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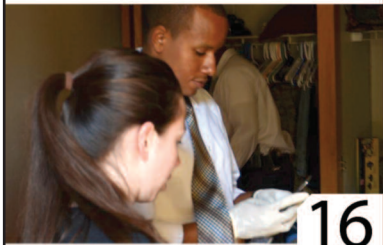
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OSI's mission crosses over
into several lines of operations.



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Editor's Corner

I hope this issue finds everyone well as we get into the holidays. This is an important time to reflect on the things that are important to us in our lives. I'd like to take a moment of your time to discuss social media. At the commander's leadership summit recently, I presented OSI's vision for social media. In case you didn't know it, we now have a Facebook page ([Facebook.com/AirForceOSI](https://www.facebook.com/AirForceOSI)) and a Twitter page ([Twitter.com/AirForceOSI](https://twitter.com/AirForceOSI)). What does this mean for you? It means we have more opportunities as an agency to let the world know about the great work we are doing for the Air Force. At the summit, I told the region leadership that social media is here to stay. We need to leverage it for all it's worth. For that, I need your help. Just like with the Global Reliance, our success as a public affairs office is contingent on your contributions. The next time you have an event, please think about letting us know about it.

Thanks for all you do. James C. Dillard, Editor



The Future of the OSI Enterprise

by Mr. Jeffrey D. Specht
OSI Executive Director

► It is an honor to serve OSI as your sixth executive director. That honor is centered on the admiration I hold for those who preceded me in this position and in recognition of the trust and responsibility inherent in my selection.

I am also incredibly excited. Without exception, I have enjoyed each successive OSI assignment more than the last. Knowing the leadership team I'm joining, combined with the talent and dedication of those executing our mission around the globe, I have no doubt that trend will continue through my tenure as executive director.

I am eager to engage the command and assess new opportunities to further elevate the effectiveness and impact of OSI. Likewise, I am excited to champion the multiple initiatives already under way to solidify our center of gravity at OSI field operating units. As the functional manager for the criminal investigations career field, I am particularly excited to assume ownership of an ongoing initiative to assess and refine the manner in which OSI utilizes and manages its 1811 force.

The Civilian Agent Assessment, Refinement, and Sustainment study was chartered several months ago responsive to the recognition that overall experience levels in core mission areas were degrading over time and that an expertise



Photo by Mr. James C. Dillard

Mr. Jeffrey D. Specht, OSI's new executive director, settles into his new office at Quantico, Va.

gap was present and growing. CAARS is assessing viable avenues to better leverage the critical skills and inherent flexibility our 1811 cadre offers to meet this challenge.

That flexibility includes OSI-owned latitude for increased stability for our 1811 force as well as OSI-defined 1811 career progression plans; both of which are areas of discretion we do not fully control for our active duty and reserve forces.

I have had a number of conversations with agents young and old regarding this proposed course change for our civilian agents. Many of those conversations included acknowledge-

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Enduring Lines of Operations

by Brig. Gen. Kevin Jacobsen
OSI Commander

► Any given day, anywhere in the world, OSI agents carry out our mission across our enduring lines of operation.

The execution of criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations as well as our expeditionary activities, and special security services is the crux of our existence as an agency. The growth

and dependence on cyber presents both challenges and opportunities. It is critical to our ability to protect secrets, detect threats, provide specialized services, conduct investigations and engage foreign adversaries.

Criminal Investigations

Throughout history, there have been



Brig. Gen. Kevin Jacobsen

those who bear ill will toward others. The recent influx of sex-related investigations is a testament to this history and

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► Staff Sgt. Devin Starling and Staff Sgt. Charles Poling, both assigned as Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Security Forces Airmen, sold Air Force property online on several occasions, including AR-15 parts and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Starling and Poling were assigned to the 4th Security Forces Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC, when they engaged in these illegal activities. Detachment 216 at SJAFB led the investigation into the thefts after receiving a tip from a confidential

informant.

“After the CI gave us the info, it was a little frustrating since we initially had nothing else to corroborate the allegation,” said Special Agent John Fox, Det. 216. “This was the second time we heard Poling may be selling ammo. The CI was cooperative to an extent, but we needed to solidify the allegation on our own.”

OSI agents went to work tracking down how Poling was illegally removing weapons parts and ammunition from the CATM building without raising any eyebrows. After some digging,

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- Special Agent John Fox

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they discovered that the NCO in charge of the CATM team, Master Sgt. Toby Smith, was also taking ammunition home with him. They used this information to bring him onboard with catching his subordinates who were suspected of stealing much more. Smith admitted he was taking ammunition home with him, but wasn't selling it. When OSI agents asked him if he was aware of any of his subordinates stealing ammunition or weapons, he said he wasn't.

“Smith assisted us in setting up a sting on the other subjects who brought all of their illegally possessed ammo,

Stealing from the Air Force

Det. 216 recovers thousands of rounds of ammunition and stops the illegal sale of weapons parts online by SFS members

by Mr. James C. Dillard
Global Reliance Editor



weapons and parts to an outdoor connex behind the CATM building,” Fox said. “One by one, we had teams set up at CATM to apprehend each subject as they arrived and tried to hide the evidence.”

Staff Sgt. Robert Marcheski, 4 SFS, and Starling both arrived at the connex to find OSI agents waiting for them. Marcheski would later admit to taking ammunition home, but like Smith, said he never sold any of it. He said he believed taking unexpended ammunition home was just the way things were done. OSI discovered 16 ammunition canisters, two handguns, magazines, 4,525 5.56 rounds, 1,240 green tip 5.56 rounds, nine hollow point 9 mm rounds, 200 50 cal. linked rounds, 30 .222 rounds and 1,401 .223 rounds in Starling’s vehicle when he arrived at the CATM building.

When Special Agent Gary Marsland and Special Agent Stephanie Perkins initially interviewed Starling, he admitted taking home ammunition with him. But, he refused to say whether or not he was selling ammunition.

Starling went on to say that he was aware of Poling selling ammunition through a website called www.AR15.com but was unaware of the amount. Starling admitted that he also had an account on the website under the name “USAFcatm.” He further informed the agents that he believed Poling’s username on the site was “Sonofagun2012.”

“We established a relationship with an administrator at www.AR15.com who gave us a ‘Platinum Account,’ allowing us to search postings, chats



Poling



Starling

and fully interact with the website and its users,” Fox said.

One big challenge Fox said they faced in this case was proving that the ammo and gun parts were government property. Their first hurdle was dealing with CATM record keeping.

“SJAFB CATM had poor accountability, unorthodox and illegal storage procedures and the subjects discarded most of the associated packaging material which would have shown a government ammo lot number,” Fox said. “The weapons parts were also difficult to confirm if they were government or not. Add to the fact that these parts and ammo were available commercially, life became pretty hard

for us.”

When Marcheski was interviewed by Det. 216, he told agents that Starling bought and sold numerous weapons, but wasn’t sure if they were his personal weapons or government owned. OSI agents later found some ammunition cans and ammunition in Marcheski’s attic during a search.

With the information they obtained from Smith, Starling and Marcheski, Det. 216 proceeded to have Poling interviewed, but he requested legal counsel and refused to answer questions.

