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Photos by SrA. Chawntain Sloan

The Moving Wall

MSgt. Daniel Shelton, MSgt. Bill Henscheid and SSgt. Erin Dorsett, 124th Wing, Boise Air National Guard, take a few moments Thursday morning to pay respect to Vietnam War veterans named on The Moving Wall. The wall is on public display at Carl Miller Park until Monday. To maintain the dignity and serenity of the wall, visitors must turn off cell phones, and no pets are allowed in the park (See page 6 for more photos and story).

Newsline

Railroad traffic

The 116th Brigade Combat Team, Boise Army National Guard, is deploying approximately 65 vehicles from Gowen Field via the Mountain Home Railhead Monday through Wednesday starting at around 6 p.m. each day.

Gunfighters should expect minor traffic delays on Gunfighter Avenue and Hope Avenue.

The vehicles are being shipped to Fort Bliss, Texas, where the 116th BCT will use them for training for three months. They will then be shipped to the desert for use.

Union Pacific will use approximately 45 rail cars to accomplish this feat.

AWC enrollment

The Air War College nonresident program is enrolling eligible officers and federal employees for the 2004 though 2005 seminar.

The program is open to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve O-5 selectees or above of any component of the Armed Forces, and Department of Defense civilian employees GS-13 and above.

People who are interested should apply online by July 18, indicating their preference for group learning at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm.

366th FW commander bids farewell to Gunfighters

By Col. Blair Hansen
366th Fighter Wing commander

As we depart this week for other duties in our great Air Force, Sugin and I want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the Gunfighters and their families. You have supported each other, continued the great legacy of the 366th Fighter Wing and most important, have accomplished our combat mission in Gunfighter style.

Reflecting on our past 17 months together, it's clear that the wing's success is no accident. It has been the result of great individuals building great teams with just the right focus – on winning. And win we have.

Whether the challenge was Operation Iraqi Freedom or the Operational Readiness Inspection, the same ingredients have ensured success. Of even more significance to me in evaluating our ability to meet the future's challenges are our successes in raising career development course pass rates and enlisted promotion rates. These indicators, though they seldom make headlines, relate directly to the

Gunfighter focus upon developing Airmen.

Our first priority has been our people – continue carrying that torch. Strengthening the individual Airman and his or her family is the power and future of this wing and of our Air Force. A well-centered Airman, who embraces our core values, does the right thing when no one is looking, hungers to be more technically competent at his or her skill and most importantly, is focused on winning is truly the power in airpower. That Airman builds a winning team, inspires others and scares the hell out of the enemy when called to combat.

You have built an environment and a culture here that embraces this principle, and it will pay you dividends in professional and personal success for years to come.

It has been a humbling experience and an incredible honor to lead such a world-class team, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I look forward to reading the next chapter in Gunfighter lore, and while I will not be with you on the journey I will heartily celebrate your success. Once a Gunfighter, always a Gunfighter.

Ride hard, shoot straight and always speak the truth.

Commander's Hotline

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home AFB a better place to live and work.

I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function.

Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.



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National anthem

I want to say thank you to whoever is responsible for establishing the playing of our national anthem over the giant voice. It is so good to hear it again. Our family arrived in August of last year, after 10 years of being overseas where we were used to hearing and honoring the anthem daily, so we were surprised and disappointed to not have the same privilege here. Our national anthem is an important part of military life as it reminds us of why we, active duty, reserve, retired, family members, department of defense employees, etc., do what we do. The song may be old and seem outdated to some, but for me it never ceases to tug at the emotional chords of my heart, no matter when or where I hear it. So, I thank you—it is a joy and a privilege once again to stop and pay respect to our nation's anthem, to the Flag and to all that it represents.

Sincerely,

Kelley Craver

Thank you for your call. I appreciate your respect for our military heritage.

Combat success depends on personal readiness

By Lt. Col. Steve Hughes
391st Fighter Squadron commander

The war on terror is unlike any other we Americans have fought in that it will have no definitive ending. The intensity of conflict will vary, but for the foreseeable future, our country will be in direct and indirect conflict with terrorist organizations around the globe.

We have no choice but to fight terrorism, and we prefer to carry the majority of the fighting to the enemy instead of waiting to be attacked at home. Many Gunfighter families have members currently deployed or recently returned from deployments and know the cost of carrying the fight to the enemy.

Although my squadron recently returned from our time in the sand box, forefront in my mind is preparing my people and equipment to again succeed when, not if, our next deployment occurs.

I will do my best to ensure my unit's readiness; however, success in today's combat environment depends upon the individual taking the responsibility to ensure personal readiness.

