said time would pass quickly, and it has. I couldn't think of a better way to transition to retirement than watching our cadets become leaders in their own right. When I hear the excitement in the voices of our new lieutenants or see the promise in those still working toward their bars, it reminds me of how great it felt to be in their shoes once (not too long ago). I know the U.S. Air Force is in good hands.

I'm trading in my combat boots for rubber rain-gear, and the next time I'll wear my battle-dress uniform pants will probably be to muck-out the barn. Marc, the girls, and I are looking forward to a new adventure on our farm in Oregon. There's lots of fence repair and home renovation on the horizon, as long as it doesn't interfere with the occasional bike trip or winter hop to a warmer, drier spot. Mostly,



Courtesy of retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass

Retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass, daughters Sara and Katy, and retired Lt. Col. Marc Bass moved to Oregon.

I'm looking forward to being the mom who's there for every holiday, birthday, basketball game, parent-teacher conference, or simple kiss goodnight.

I've been blessed with a great Air Force career, and now I'm grateful for the chance to do something else. People ask what that is. Beyond Marc, the kids, and the farm, I don't have a plan. For right now, that's all I need, and it feels good.

— Lt. Col. Lori Bass

Cadets give thanks

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." — John Crosby

This quote is especially true for someone special to Det 215. Lt. Col. Lori Bass has spent several years at IU Bloomington, developing ROTC cadets into respectable officers and people of class. Her work in the Air Force will be complete as the year ends, and she is much deserving of a peaceful retirement. Hundreds of cadets have some sort of memory regarding our fearless leader. It may be a memory of getting to know her on a personal level or reporting to her because of some disciplinary reason. Whatever the case, every cadet who has come into contact with Col. Bass was influenced in the best possible way to become a better cadet and future leader in the Air Force. We can only hope to, one day, be as good an officer as she has been. Thank you for everything, Col. Bass.

— IU AFROTC Det 215,
Wild Aces Cadet Wing

Old faces become new again

Retired Lt. Col. Margaret Baechtold, former Det 215 professor of aerospace studies from 1998 to 2001 has accepted a newly formed position at IU Bloomington. She serves as director of the Office of Veteran's Support Services under the Division of Student Affairs.

Retired Master Sgt. Anthony Smithson, former Det 215 non-commissioned officer from 1998 to 2003, has turned "green" and moved downstairs with the Army as a civilian paper pusher after a few years at Scott Air Force Base. Those of you who want to talk old times with Master Sgt. Smithson can call, you'll be transferred you to the first floor. It is good to have that coffee aroma back here, Tony.

Courtesy of IU School of Nursing



The Indiana University School of Nursing invited Army and Air Force ROTC cadets and cadre members to be their guests at the Making Academic Scholarships Happen fundraising event at the Indiana State Fair Grounds Sept. 16. We hope to have a relationship between our departments for years to come. Attending the MASH event were, from left, Jackie Harding, Det 215 secretary; retired Lt. Col. Lori Bass, professor of aerospace studies; Cadets Trevor Fulk; Samantha Schinder; Kevin Wright; 2nd Lt. Nay Naing, BS'07; and Cadet Justin Bush.

Alumni news

2nd Lt. Schloesser writes to Det 215 during navigator training

Editor's note: In summer 2006, 2nd Lts. Jonathan Wayne Schloesser, BS'06, and Benjamin Burr, BGS'06, headed to navigator training in San Antonio. They will graduate Aug. 3. In February 2nd Lt. Jonathan Pollock, BA'06, traveled with his wife, Samantha, BA/BS'06, through an ice storm to begin the same training. 2nd Lt. Joshua Rope, BM'06, is also in Texas for pilot training. While reading this letter to the detachment, one has to wonder: Are they in training or an immersion program?

Det 215, I know this letter is really overdue, but you were right — I have no time, with class and all, to even breathe.

2nd Lt. Burr and I just passed our "intermediate" phase of training, and now we are living in a vault of information, learning things we don't want to know. We are officially more than halfway through training. We are still in the same class and keeping the engineers on their toes. We just picked up some F-15, B-1, and AC-130 guys who are getting ready to deploy to "the sandbox" again. I guess our phase of training is also a deployment-readiness class. We finish in four weeks, then do two months of advanced/low level bombing-run simulations and flights, and then we graduate in August. I probably won't be getting deployed until early 2008.

Navigator training has been pretty different than college, by far. Everyday, we have set schedules that last nine to 10 hours, depending on the flight or simulation. Plus, we have required command-directed study sessions on the weekends. We have mission preparation in the evenings. In total, we get Sundays off. Other than that, it's usually 10–13 hour days, five days a week, plus six hours on Saturday.