Undeterred, Det. 216 obtained a warrant to search Poling’s residence on SJAFB. The agents discovered a huge cache of weapons, weapons parts and ammunition, including: Ammunition cans containing more than 9,600 rounds of ammunition, ranging from .224 caliber to .50 caliber, several boxes of empty rifle magazines and

pistol magazines, range supplies, various weapons parts, a Smith and Wesson pistol, a Khar pistol, two AR-15 rifles and one Mossberg shotgun. They also took as evidence a collection of unused shipping boxes, a laptop, a personal computer, a hard drive, paper targets and ballistic vest pieces.

Det. 216 also needed to track down the people Poling and Starling had been selling to on www.AR15.com. At SA Gary Marsland’s suggestion, Fox and Special Agent Geoff Haines contacted UPS to see if they could help, as Poling had used UPS for shipping.

“What made this case successful was teamwork and the cooperation we received at the UPS store in town that showed us receipts of all the packages Poling sent and to whom they went,” Fox said.

Approximately 14 buyers were identified for Starling and 11 for Poling. In the end, the Det. 216 team and other OSI agents were able to track down and recover more than 27,000 rounds of ammunition and weapons parts valued in excess of \$9,000.

Marsland identified many concerns with ammunition and weapons theft. One such concern was readiness.

“Individuals removing items such as ammo and weapons parts are taking away from the troops who are preparing to deploy,” Marsland said. “Removing these items diminishes the readiness and abilities of those who are deployed, essentially putting them in harm’s way.”

Marsland said the agents involved in this investigation became very familiar with all processes within CATM and munitions. This was key in determining how the CATM members were able to get away with it before.

“Every stone was turned over during this investigation,” he said. “Every step was taken to the furthest extent possible.”

Smith and Marcheski both received

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► Headquarters AFOSI's Cyber Program and its Field Cyber Support office (XRC) is helping realize Brig. Gen. Kevin Jacobsen's vision of creating a cyber savvy investigative workforce.

HQ AFOSI has procured hardware and software tools for field agents to use when digital media is encountered while conducting investigations.

"Gone are the days when field agents were required to notify their nearest CCI when a computer was found at a crime scene," said Special Agent Daron Hartvigsen, HQ XRS program manager. "These new tools will give agents the capability to obtain actionable intelligence at the crime scene to develop further leads and explore new lines of questioning for an interview or interrogation."

Agents will be expected to correctly employ these tools to further their investigations.

"One benefit is that agents will be able to identify what is truly evidence and benefit from it in almost real time, and then allow for a forensically sound copy to be produced and sent to a laboratory for analysis," Hartvigsen said. "Another benefit is that of the data we

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- Special Agent Daron Hartvigsen

do seize, we can send off only the digital media we believe to have probative value, thus resulting in fewer total items being sent to the Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory for detailed analysis. With fewer items going to the lab and the idea we can better identify what data is of interest at the outset, we hope to enable DCFL in their efforts to provide a timely product back."

"Hartvigsen said HQ AFOSI spent many hours and resources researching and testing different equipment to be used in the field

"The tools being fielded represent

the best and most intuitive hardware and software available now," he said.

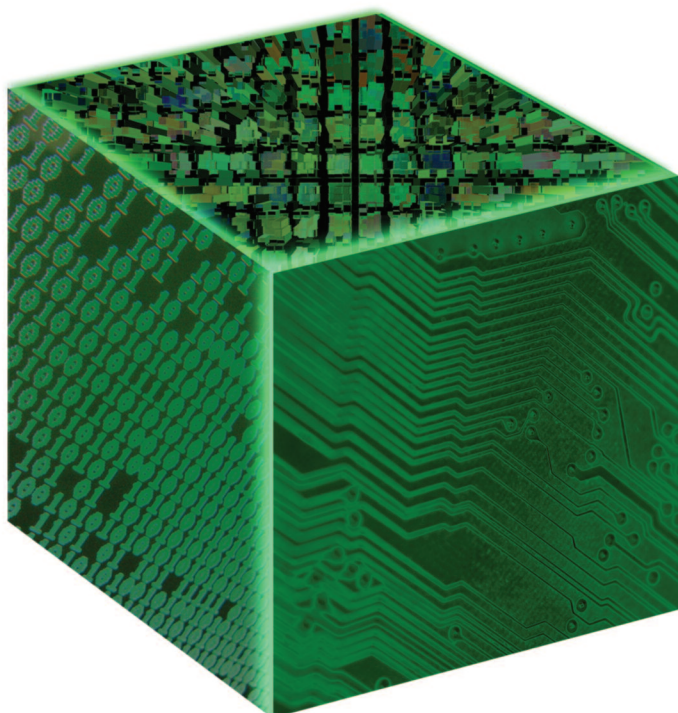
Here is what the detachments will receive:

Logicube Dossier – This is a hardware device designed to duplicate digital media containers. The data on USB drives, multi-media cards and hard disk drives will be forensically extracted and written to AFOSI owned drives/media. Agents will then be able to view the data without contaminating the source. The Dossier provides cutting-edge technology with an easy to use interface. Its compact and lightweight design makes the Dossier perfect for field imaging requirements.

Cellebrite UFED Ultimate – This is a hardware device that will enable the review and search of mobile devices. It can review and extract the data and passwords from thousands of mobile devices covering all major mobile operating systems: iOS, Android, BlackBerry, Nokia, Symbian, Windows Mobile and Palm.

Access Data Triage – This is a soft-

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Inside the Cube

New cyber device enables agents to forensically duplicate digital media without corrupting the source

Article courtesy of OSI Cyber Investigations and Operations

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ware tool. It is an easy-to-use forensically sound triage tool for on-scene preview and acquisition of computers that are live or have been shut down. Agents will be able to review and preserve evidence securely and can do it on scene or at the detachment.

In most cases agents will be able to solve most of their information needs from a subject's PC or laptop with this tool. Once it is determined evidence exists on a computer, agents can then copy that evidence (forensically safe) and use it.

The device can then be copied using the Dossier and the copy is sent to DCFL for analysis. AD Triage will enable agents to preview the file system and target data by criteria, including keyword(s), hash, regular expression, file size, date and time, extensions, file path and illicit images.

AD Triage can be preconfigured to automatically acquire preselected data. Each detachment will be receiving pre-configured USB devices. Detachments will also be receiving a "master" USB dongle so they can create their own configuration.

Training for these tools is being incorporated into the Special Investigations Academy curriculum at the Federal Law Enforcement Training



Photo by Mr. James C. Dillard

Special Agent Brian McCombs, left, and Special Agent Kevin Redinger unpack one of the new Logicube data retrieval kits at OSI Headquarters. Data from USB drives, multi-media cards and hard disk drives can be forensically extracted and written to OSI owned drives/media using the cube.

Center. Beginning with the January 2013 graduating class, agents from OSI's academy will be arriving at duty stations already familiar with these tools and aware of their capabilities.

For seasoned agents, DCITA is developing a "Train the Trainer" course. Select personnel from each Region will receive this training and pass on the knowledge to agents in their respective detachments.

"Agents will need to remember that these tools need to be used legally either by consent or search authority," Hartvigsen said. "Every Agent must become competent at using these tools; no longer can we afford for one or two agents at each Det to adopt new capabilities."