You may find yourself deployed with your unit, in small numbers from your base or as a singleton working for an unfamiliar commander in a combat environment. No matter the circumstances, your fellow combatants depend upon your mental and physi-

cal fitness, job proficiency, and ability and willingness to overcome unforeseen challenges.

Your personal duty is to prepare your family and yourself so you are an asset, not a liability, while deployed.

Preparing your family

The Air Force has attempted to make deployment preparation easier through the predictability of the Air Expeditionary Force rotation system. However, there are circumstances when you will not have this lead-time prior to a deployment.

I prepare my family for this eventuality by making sure they understand I am serving in our nation's Armed Forces and that I am worldwide deployable at anytime. My family maintains a checklist of items we keep current in the event I deploy. This checklist includes wills, powers of attorney, crisis (emergency) action forms, childcare plans, car maintenance, bill paying, financial investments and a folder containing the services available through the 366th Mission Support Group.

We also have occasional family discussions about "what if" I deploy.

Having done this preparatory work allows me to concentrate on getting the job done at a deployed location, knowing my family is squared away and secure.

Preparing yourself

Until recently, most Air Force deployed

locations were not susceptible to direct enemy attack and there were only a few Air Force duties likely to be involved in direct combat action. This has changed with forward operating locations.

Now, all Air Force personnel need to be mentally and physically fit to meet the challenges of performing the mission from these locations.

Mental preparation is the most important. For me, mental preparation is easy because I look forward to taking my turn to deploy. I know my family is safe, I know I have the support of our country, I believe in our leadership and I want to do my part in this war.

The bottom line is the children of Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and Haiti have brighter futures because of the efforts of our country and our children are more secure through our actions.

Our standards on physical fitness have changed because the physical demands of fighting this war have increased. I don't go to the gym because the Chief of Staff of the Air Force makes me; I go to the gym because I owe it to my fellow warriors to be physically fit to handle combat stresses.

Being proficient

Each of us contributes a small part to the overall machine that makes us the most lethal military power in history. Without your quality contribution, our entire effectiveness is lessened.



I find proficiency in job performance is 80 percent attitude and only 20 percent aptitude. Basic skill sets are just that – basic. And without the attitude to expand and grow in your job, you will not get better.

The Air Force has great training programs, but I recommend developing a personal training program to teach yourself how to do your job better. Do not accept mediocre work and strive for excellence in all you do.

This is a sustained war that will take years or decades to complete. Fighting a war such as this requires a cultural change in the way we think about the historical longevity of conflict.

An Airman entering the Air Force today can expect to fight this war their entire career. I look forward to fighting it with you.



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366th FW receives new commander

By SrA. Chawntain Sloan
Gunfighter public affairs

Col. Blair Hansen, 366th Fighter Wing commander, will relinquish command of the 366th FW during an official ceremony today at 2 p.m. in Hanger 201.

Col. Charles Shugg, former director of operations of headquarters United States Forces Japan, will succeed Col. Hansen.

Col. Shugg received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980 and earned his wings at Reese AFB, Texas, in 1981. His previous flying duties include

being an OV-10 forward air controller, F-15C initial instructor pilot and assignments in various operational F-15C units. He maintains a rating of command pilot, with more than 3,300 hours combined in the OV-10A and F-15A, B, C and D.

He has commanded at the flight, squadron and group levels and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School.

Col. Shugg graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management.

He received his Master of Science in Management from Troy State University, Troy, Ala., in 1986; Master of Arts

and Science in Airpower Studies from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala., in 1995; and Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C., in 2000.

He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College and Air War College, Maxwell AFB.

During his 24 years of service, Col. Shugg has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster and Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

101 Critical Days: Boating, jet ski safety

(Editor's Note: This article is the part of a series of articles compiled by the Gunfighter safety office in support of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.)

Most boating mishaps involve capsizing, falls overboard and collisions. Drowning causes about 90 percent of all boating fatalities. In nearly all of these fatalities, a personal flotation device was not used.

Capsizing

Stay with the boat after capsizing. Do not try to swim ashore. The shore is usually farther than it looks. Most boats will float when swamped, and it is easier to spot an overturned boat in the water than a swimmer.

Never overload the boat. The boat's stability is related to the movement and number of passengers it is carrying. The capacity plate will tell the number of people, total weight and maximum power the boat can safely handle. An overloaded or overpowered boat is less stable and more likely to capsize.

Falling overboard

Never stand up in small boats or ride on the gunwales, seat backs or bow. While riding in small boats, move as little as possible to prevent upsetting the boat. If there is a need to change position in the boat, hold onto both sides and keep low. Standing in a

small boat to start the engine or hook a fish increases the chances of falling overboard.

