

Guardisman of the Month

AUGUST 2013

Congratulations *Mr. John Krzewski (Retired Master Sgt. From CE)*

John Krzewski, a state grounds employee (and recently retired Master Sgt. from CES) helped out a deployed airman from CE. After some significant rains in June, CE received an e-mail from Master Sgt. Bowling that his wife had informed him that there was significant water in their basement. John went to the home after work, met Master Sgt. Bowling's wife to check it out, and pulled out some wet rugs, fixed a downspout that had come loose, and then went back later to screw it in and make sure it wouldn't happen again.

August Honorable Nomination, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brock (Deployed)

MAY 2013

Congratulations *Mr. Larry Foster-Goodrich, Mr. Jeffrey Perigo, Staff Sgt. William Payne, Mr. Richard Fletcher*

Battle Creek Air National Guard State Fire Department Employees volunteered Wing assets and their time to assist the City with a local fire. On May 3, 2013 Battle Creek relied on the mutual aid agreement they had with the Battle Creek ANG's Fire Department asking for assistance with a fire at the Cereal City Recycling facility. "We certainly recognize the enormity of the incident and know that our Department could not have extinguished the fire without the support the Battle Creek Air National Guard Fire Department." said in a letter by Emmett Township Board of Trustees, they ended with sincere thanks, "Please extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of your fire fighters and the Battle Creek Air National Guard command staff for their support and professionalism."

May Honorable Nomination, (Members were given a Wing Coin recognizing their efforts contributing to the Wings Recycling Efforts) Ms. Bautista, Mr. Clark, Senior Master Sgt. Reynolds and Tech. Sgt. O'Keelean

APRIL 2013

Congratulations *Staff Sgt. Stephanie Koch*

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephanie Koch, 110th Airlift Wing, Wing Staff, earns Guardsman of the Month for her achievements at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., from October 2012-April 2013. Koch performs duties as front office administration and is described by her superiors as "Jack of all trades front office" being versatile, competent, polite with a can-do attitude beyond reproach.

February 2013

Congratulations Capt. Jim Laske

U.S. Air Force Capt. James Laske, 110th Airlift Wing, Operations Group, earns Guardsman of the Month for his life saving actions at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 8, 2013. Oct. 8, 2012, Laske was on vacation with his son in Cody, Wyo. when they rescued a 10 year old girl they found on the side of the road. The girl was abducted earlier that day at gun point from the local library. The abductor left her in the mountains to succumb to the elements. Laske notified authorities and she was returned safely to her parents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/released)

(As of October 15, 2012, suspect has been arrested and awaiting trial per online articles.)

January 2013

Congratulations Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Jerome

Robin Rogers called CE with an emergency at a deployed member's home, her septic system was backing up and she had already paid a private contractor who came out and attempted to fix the problem. CE asked SMSgt Jerome to volunteer to take a look which he immediately did. He went to the home and quickly found that there was a blockage in the sewage pipe leaving the house. He personally worked to clear the blocked pipe and upon the successful accomplishment of that task he was rewarded by being sprayed with raw sewage! After a course of regurgitation, SMSgt Jerome cleaned up and left the deployed member's sewage system in fine working order. Jeff could have sent someone else of lesser rank but he stepped up and personally took care of a deployed member's family and paid the price. This exemplifies this wing's family attitude and the fact that we will do anything for our 110th AW family.

January Honorable Nomination, Master Sgt. Gerri Ladd