"Everyone must be proficient at identifying, collecting, using and preserving digital evidence." **GR**

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Article 15's for taking home large quantities of ammunition. For selling ammunition and weapons parts, Poling and Starling received stiffer punishments. Poling's sentence included reduction in grade to E-3, forfeiture of \$300 pay for 6 months and a fine of \$1,808. Starling's sentence included reduction in grade to E-3 and a fine of \$1,680.

Fox emphasized the importance of

running cases like this one.

"The AF should actively investigate and appropriately punish those involved in cases such as this, because it is government property and you don't know what kind of people are buying this stuff online and for what purpose," he said. "I would add that every OSI unit should look into similar instances on their base. After interacting with folks on www.AR15.com, we learned that

this seemed to be a common occurrence and folks were surprised that law enforcement would be interested." **GR**

Editor's note - The following agents and investigators also contributed to this investigation: SA Brad Ledbetter, SA Jennifer Peterson, SA Adam Calvert, and Security Forces Investigators Mr. Jerry McGhee, Staff Sgt. Franklin Mosely, Staff Sgt. Valerie Bell, and Staff Sgt. Charles Doerr.



Photos provided by SA T. David Collins

It's All About Soul

An OSI agent finds time to enjoy two of his passions: family and music

by Mr. James C. Dillard
Global Reliance Editor

► When Special Agent T. David Collins first picked up a saxophone in 1994, he began a long affair with the instrument that continues to this day, and in a job that can often be stressful, it's nice to have a passion to fall back on.

Although he plays a little flute and clarinet, the Detachment 632, Misawa Air Base, Japan, agent will tell you that saxophone is by far his strongest instrument and is definitely the one he is more passionate about.

"The saxophone evokes so much emotion," Collins said. "It is easy to express so many different feelings and moods with it."

His wife, Ashlei Collins, enjoys singing along to her husband's saxophone playing. They perform together in public as much as once a month. She said she has always been impressed with his saxophone skills.

"I think David is a phenomenal saxophone player," she said. "We played in band together, and I always knew he had what it took to be a professional."

Collins has long been interested in music and has found many inspirations to draw from.

"When I listened to jazz artists like Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, and contemporary artists like Kirk Whalum, I wanted to do what they do musically," he said. "Nowadays, music is an integral part of my life. I use it as an emotional outlet, but it's great to just play to entertain people and make them feel what I'm feeling."

Collins's solo experiences with the saxophone were in his home church growing up, and he said gospel music had a huge influence on his playing. He said he loves playing jazz, but likes to find ways to work his music into a variety of genres.

Although he enjoys his solo performances, he said his wife's singing inspires him to be at his musical best.

"It is an awesome experience to share my love of music with my wife," he said. "She is a tremendous



(Opposite page) Special Agent T. David Collins performs a saxophone solo at a local jazz venue. (Above) Collins plays a tune for his wife, Ashlei Collins. She said it's always nice to be serenaded when you least expect it.

singer and wife.”

His wife, who has been singing since elementary school, described singing as a release for her.

“I can be somewhat shy in person, but when I’m behind the microphone, I forget all of that and just let myself go,” she said.

Although Collins has played at his fair share of smaller venues like jazz clubs or church services, he has also played at some more impressive ones.

“I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play at the Sydney Opera House a few years ago for a UNICEF fund raiser,” he said. “That is probably at the top of my list for venues.”

He said he’s always seeking out new places to play in pro-

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He puts the same passion into his saxophone playing that he does into his work as an OSI agent. I am beyond proud of him.

- Mrs. Ashlei Collins

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fessional settings. He even played the national anthem at his FLETC graduation, and has performed for a dozen or more events like it. He said one of the more memorable venues was when he played at a reenlistment ceremony while deployed to Iraq.

His wife said she sees a strong connection between his work and his love of the saxophone.

“He puts the same passion into his saxophone playing that he does into his work as an OSI agent,” she said. “I am beyond proud of him.”

For Collins, playing the saxophone isn’t about being famous or making money; it’s about sharing his abilities with the world.

“When I play, I try to make people feel what I’m trying to convey,” he said. “To me, the saxophone is the best vehicle for that.” GR

AFOSI AROUND THE WORLD

Photo provided by Lt. Col. Douglas S. Garavanta



A group of runners from Detachment 602, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, participated in a POW/MIA base run in October.

Photo provided by Lt. Col. Tara Valentine



Maj. Gen. Sharon K.G. Dunbar, Air Force District of Washington commander, Joint Base Andrews, Md., paid a special visit to the 7th Field Investigations Squadron and 2nd Field Investigations Squadron at JB Andrews. Along with a mission briefing and tour, Dunbar, pictured right, took her first polygraph with one of OSI's most experienced polygraph examiners, Special Agent James "Smitty" Smith. Special Agent Adrianna Vorderbruggen also explained how to operate forensic tools OSI agents use when looking for fingerprints and handwriting indentions.

Photo provided by SA John Fox



Col. Michael Koscheski, 4th Operations Group Commander at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, NC, presented Special Agent Gregg Gow with his second Bronze Star Medal September 14. Gow received the medal for his work while deployed to Bagram Air Field Afghanistan. During his tour, Gow led more than 75 combat missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Special Agent Lindsay Temes ran the 2012 Boston Marathon and placed in the top 10 percent, despite record heat temperatures in excess of 90 degrees. It was the second hottest in Boston Marathon history. Last year, Temes was also selected to represent PACAF and the Air Force Enlisted Village Fundraiser in the Air Force Marathon.



Photo provided by
SA Lindsay Temes

Preventing ATM Theft

by Economics Crime Desk
OSI Headquarters

► People who find themselves the victim of identity theft, often wonder, “How did this happen?” and “What could I have done to prevent this?”

Recently, a group of Airmen on a humanitarian mission in Honduras found themselves in this situation after having their identities stolen by a skimming device installed at an ATM airport terminal. As a consequence, the Airmen incurred several thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges.

Although identity theft is a common criminal threat facing U.S. citizens abroad, the likelihood of having your identity stolen in the United States is just as probable. In fact, the U.S. Secret Service reportedly estimates annual financial losses associated with ATM skimming in the United States at \$1 billion and warns that this type of activity is on the rise.

For years, criminals have used various methods to steal banking information from ATM machines. The advancement of technology over the years has only aided their efforts.

A common method used to steal debit or credit card information is with the use of a “skimmer.” This is a device that fits over the card slot, which contains a computer chip that stores the card’s information taken from the magnetic strip on the back.

Additionally, a criminal situates a small camera nearby to read the PIN that accompanies the card, or they may use a keypad overlay instead – this device fits snugly over the machine’s original keypad and will record the PIN using keystrokes.

Modern technology has allowed these devices to become more compact and easier to conceal. They also have a larger storage capacity, and it’s possible for a criminal to read the information remotely over a computer or mobile device instead of having to return to the scene of the crime to physically retrieve the device for the stolen information.

This scam is usually thought to occur at ATM machines, but criminals can use these devices on any card reading machine, like at a gas pump.