To rescue a person who has fallen overboard, follow these procedures:

- ◆ Throw the person a life-saving device.
- ◆ Steer the engine away from the person and approach from downwind or into the waves.
- ◆ Stop the engine and assist the person into the boat.
- ◆ In the event the victim is injured, the rescuer should put on a personal flotation device with a safety line attached and enter the water to help the victim.
- ◆ Depending on the size and construction of the boat, the person should normally be brought in over the stern.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a condition in which the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. It results from exposure to wind and water.

Water temperature, body size, amount of body fat and movements in the water all play a part in cold water survival. Obese people cool slower than thin people. Children, because they are small, cool faster than adults. By swimming or treading water, a person will cool 35 percent faster than if remaining still.

In case of accidental immersion in cold water, remember water conducts heat many

times faster than air. Most boats will float even when capsized or swamped. Therefore, get in or on the boat, and remain as far out of the water as possible.

Do not use drown proofing methods that call for putting the face in water. Drown proofing causes a person to cool about 80 percent faster than if the head is kept out of the water.

Wearing a PFD is a must because it keeps an individual afloat even if the individual is unconscious. Remaining still and, if possible, assuming the fetal posture will increase survival time. About 50 percent of body heat is lost through the head.

If there are several people in the water, huddling close and side-to-side in a circle also helps preserve body heat. Placing small children in the middle of the circle lends them some of the adult body heat and extends their survival time as well.

Alcohol consumption

It is unlawful for a person to operate a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

A person's balance, coordination and judgment are all in jeopardy when alcohol is consumed.

In addition, stressors such as fatigue, heat, glare, engine noise, vibration and the boat's motion through the water can slow one's reaction time when combined with

alcohol and can be deadly.

Jet skis

There's nothing like the speed and maneuverability of a jet ski in the water. But remember; jet skis are smaller than most vessels and move pretty fast.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind while operating a jet ski:

- ◆ Become familiar with all operating features and safety equipment.
- ◆ Every person on board must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- ◆ Never operate a jet ski at night.
- ◆ Never allow a child to operate a jet ski alone.
- ◆ Before you attempting a maneuver, look around to ensure the path is clear.
- ◆ Never operate a jet ski near beaches or swimmers.
- ◆ Never operate a jet ski after consuming alcohol or medication.
- ◆ Be sure that the craft has a lanyard engine cutoff; that is one that attaches the key (or cutoff switch) to the driver, so the engine shuts down if the driver fall offs.
- ◆ Do not follow closely behind boats trying to jump their wakes in case the boat turns or stops suddenly.
- ◆ Do not operate above idle speed near docks or other boats.

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Last DUI:

(As of noon Thursday)

366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Days without a DUI:

X

AADD made X saves in June, XXX in 2004

Moving Wall on display at Carl Miller



Photo by SrA. Chawntain Sloan

Observers pay tribute to Vietnam War veterans listed on The Moving Wall, the traveling half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C.



Photo by SSgt. Christopher Campbell

Members from the Mountain Home Police and Fire Department along with several Idaho and Gunfighter patriots escorted the moving wall down American Legion road to Carl Miller Park Tuesday for public viewing.

By SrA. Chawntain Sloan
Gunfighter public affairs

Gunfighters can pay tribute to veterans lost in the Vietnam War now until Monday by visiting The Moving Wall at Carl Miller Park.

Local area bikers from the Idaho Motorcycle Club, Christian Motorcycle Association, Bikers Against Child Abuse and Gunfighter Motorcycle Advisory Council as well as members of the Mountain Home police and fire departments escorted the traveling half-scale replica of the Vietnam

Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. from Snowville, Utah, to Carl Miller Park Tuesday.

Each veteran on the wall is listed in chronological order by the date of their casualty, beginning in 1959 and ending in 1975. 1959 is the year which the Department of Defense gave as the date of the first American casualties of the war. 1975 is the year the last 18 casualties occurred.

There is a symbol next to each name on the wall that is indicative of whether the person was freed and brought home alive, is missing or a prisoner of war, or is confirmed dead.

- Diamond – Indicates whether a person is confirmed dead, including from accident or natural causes.
- Plus – Indicates that a person remains missing or is a prisoner of war. The plus symbol can be turned into a diamond if a person is declared dead or their remains are recovered.
- Circle – Symbolizes the "Circle of Life." The circle is inscribed around a plus symbol if a person is freed and brought home alive.

Construction on the wall began in February 1983 was completed Oct. 11, 1984. The first time the wall was erected was Oct. 15, 1984 in Tyler, Texas.

Paid for by contributions made by the public, the wall is about 253 feet long, which is slightly longer than half of the Memorial in Washington D.C. The panels are 6 feet tall, compared to the Memorial in Washington D.C., which are about 10 feet.

The Moving Wall is composed of 74 separate frames, and each leg is approximately 126 feet long. The tallest panels have 137 lines of names while the shortest panels at each end of the wall have only one line. The vertex of the wall, where the two lines join, are at a 125 degree angle.