We lost five guys on our last checkride (out of 26 people). The dropout rates are supposedly getting higher, with the new Navy commander here. The old failure/dropout rate was 15 percent. The new standard is 35 percent. Luckily, that doesn't apply to me and 2nd Lt. Burr, but 2nd Lt. Pollock is experiencing the new syllabus right now. Everyone has a new checkride two months into training that I didn't have to take. The latest class had a 55 percent failure rate. You can only fail one checkride down here, after that it is an elimination ride. Plus, you can only fail three tests for the entire training, or you are up for elimination. So, 2nd Lt. Pollock is getting the raw end of the deal. I have been giving him all of my notes and charts to study. I spend my Sundays at Pollock's place, going over flight requirements and procedures to keep him in the loop.

I was looking at the calendar and noticed it has been almost a year since commissioning. Time flies. It's hard to believe it will soon be a year I've been on active duty. Crazy ... Class is fun, but some days drag. I love it; you just have to find the right people to hang around with. I have a Navy flight commander and will soon have a Navy squadron commander. It's weird working for the Navy on an Air Force base; they practically run our squadron. 2nd Lt. Pollock has a Navy flight commander, too. Tell everyone at the Det, the whole combined ops thing is real and to learn the other services' ranks. There are more Navy personnel on our flights and simulations than Air Force personnel. We also have a lot of North Atlantic Treaty Organization students here — Mexican, Israeli, Egyptian, French, German, British, Russian, Italian, Canadian, Japanese, South Korean, Portuguese, and soon we'll have Iraqi flyers down here. They are usually in separate classes, but we fly with them in the same plane and will sometimes combine with them. You definitely need to learn their ranks, too, because they are everywhere outside, and you do salute! When in doubt ... There is

even a Canadian flight commander here in charge of American lieutenants.

Anyway, enough of that. I have discovered the best barbecue down here. You probably have heard of Rudy's. I love it. I go there and buy coleslaw by the quart and bring it home for the week. The brisket isn't bad by any means, and I think I don't want to leave because of it.

I was going to stop in the Det during Christmas and say "howdy" to everyone, but my plans faltered. Speaking of "howdy," 2nd Lt. Rope is turning into a cowboy. I see him every other weekend, and he is slowly evolving with the boots and the pants. I have a cowboy hat I wear when I fly. So, we are both slowly evolving. Don't tell — I don't think cowboy hats are authorized in the jet.

Today, April 5, is my scarf drop, and I have already found out I am going EWO (electronic warfare officer). In six weeks I find out my airplane, so that will be cool. It could be an AC-130, MC-130, RC-135, or EC-130. Burr is going EWO too, so we both have a big day today. It's getting more narrow for airplane competition.

P.S. I am the safety officer. Ha, ha.

— 2nd. Lt. Jon Schloesser, USAF
H Flight Safety Officer
562 FTS, 12 FTW

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Dining out

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both old and new friends of Det 215 attend Dining Out. Seeing the familiar faces of people like retired Col. Marc Oliphant and Sarajane Correll Costas made the evening special. We were also lucky to have Col. **David W. Eberly**, BS'69, and his wife, **Barbara (Freund)**, BS'70, attend, who presented some new awards this year. This year was also special because it was Lt. Col. Lori Bass's last Dining Out as professor of aerospace studies, although I am sure she will be invited to many Dining Outs to come. *Lesson learned: The people make the celebration.*

We tried some new ideas this year. We branched out into the community and found a great jazz band from Bloomington High School North. We gave picture frames as gifts this year, which is new. It turns out that trying fresh ideas works out well. *Lesson learned: Don't reinvent the wheel, but change your tires sometimes.*

— Cadet Samantha Schinder

Alumni spotlight

Alumni at Davis-Monthan represent IU in global operations

Capt. **Lucas J. Allen**, BS'03, and 1st Lt. **Eileen Johnson Wanless**, BS'05, are stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

An EC-130 navigator at Davis-Monthan, Allen has been deployed to Ali Al Salem in Kuwait twice in his three years of service. As far as temporary duty responsibilities, he has served 17 days in combat land survival at Fairchild Air Force Base (Wash.); three months in C-130 initial qualification at Little Rock Air Force Base (Ark.); five days in water survival at Naval Air Station Pensacola (Fla.); and five weeks in aerospace basic course. He underwent navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas from 2004 to 2005.

He has flown 62 combat sorties and has more than 500 flight hours over Iraq.

A maintenance officer for the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 55th Electronic Combat Group, 55th Wing, Wanless has been deployed to Afghanistan twice. Right now she is the acting officer-in-charge for an aircraft maintenance unit composed of 7 EC-130H aircraft. Their mission is electronic warfare. Her unit has been deployed to two separate operations in 30 months — Operation Iraqi Freedom at Ali Al Salem Air Base and Operation Enduring Freedom at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

She writes, "I wouldn't want any other job in the Air Force other than maintenance. It's where the action is. Capt. Allen and I are in the same group, but he is an operator and I am a maintainer. ... It's been nonstop busy since I graduated, and I am loving it. [Husband] Eric finally received orders to Davis-Monthan, and he is now stationed here. He is in maintenance as well."