Consumers can take steps to help prevent becoming a victim of fraud:

- Inspect the card reader before using it – be suspicious

HOW IT WORKS

Skimming is an illegal activity that involves the installation of a device, usually undetectable by automated teller machine users, that secretly records bank account data when the user inserts an ATM card into the machine. Criminals can then encode the stolen data onto a blank card and use it to loot the customer’s bank account.

- 1 Hidden camera**
A concealed camera is typically used in conjunction with the skimming device in order to record customers typing their personal identification number (PIN) into the ATM keypad. Cameras are usually concealed somewhere on the front of the ATM – in this example, just above the screen in a phony ATM part – or somewhere nearby (like a light fixture).
- 2 Skimmer**
The skimmer, which looks very similar to the original card reader in color and texture, fits right over the card reader. The original card reader is usually concave in shape (curving inward), while the skimmer is more convex (curving outward). As customers insert their ATM cards, bank account information on the card is “skimmed,” or stolen, and usually stored on some type of electronic device.
- 3 Keypad overlay**
The use of a keypad overlay – placed directly on top of the factory-installed keypad – is a fairly new technique that takes the place of a concealed camera. Instead of visually recording users punching in their PINs, circuitry inside the phony keypad stores the actual keystrokes.

SOURCE: FBI

THE BLADE

of anything that looks loose or damaged.

- Use machines at your bank or inside buildings, since criminals will have a much harder time installing devices in more secure and visible areas.

- If your card is not returned or the transaction is canceled, contact your banking institution immediately for assistance.

European countries recognized the vulnerability of the magnetic strip. Their financial cards have a smartcard chip, similar to DoD common access cards that are read by a machine and then authenticated by entering a PIN. American financial institutions have been reluctant to switch to the more secure system due to start up costs.

Check your bank accounts and credit histories for suspicious activity. The transient nature of the military environment often causes service members to be more vulnerable to identity theft.

For more information, or for assistance, call the Federal Trade Commission at (877) ID-THEFT to file a report and receive step-by-step instructions on how to restore your identity. **GR**

► SSN Protection

Don’t carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your number on checks. Give your SSN only when absolutely necessary, and ask to use other types of identifiers. If a business asks for your SSN, ask them how they protect your number from theft. (Information courtesy of www.ftc.gov.)



Photos provided by SA Frank McBride

Special Agent Frank McBride poses with his convoy in the background during his deployment to Afghanistan in 2011. McBride received a Combat Action Medal for the work he did with a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force.

by Mr. James C. Dillard
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► Special Agent Frank McBride is no stranger to the combat zone; he's deployed to several locations including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

Most recently, McBride was assigned to a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan from January through March 2011. While assigned to the CJSOTF, McBride forward deployed with a special operations team to establish Village Stability Platforms in Afghanistan. He worked there with the SOT and two other OSI agents, Robert Morse and Art Ceballos.

OSI's mission was augmenting force protection. The overall mission was for the team to identify, recruit and train local Afghans in contested areas to train them in providing their own security against insurgents. The Americans assigned there were responsible for establishing their own security. Working with an unfamiliar mission can be chal-



McBride, second from right, and another OSI agent talk with local Afghani villagers during a recon mission outside the wire. Part of his work there was helping to build relationships with the locals and bolster the Afghan Local Police unit.

lenging in itself.

"It is very difficult to integrate into small units comprised of elite forces who have trained and worked together for years," said Lt. Col. Garry Little, who served at the Counterintelligence

Coordinating Authority at HQ EUCOM during McBride's tour and now works at OSI Region 1. "SA McBride understood his operating environment and acclimated as quickly as possible. His maturity and solid judgment coupled with his



OSI agents have to overcome many challenges in the field, including whatever Mother Nature throws at them. While McBride was deployed in Afghanistan, his camp was nearly completely washed away by a flash flood. His team was knee deep in water and mud as they started the process of rebuilding. Establishing a secure location was their number one priority.

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The silent professionals tirelessly worked to extend the secure areas throughout the region and regained contested ground village by village.

- Lt. Col. Garry Little

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willingness to do what was needed at the time made a lasting impression on the team.”

McBride’s team worked with the village elders to establish the Afghan Local Police unit and was exposed on several occasions to enemy fire. On two occasions, McBride and his unit engaged the enemy with small arms, inside and outside their compound. To further create a secure location for the ALP, McBride went out on more than 70 combat patrols

in the area. These patrols were subjected to constant attacks by enemy forces using machines guns, rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire.

“I relied on both my training as an agent and my 14 years of experience as a security forces member to survive, but relied mostly on the confidence I had in my team,” McBride said. “We kept our plans simple and communicated everything, but I mostly focused on the job and did what I needed to do to make sure we were safe and all came home.”

On one occasion when he was engaging the enemy in direct fire, a 40mm round landed less than five feet away from McBride and tore into a barrier. Despite the heavy enemy fire, McBride picked up his weapon and defended the compound.

For his actions while deployed supporting the CJSOTF, McBride was awarded the Combat Action Medal and Bronze Star Medal.

“I was proud to receive them,” McBride said. “I felt humbled by the words General Jacobsen said - it brought back into focus the time spent deployed

➔ In the Field

On one patrol, SA McBride’s team dismounted to investigate a potential ordnance cache site. They discovered a large, wired improvised explosive device in the area. While explosive ordnance disposal technicians worked to disarm the device, McBride exposed himself to additional IEDs while working to learn more from the local nationals about the site. During this time, his team received multiple indications that there was an imminent threat. Despite the danger to himself, McBride continued to gather intelligence. After departing, his team received intelligence that there were insurgents in the area, so they returned to engage. After a fire fight, one insurgent was injured and the remaining escaped.

and what I did to earn the medal.”

McBride attributes receiving the medals to many things, including the support he received in the field.

“The people, both within and outside OSI, who looked out for me had a lot to do with me receiving this medal,” he said. “I had some great support from Lt. Col. Little as well as from the team commander in the field. I worked with a great bunch of guys who were highly skilled, trained, and motivated; they treated me as a team member and professional.”

Thanks to McBride and his special operations team, the Afghans will be better prepared to protect their villages in the future and focus on growing democracy in their region.

“Frank is very modest when it comes to what his team accomplished,” Little said. “The silent professionals tirelessly worked to extend the secure areas throughout the region and regained contested ground village by village.” **GR**



Photo provided by the Neuman family

Special Agent Johann Neuman, far right, and his family enjoy a reunion at the Dayton Dragon's baseball stadium. Neuman's wife, Carol, pictured next to Neuman, coordinated the event to surprise their children.

Welcome Home

After being gone for months, an OSI agent surprises his children with a special homecoming

by Mr. James C. Dillard
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► Before Special Agent Johann Neuman departed on his deployment, he wanted to do something special with his family, so he took them to a local minor league baseball game.

Four months later, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations agent was preparing to return home from his deployment and found out that he would have a chance to surprise his kids at the very same minor league stadium with a special homecoming.

Neuman's wife, Carol, was notified by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Morale Welfare and Recreation office that they have a program where returning deployed service members can enjoy a surprise homecoming with their families at the Dayton Dragons baseball stadium.

She worked it out where her children had no idea they would be reunited with their father at the baseball game. The family waited on the field with no idea what was to come next.

"It was really fun to watch them on the big screen before I walked out on

the field to surprise them," Neuman said. "The stadium crew did an outstanding job keeping the children distracted before I joined them on the field."