The wall is made of aluminum panels, having the surface painted with a two part polyurethane gloss black, which gives it a mirror like finish, mounted to angular aluminum frames. It is supported from the back by 74 steel square tubular braces.

(Editor's note: Information contained in this article came from The Moving Wall Web site at www.themovingwall.org/.)

Schedule of events

Friday

11 a.m. – Flyover by Idaho National Guard helicopters; Prayer by Larry Semore, River of Life Church; song by Beth Thomas

1 p.m. – Listen to vets tell their stories

9 p.m. – Prayer and song by John and Julie Vogel

9:15 p.m. – Read names of 40 Idahoans killed in Vietnam

9:45 p.m. – National Guard honor guard performs taps

Saturday

11 a.m. – Prayer by Rev. Dana Brazel, Abundant Life Choir

1 p.m. – Listen to vets tell their stories

9 p.m. – Prayer by Pastor Parmele, Love Abiding Church

Choir

9:15 p.m. – Read 40 names of Idahoans killed in Vietnam

9:45 p.m. – Juneteenth committee and taps

Sunday

11 a.m. – Prayer and song

1 p.m. – Listen to vets tell their stories

9 p.m. – Rev. Truman Parker, Congregational Church, Bell Ringers

9:15 p.m. – Read 40 names of Idahoans killed in Vietnam

9:45 – Duck Valley firing team and taps

10 p.m. – Community candlelight vigil.

Monday

11 a.m. – Flyover by A-10s from the Idaho National Guard's 124th Wing; Prayer by the Catholic Church, Mary Lou Koelsch; high school singers perform

1 p.m. – Listen to vets tell their stories

9 p.m. – Prayer by Andrew Bailey, Assembly of God Church

9:15 p.m. – Read 40 names of Idahoans killed in Vietnam

9:45 p.m. – American Legion, Mountain Home AFB and National Guard honor guards perform taps

726th ACS returns from deployment

By Lt. Col. Lee Gardner
726th Air Control Squadron commander



Fifty-four Gunfighters from the 726th Air Control Squadron returned home June 10 after a six-month tour in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

The squadron managed all close air support requests in country for every special forces boot on the ground.

The unit was closely aligned with Army units in Afghanistan and became the main stay for aircraft flying within the borders.

In addition, the squadron was the hub of data link activity for the United States Central Command Air Forces area of operations.

The unit left for Afghanistan in November and set up site in a matter of days.

Maj. Christopher Armour, director of operations, directed multiple engagements and ensured the safety of more than 1,800 coalition troops as the theater battle commander.

He also directed airpower-to-enemy positions during several rocket attacks and designed and implemented a new forward deployed radio team that has been adopted by USCENTAF.



Photo by SSgt. Erien Chasse

Husband TSgt. Tom Green, 726th ACS, and daughters Danielle and Dana welcome home MSgt. Robyn Green, 726 ACS, June 10 at Boise International Airport. MSgt. Green spent more than six months in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Charlie Daniels Band to perform free concert

By Mr. Ron Dillon
366th Services Squadron

The *Charlie Daniels Band* is scheduled to perform a free concert for Gunfighters Tuesday, July 27, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The on-base concert location is still being finalized but it will allow the crowd to be close to the stage.

The event is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation Inc., a California non-profit corporation. It is part of the Spirit of America Tour and is not open to the general public.

Mr. Charlie Daniels' musical career began in 1959 and has included recording sessions with artists like Bob Dylan, Flatt & Scruggs, Pete Seeger, Mark O'Conner, Leonard Cohen, Ringo Starr and Johnny Cash. His songs have been documented by the American Broadcasting Company's news magazine *20/20*.

In 1985, he published a collection of short stories called *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*, which contains the same kind of characters and tall tales as his songs.

"When you hear a classic *Charlie Daniels Band* performance like *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*, you hear music that knows no clear genre," one reviewer said. "Is it a folk tale? A southern boogie? A country fiddle tune? An electric rock anthem? The answer is yes to all of that and more."

"I used to say, 'I'm not an outlaw; I'm an outcast,'" said Mr. Daniels. "When it gets right down to the nitty gritty, I've just tried to be who I am. I've never followed trends or fads. I couldn't even if I tried. I can't be them; I can't be anybody but me."

"It's purely American music with something for everyone," he said. "At least that's what I've hoped for in my 40-plus years in music."

In April 1998, top stars and two former Presidents paid tribute to Mr. Daniels when he was named the recipient of the Pioneer Award at the Academy of Country Music's annual nationally televised ceremonies.

Food and beverages will be available at the concert.

For more information, contact Mr. Ron Dillon at 828-6903.