Courtesy of 1st Lt. Eileen Wanless

1st Lt. Eileen Wanless, BS'05, with her Aircraft Maintenance Unit in Afghanistan



Courtesy of Capt. Lucas Allen

Capt. Lucas Allen, BS'03, rubs elbows with actors Chuck Norris and Marshall Teague during the actors' United Service Organizations tour of Kuwait and Iraq in 2006.

Alumni visit Det 215

1st Lt. **Eileen Johnson Wanless**, BS'05, and husband Eric visited Det 215 while at IU for her sister's graduation in May. Other alumni who visited this spring are 1st Lt. **Eric Cericone**, BS'05; 1st Lt. **Mitch Mayes**, BS'05; 1st Lt. **Michael Nishimura**, BA'03; and Army Lt. **Christopher Will** (cross-commissioned).

Class notes

Because change is a constant in the armed services and in the world, the information in these alumni notes may have changed since submission.

Notes submitted in 2006:

Charles P. Schaefer, BS'53, retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1983. He lives in Logansport, Ind., with his wife Henrietta M. (Thompson), BS'58.

Retired Col. **Joseph W. Chan**, BA'66, lives in Alameda, Calif. He is a member of the Alameda County airport land-use commission and the technical advisory committee on aeronautics of the California Transportation Commission. He writes that "his true passion [in life] is being a docent at the Angel Island Immigration Station, a national historic landmark and often called the Ellis Island of the west for Asians."

Col. **David E. Snodgrass**, BS'75, commander with the U.S. Air Force security assistance training-squadron at

Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, writes, "I'd be happy to talk to any IU graduate who comes to Randolph for school." He lives in San Antonio with his wife, Julie K. (Baumann), '75. He can be reached at david.snodgrass@randolph.af.mil.

Col. **Keiko L. Shanklin Torgerson**, BSN'78, is retiring after 27 years of service to the U.S. Air Force. She received the Mary Hannah Memorial Award of Journalism for her article published in the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing*. She lives in Vacaville, Calif.

Col. **Robert B. Huber**, BS'85, was promoted to colonel and is the director of staff for the commandant of cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Lt. Col. **Patrick M. Kelly**, BA'85, is the deputy commander of the 37th training group at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Lt. Col. **Rob Schutt**, BA'87, moved to Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, where he is commander of the 5th Communications Squadron.

Angela M. Cody, BA'92, of Denver, writes, "I spent 14 years in the U.S. Air Force, five years in a 'Corporate America' sales job, and discovered the beauty of home-based business and being my own boss. No more being an employee." Her Web site is www.vmdirect.com/seemetalk.

Maj. **Christopher B. Anderson**, BA'94, MBA'03, a volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa, teaches a personal-economics class. He was named one of four finalists for the 2006 Rockwell Collins Good Citizenship Award.

Maj. **Anita Feugate-Opperman**, BA'94, reports that she and her husband, Don, who is also a major in the Air Force, moved from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Montgomery, Ala. The couple is attending the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base and then may move to Washington, D.C.

Maj. **Karl R. Fobes**, BA'95, works at the Space Superiority Wing of Los Angeles Air Force Base. He and his wife, Nikki, have

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two children, Brandon and Austin. He can be reached at karl.fobes@losangeles.af.mil.

Kendra Goodpaster Mitchell,

BSN'96, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1997 to 2006. She and her husband, Aaron, moved to North Charleston, S.C. She is a registered nurse, and he is a financial planner. They have two children, Tyler, 3, and Alexis, 2.

Submitted in 2007:

Gen. **Victor E. Renuart Jr.**, BS'71, is commander of the U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo. Previously, he worked as director for strategic plans and policy at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Renuart enabled the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide military advice to President George W. Bush, the secretary of defense, and the National Security Council.

Col. **Terri Rainbolt Kett**, BS'85, is a multidiscipline-systems engineer with MITRE Corp. in McLean, Va. She was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and is assigned to the Joint Staff (J-1) at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Kett lives in Springfield, Va.

Lt. Col. **Jeffrey H. Fischer**, BA'90, is the commander of the Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan. Previously, he was the executive officer for the deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs at U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C.

1st Lt. **Michael J. Nishimura**, BA'03, is a logistics readiness officer in the 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron at Hurlburt Field in Florida. He can be reached at Michael.nishimura@hurlburt.af.mil.

1st Lt. **Amanda M. Sater**, BS'05, is stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

We want to give a huge thanks to the parents of Lt. **Richard K. Fancher**, BA'06, for the much-needed new pool table in the cadet lounge. The old one was donated to the Boys & Girls Club. It was no small task for a group of dedicated cadets to disassemble the old pool table and assemble the new one. Next time you visit, try our new table or play a game of ping-pong with Maj. Roger Scott and Tech. Sgt. James Maclvor — they are always open for punishment.

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