When they saw their father, his children rushed to him and he picked the pair of them up in his arms.

"I was really happy to see them together," Neuman's wife said. "The children missed their father very much."

"I'd like to thank my wife for coordinating this event and 1 FIR leadership for getting the necessary approvals," Neuman said.

It was a tearful and happy reunion - one that the children will likely never forget.

"I know this will be something we will always remember," Neuman said.

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Finding his 'Wings'

After more than four decades, plane and Airman reunite at McConnell AFB

by Airman 1st Class Laura L. Valentine
22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

► In 1965, the KC-135 Stratotanker 62-3498 was three years old and had logged close to 1,000 flying hours when Airman 3rd Class Melvin Cline, aircraft maintenance crew chief, began his Air Force career working on the plane.

Fast-forward to May 31, 2012, and the tanker 62-3498 is assigned to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kans., and has logged more than 23,000 flying hours. On May 31, Mr. Melvin Cline, Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations director of base realignment and closure, retired after more than 47 years of federal service.

After nearly two years of searching for the plane that started his Air Force career, Cline located tail number 62-3498 and was given the opportunity to revisit it one last time.

"This is where, as a one-striper, I learned a lot," Cline said.

Cline and colleague, Special Agent Richard Abboud, Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations director of staff, made the trip to McConnell May 23 for the reunion of man and metal.

"This airplane is older than the people maintaining and flying it [today]," Abboud said. "I think it's kind of remarkable that here he is after 47 years of service, ending his career seeing and touching the same aircraft that he started his career on."

Cline spent the majority of his OSI career working counterintelligence and special projects.

"It's been a long haul," Cline said of his two Air Force careers, "but I've always reflected back to this aircraft."

Cline was welcomed to McConnell by Airmen in the 22nd Maintenance Group who escorted him to the flightline to watch an aircraft launch and then a tour of Cline's first KC-135.

"We teach Airmen about how old these jets are," said Tech. Sgt. James Peak, 22nd Maintenance Group maintenance training instructor. "They are three times as old as most of our students. So being able to go out there with somebody that worked under the first crew chief for that jet is incredible, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Although the KC-135 maintenance practices of 50 years



Photo courtesy of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Special Agent (ret.) Mel Cline, left, reminisces about his days as a KC-135 aircraft maintenance crew chief in the 1960s. The airplane behind him is the very same one that he worked on during this time.

ago have evolved in many ways, there are many which remain fundamentally the same. Cline impressed the current maintainers with the knowledge he still possessed pertaining to the plane.

"It was neat seeing someone retaining all that information from 40 years ago. It was like he never left," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Geiger, 22nd MXG crew chief instructor.

Cline reminisced about his old crew chief-ways as well as shared his experiences of being on the KC-135 during his multiple excursions to the Far East during the Vietnam War.

"One of the best memories I have was when an F-105 [Thunderchief] came up and it was all shot up. We hooked up with the boom and you could just see the fuel pouring out the bottom of it," Cline said. "But, by us pumping fuel in, it was enough to keep him going, so he didn't have to bail out. We took him from Vietnam to Korat [Royal Thai Air Base] and essentially all he did was glide down."

As many service members will say, the lessons learned as a junior enlisted Airmen are the ones that shaped them into the leaders they become. The foundation that set up Cline for success throughout his federal careers was the foundation created while he was a young crew chief on 62-3498.

Since the aircraft was delivered from the manufacturer and Cline began his Air Force career, 62-3498 has been assigned to multiple installations and has been at war for more than two decades.

"This is where I'm grounded ... with this airplane," Cline said. **GR**



Photo by Special Agent Alex Meusburger

Special Agents Amber Padgett and Satchel Williams consult with their forensic science consultant while processing a crime scene.

Forensic Science Training

Det. 219 receives training to hone their forensics skills

by Mr. James C. Dillard
Global Reliance Editor

► Detachment 219, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., received notification from Security Forces that an Airman had been found dead downtown September 4.

They further informed Det. 219 that when they responded to the deceased's base dorm room, they discovered blood on a wall.

When the agents arrived at the dorm, they found signs of a struggle and several areas of blood spatter. With their Forensic Science Consultant on the phone, Special Agent Ramon Morado, they began to process the scene.

The agents completed their initial assessment, took photographs, sketched out the scene, with Morado guiding them through the process on the phone.

There was something unusual, though, about this crime scene that the agents were not aware of; it was a staged training scenario, and Morado was in the adjoining dorm room, monitoring Det. 219's progress.

Watching on a monitor, Morado was impressed with their attention to detail.

"Considering the complexities and exigent circumstances involved, they performed very well," Morado said. "This training provides a real world assessment of unit vulnerabilities, as the agents do not know they are being observed and therefore react as they would without oversight."

Prior to the training, Morado worked with Special Agent Alex Meusburger from Det. 219 to prepare the scenario. Meusburger saw the value of having a "real" scenario for their newer agents to process.

"The training was a unique way to get our rookie agents some experience in a controlled environment," Meusburger said. "Computer based training just can't come close to teaching the same lessons; and at the same time, a real crime scene is not the place to make

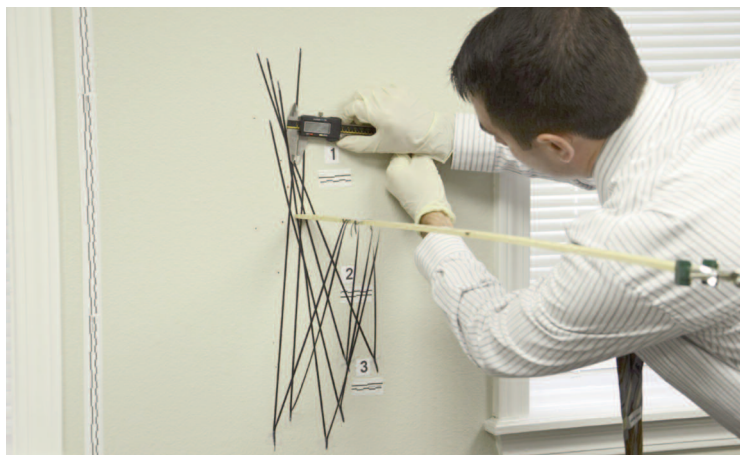


Photo by Special Agent Ramon Morado

Special Agent Alex Meusburger calculates the dimensions of the blood spatter to calculate the point of origin.

mistakes. This type of simulation is a safer way to get any potential mistakes out of the way.”

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- Special Agent Ramon Morado

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All of the agents processing the crime scene had been to similar scenes before, but for some of them it was the first scene where OSI was the lead from start to finish.

“It was a chance to keep our skills fresh,” Meusburger said. “With this training, the FSC customized the crime scene to our needs. We wanted our agents to get more experience with dusting and lifting prints, so he added that to the scenario.”

Meusburger recommends that every detachment with newer agents request this training of their FSC.

“If their ops tempo allows for it, they should look into it,” he said. “It takes a bit of

prep work to do it right but the result is worth it.”

Morado emphasized the importance and benefit of bringing in an FSC to fine tune the investigative process.

“There are many things an FSC can do to cut out extra fat from an investigative standpoint – it is almost always predicated on the initial documentation and collection of evidence at the crime scene,” Morado said. “I can show the Det a small item of evidence that they almost collected, but did not, and how if they had captured it, it would have saved many investigative steps.”

Meusburger said he is confident that when Det. 219 next encounters a real crime scene, they will be more prepared than ever, thanks to the FSC’s guidance. **GR**

➔ Benefits of the Training

by SA Elizabeth Richards

Forensic Science Consultant, Western United States

Before the forensics training begins, FSCs consult with the detachment leadership to determine what type of crime scene they would like their agents to encounter.

The FSC then creates a realistic detailed scenario based on that information, to include creating all training inserts (what the law enforcement desk will say, what each role player will say, the subject’s actions in the scene, the victim’s actions, etc). The FSC also provides all crime scene props and advises on the location that should be sought for the training.

On the day of training, the FSC stages the crime scene. Sometimes the Det leadership wants their agents to know right away the scene is a training exercise. In that case, the FSC will be present at the scene when the agents arrive. Other times, the Det leadership will want the agents to think it is a real crime scene until all processing is complete. In that case, the FSC will not show up at the scene until the end of processing. Either way, once on scene, the FSC will ask the agents to walk him/her through the scene, point out items of evidence, theories, etc.

The FSC provides hands-on demonstrations in the scene – using the Alternate Light Source to identify bodily fluids, using Bluestar to visualize any latent blood stains. If blood spatter is present, he shows how to assess the patterns and determine which to swab from, how to complete rough sketches, if tool marks are present, how to process using microsil, where to look for latent prints, shoe impressions, and how to assess subjects and victims. The FSC also shows how to look for any blood/wounds/bruises/bite marks, etc. on them and how to document/collect the evidence.

The biggest benefit of this training is that the agents have an opportunity to practice processing a crime scene as a team, understand their roles at the scene and improve their CSI skills in a situation that gives immediate feedback.

Processing any crime scene takes organized leadership and team work, and applying a practiced methodical approach to each and every scene will make processing those scenes far more effective and efficient.



Photos provided by SA Dave Bethel

(Left) Special Agent Dave Bethel hangs out with his mentee during the TAPS 'Good Grief Camp.'

children.

Camps are where military members can serve as volunteers to help these children of our fallen teammates. The kids are divided into groups based upon their age and paired with a military volunteer affectionately known as a "mentor."

Over the course of four days, the children and their mentors go through a variety of activities designed to aid in the healing process. A significant amount of time is spent on games and just getting to know each other.

Several events are geared toward remembering their loved one, such as building a collage to celebrate their life. The mentor is not there to serve as a counselor, but to be a friend and a link back to the military family these kids lost when their loved one passed away.

Most people who participate in TAPS develop lifelong friendships with the kids and find themselves returning to be there for each annual camp. Last year, I met a Marine sergeant, who flew from Hawaii to Washington, D.C., just so she could be with her friend once again.

She travels to the camp each year since she started volunteering six years ago. She said she refused to let the distance or cost keep her from being able to participate.

The idea of becoming a mentor may seem daunting, but I remain convinced agents are uniquely qualified to perform this role. Our interpersonal skills and ability to develop rapport enables us to skip the awkwardness many encounter in the first hours and jump right into having meaningful fun.

OSI agents and their families increasingly support TAPS events. While it is difficult to know exactly how many participate each year, 2011 clearly represented an increase with approximately 15 members of the OSI team acting as mentors at the national camp.

It is understandable that people hesitate to volunteer with TAPS out of fear it

New Friendships

OSI agents get involved with a program that supports families of fallen military members

by SA Dave Bethel

► In the 2010 fall edition of the Global Reliance you might recall having read about a unique organization called the Transition Assistance Program for Survivors.

Well, I'd like to re-acquaint you with

the program and let you know a little about how OSI has been involved lately.

The purpose of TAPS is to provide help to families of fallen military members as they learn to cope with the grief of losing their loved ones. TAPS events are organized as survivor seminars for adults and "Good Grief Camps" for



Special Agent Shaun McVeigh, right, was one of a group of agents who participated in the Transition Assistance Program for Survivors in Washington, D.C. TAPS events are also organized as survivor seminars for adults.

will be too emotional, but consider the challenges each of these children endures. Our support helps their surviving parent spend time at their seminar happy in the knowledge their child is with a member of the military's extended family.

Our support helps the child reconnect with the military family and progress in their healing. Moreover, you are very likely to make a new and lasting friend.

The National Good Grief Camp is held in Washington, D.C., over Memorial Day weekend each year, which is the event where TAPS needs the most volunteers. Every year there are not enough mentors for each child. Unfortunately, several kids

are paired with one person as a result.

The national event is not the only place to help out as TAPS conducts regional events at different cities throughout the country during the course of the year. We are very fortunate to have a program like TAPS to help the survivors of fallen service members. It is an organization that will be there for each of our families if the day should come that it is needed.

Indeed, several of the families of our own fallen participate in TAPS. Serving as a mentor is an opportunity to honor their ultimate sacrifice and contribute to the healing of those left behind. **GR**

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I was humbled when my mentee, a tough, no-nonsense kid who has been shuffled around from family member to family member, teared up and said how much my being there really meant to her.

- Special Agent Amber McVeigh

My mentee helped me feel more appreciative about my own life and the privilege I have to answer my own son's questions every day. If you have the time: volunteer. It will change your life.

- Special Agent Ramon Morado

I cannot think of a better way to spend my Memorial Day weekend than to play a game of duck, duck, goose with the child of a fallen member of the Armed Forces.

- Special Agent James Hill

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Investigations are 'Money'

by Col. Jeff Hurlbert and
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5th Field Investigations Region
Commander and Detachment
522 Commander

► We've all heard the mantra in AFOSI: "quality and timeliness."

Quality is relatively easy to understand; our cases must be investigatively sufficient, we must prove or disprove the allegation and we must find the truth! Timeliness, on the other hand, can be more difficult to grasp. In a nutshell, as long as we meet the quality mark, faster is better ... but why?

Our Command's Cornerstone Pillar begins with the words, "Vigorously solve crime," and directs us to "provide timely and accurate investigations and threat information to decision makers"

(emphasis added).

General Jacobsen's Notice to Airmen on

Investigative Timeliness released in June assesses "there is still much room for improvement" and charges "every agent and leadership at all levels [to] focus on improving timeliness."

We took this mandate to heart and asked, "How might we explain timeliness and vigor in a different and perhaps more tangible way, so that it is easier understood and more concrete than simply, faster is better?"

As we discussed this challenge, we recalled some fundamental tools from the world of accounting and finance

that helped us to visualize timeliness and even vigor in a way that is immediately understandable by anyone:

Time has Value

The concept is based on the old axiom that "time is money," or more formally, the Time Value of Money.

The Time Value of Money is a rule of accounting and finance that is defined essentially as: A dollar in your hand today is worth more than a dollar you receive tomorrow. The concept is based on the notion that if you have money today and put it in the bank, you start earning interest immediately. Money that you receive in the future earns no interest for you until it's yours and you put it in the bank. Interest is probably the simplest and most common

measure we have of the value of time.

\$1 Today or \$1 Next Year?

Say I owe you \$1. Would you rather I paid up today or next

year? Today, you say. Why? Because inflation, world events, catastrophe and other factors will make that dollar worth less over time, and you're not earning interest on it until it's yours. Bottom line is \$1 today is worth more than \$1 next year. Time has value, and the sooner, the better. In that respect, is money like our investigations?

Value in Vigor

Let's consider. What makes a case valuable? It's in the information we provide – information no one else can

get, that proves or disproves an allegation in criminal matters or that provides early warning of threats in counterintelligence matters.

But, there's also added value in the speed with which we're able to deliver information to the command. Speed enables the commander to act sooner to counter a threat or intervene early and improve the climate, morale, good order, and discipline of the unit.

Speed can help prevent an attack or limit the harm caused by a criminal. Speed also impacts victims and subjects. While a case is open, lives are in limbo.

"Later" means cases get stale. We call them "old dogs." They can conceivably become worth less and less as the victim, all the witnesses, and even the Wing Commander PCS. It can get to the point there's no one left in the unit who was there when the crime was committed.

Then, when the trial is over, it's no surprise the Air Force sees less meaningful impact to maintaining good order and administering discipline. Frankly, some in the process may just be glad the case is off the books.

So, in simplest terms the question to ask ourselves is would we rather provide our product and service so that it's worth more or worth less? OSI is worth more to our Air Force when the information we provide is worth more to decision makers. So, "sooner" is better!

Whether you have a background in accounting or finance, have personal investments you track, or just appreciate that filling your tank with gasoline next month will almost assuredly cost you more than this month, we all know a dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow.

Think about that concept as it applies to the work we do.

Our complete investigative product is worth more to the commander who must take action when it is delivered sooner, rather than later. Timeliness matters because "investigations are money!" **GR**

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directly corresponds with the focus we must place on our criminal investigations.

OSI exists to ensure the safety, security, reputations and freedoms of Air Force personnel are not infringed upon. Commanders, judges and juries rely on thorough and timely reporting to take the necessary steps toward enforcing justice and instilling the good order and discipline required of our Air Force.

Fraud Mission

OSI, and its fraud investigations mission, was created on the premise that the Air Force needed an independent investigative agency to make certain taxpayer dollars were being executed correctly. The challenges of our stifled economy and an ever more constrained federal budget increased the magnitude of effects from fraudulent spending. Ensuring this money is being spent correctly is a key tenet of protecting the integrity of the Air Force enterprise, but it doesn't stop there. Compromises to the acquisitions process are a direct threat to the effectiveness of the Air Force's mission and the safety of its personnel.

Counterintelligence Services

From its inception, OSI has provided counterintelligence services to the Air Force. As we operate in the information age we must realize the ease with which intelligence can be passed. As a member of the U.S. intelligence community, we must aggressively continue to collect, analyze, exploit, and neutralize the intelligence threat.

Despite achievements won through recent years, terrorism remains a viable threat to our nation which will not be dispelled for the foreseeable future. Our role will remain an important national security function to protect the United States as it remains the world's dominant economic and military power.

Deployed Operations

In the face of withdrawal in Afghanistan, we cannot forget we are

an agency committed to enabling combat operations and protecting Air Force personnel, assets, and missions through full spectrum expeditionary activities. The past decade of war-fighting has significantly developed expeditionary-specific capabilities which cannot deteriorate. OSI personnel must remain skilled and postured for a war of indeterminate location, scope and duration. The smaller, faster-moving, more-interconnected world we are progressing toward will require a greater global presence to

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- Brig. Gen. Kevin Jacobsen

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ensure the strategic awareness of our military and secure our national interests.

Special Security Services

Today, as in our past, OSI remains ready to defend our technologies, personnel, installations and senior leaders through special security services. The Air Force's leaders trust us with their lives and put full faith in our ability to protect our most critical secrets and technologies. Our failure to do so would be a catastrophic event which would significantly impact our ability to wage war and defend the nation.

Cyber Investigations

Cyber cascades across and enables

all lines of operation and is significant in its own right. The interconnected, technological world we have entered provides limitless communication and sharing of information making our mastery of cyber vital to our ability to enable and protect the Air Force.

Our progression from a computer crimes investigations focused agency to one where every field agent is a competent cyber warrior, is an example of how we cannot dwell on current or previous methods of investigation, but remain ever vigilant of new threats and advantages offered by technology.

Our ability to augment computer network defense and prevent computer network exploitation by our adversaries is crucial to our objectives as an investigative authority and must be inherent in our day-to-day operations.

The binding commonality with our lines of operation is focused field execution. The past two years have allowed us to navigate our headquarters to refocus on YOU, the field.

The move to Quantico and realignment of the ICON ensures the emphasis is on conducting investigative operations in the field. Our gravitational center must always remain focused on executing operational activities and investigations to ensure our external customers receive timely and thorough products.

As we near the holiday season, Karen and I are ever-mindful of the sacrifice of those serving in harm's way and eternally thankful for all of your efforts to keep our country safe.

I encourage you to ponder why what we do is so important, and renew your strength to LEAD the charge against our nation's adversaries across our enduring lines of operation with a focus on FIELD EXECUTION! **GR**



Photos provided by SA Allen Beall

The Knights of Heroes group poses with a breathtaking view in the background. Pictured in the group is Mr. Eric Crowell (son of the late Special Agent Thomas Crowell) (back row far left) and Lt. Ben. Joelson, 709th Security Forces Squadron (back row, second from left). They were camping at the Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado.

Knights in the Great Outdoors

by SA Allen T. Beall
Detachment 805, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

► As a convoy agent, my work with Security Forces takes me all over the windswept plains of Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado, and during my travels an opportunity presented itself that had OSI and SFS working together above 10,000 feet that had nothing to do with an aircraft.

1st Lt. Ben Joelson is the current officer in charge of the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron Convoy Response

Force at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. He is often the convoy commander and a focal point for OSI-SFS cooperation. For several years, he has also volunteered with a program called Knights of Heroes.

Knights of Heroes is a nonprofit organization that conducts an annual wilderness retreat for children who lost a parent through military service.

As I was talking to Joelson, I learned about his involvement in Knights of Heroes and an upcoming overnight camping trip



Eric Crowell and SA Allen Beall stop for a photo after catching some trout from the Crater Lakes.



This is the view the campers enjoyed from their campsite during their visit to James Peak Wilderness.

he was leading into the Colorado mountains. Joelson and another mentor were leading a group of nine 11 to 13-year-old boys on an expedition into a nationally designated wilderness area west of Boulder, Colo. where no vehicles or mechanized equipment is allowed - not even bicycles.

He had never been into the wilderness area and basically had to choose a location blindly. I spend quite a bit of time fishing above treeline in nearby wilderness areas and knew of a few prime camping and fishing locations. I offered my services as guide which Joelson graciously accepted.

We decided to camp at the Crater Lakes in the James Peak Wilderness of the Roosevelt National Forest. The lakes lie in a

glacial drainage approximately 3.5 miles away from and 1,500 feet above the trailhead. The end elevation is somewhere around 10,500 feet. I met Joelson and the group in the small town of Nederland, Colo. around 8:00 a.m. Unbeknownst to me, one of the participants was Eric Crowell, the son of late Special Agent Thomas Crowell.

After a brief pit stop for the last civilized restroom and to grab a final snack, the group followed me to the trailhead where a dirt road meanders up the valley floor following a set of railroad tracks until it abruptly ends at the trailhead parking lot.

As we pulled up to the parking lot, a long Union Pacific train emerged from the mountain as it transited the Moffat Tunnel. Trains couldn't conquer the Continental Divide, so intrepid engineers decided to bore a single lane tube to the other side back in 1927.

No sooner had it exited the black hole at the base of the mountain, that the silence of the valley was interrupted by the incessant buzzing of huge exhaust fans used to clear the tunnel of diesel fumes. Fortunately for us, the exhaust fans only lasted for several minutes and our final destination was far out of earshot of anything manmade except the occasional airliner.

The trail begins as a leisurely jaunt that snakes through the lush forest and then meanders through alpine meadows, crosses numerous whitewater cascades, and gradually narrows and steepens as we hiked. Soon, we were on a "Stairmaster" no wider than a person carrying our 50 lb. packs. With only a minimum of "How much farther?" and "Are we there yet?" we punched through treeline at the third of the five lakes.

A promising campsite set back from the shoreline looked inviting, and we set up camp immediately, which ended up being a wise choice.

No sooner had lunch been eaten (which consisted of various flavors of Made Ready to Eat Meals), and the first fishing lure had hit the water, we were chased back to the tents by an afternoon monsoon. A little thunder, 15 minutes of rain, and pea-

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The shadow of the continental divide above was growing quickly and the temperature took a corresponding nose dive. Everyone crawled into their tents, as we could begin to see our breath. A full moon illuminated the bare granite and lake almost as brightly as the sun.

- SA Allen Beall

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Justice for the Victims

by Mr. James C. Dillard
Global Reliance Editor

► Mr. Joshua Gardner, 29, was sentenced September 12 by U.S. District Judge Ann D. Montgomery in the District of Minnesota to 72 months in prison for sexually abusing two minor boys.

OSI Detachment 211, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., was a part of the investigation that led to Gardner's conviction.

In addition to his prison term, Gardner was sentenced to three years of supervised release. Following Gardner's prison term, he must register as a sex offender as a condition of release.

While living with his family in Okinawa, Japan in the late 1990s, Gardner sexually abused two boys under the age of 12 on Kadena Air Force Base, Japan. Because of the time that had passed since the offenses, OSI agents had a difficult task ahead of them in this investigation.

"The amount of years between the crime and reporting was a major hurdle," said Special Agent Kenny Gardner, Det. 211. "No evidence was available; we relied on Gardner's confession."

Special Agent Ed Parker, Det. 211, also saw several complexities with this investigation.

"Some key hurdles were proving Gardner was over the age of eighteen at the time of the crime and proving the crime physically took place on U.S. Federal/military property," Parker said. "Due to these challenges, two AUSAs declined to prosecute. No true headway was made until Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Attorney Mi Yung Park accepted the

case."

When OSI finally interviewed Gardner, Parker said he confessed with very little resistance. The only thing he remained deceptive about was his age at the time of the crime; he stated that he was between 13 and 15.

Despite the setbacks in this investi-

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- Special Agent Ed Parker

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gation, Parker was determined to see this case to closing.

"Cases like the Gardner case are very important for OSI to run," Parker said. "This case involved a heinous crime, muddled by time and a lack of details."

"It would have been very easy to have overlooked key prosecutorial details based on the initial known facts, in which Gardner appeared to be a minor, who committed the offense on Japanese property. The investigation later uncovered Gardner was not a minor and did commit the crime on U.S. property."



Mr. Joshua Gardner was sentenced to 72 months in prison for sexually abusing two minor boys. He must also register as a sex offender as a condition of his release.

Not surprisingly, when the families found out about the allegations, they were extremely shocked.

"It unfortunately took longer than normal for an indictment, due to the complexity of the case combined with the challenge of finding a prosecutor willing to take the case," Parker said. "But the victims and the family of the victims finally received a degree of closure when Gardner was sentenced."

This success of this case is a result of investigative efforts by OSI and ICE Homeland Security Investigations in Minneapolis.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

"This case was an example of the importance of proper vetting of an allegation, attention to details, and the importance of quality liaison," Parker said. **GR**

OSI's 'long gray line'

By attending the Association of Former OSI Special Agent's conference, OSI's new historian gets a first hand perspective on OSI's traditions and heritage

by Dr. Deborah Kidwell
OSI Historian

During the last week of September, I attended the Association of Former OSI Special Agent's 2012 biennial conference in Portland, Ma. The opportunity to become acquainted with former agents, their spouses and guests, and by extension, a wide circle of colleagues, family, and friends, was phenomenal.

Mr. Harlan Price donated a volume containing the roster of the greater Los Angeles chapter dating back to 1967 to the history office archives in Quantico. The business meeting included a presentation by agents from the Boston FBI office on local fraud investigations and the ten-year investigation and apprehension of a group of illegal foreign agents.

Col. John Ziegler, the OSI HQ Inspector General, delivered a presentation noting that 2,166 Special Agents, 788 professional staff, and 371 contractors are currently working to accomplish OSI's mission.

Moreover, over the past year, 182 personnel deployed worldwide and conducted more than 3,700 operational combat support activities in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts.

The conference concluded on Saturday evening with a banquet, and in case you think it was all seriousness, the D.J. played

the song "Secret Agent Man," made popular by singer Johnny Rivers, for the

last dance.

As I circulated around the room, former agents discussed their families, past conferences and old friends.

The conversations soon turned to significant cases, assignments, lessons learned, and working relationships. Many retired agents offered to contribute their expertise on a number of topics that will enrich the historical archives, through oral history interviews, for many years to come.

I listened for the common threads in their shared memories. Invariably, discussions turned to mentorship — "I'd like you to meet the best boss I ever had," the "best investigator that ever worked with me," or the "commander who looked out for me when I was starting out in my career."

This was no hollow mutual admiration society, but our own version of the fabled "long gray line," a phrase used to describe the unbroken line of graduates and cadets of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

In OSI's case, each and every former agent who made a similar comment, when asked, could support their compliment with evidence — "I was just a kid and he took the time to develop not only investigative proficiency, but

also decision-making skills," "I had a good recruit," and "they understood my strengths and

weaknesses and appreciated the former, while helping me to overcome the latter."

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The significance of mentorship to accomplishing OSI's mission and to developing the type of professionals who are at the core of this organization, cannot be emphasized enough.

- Dr. Deborah Kidwell

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Interestingly enough, during a recent visit to FLETC for heritage day with the graduating class, an interview with retired Special Agents William Micik and Richard Weaver, revealed similar insights.

Air Force Policy Directive 36-34, the Air Force Mentoring Program, notes that "Mentoring is a fundamental responsibility of all Air Force supervisors. They must know their people, accept personal responsibility for them, and be accountable for their professional development."

The significance of mentorship to accomplishing OSI's mission and to developing the type of professionals who are at the core of this organization, cannot be emphasized enough, as evidenced by the successful careers and continuing relationships of retired professionals, current agents and professional staff members, and the most recent graduates of the Academy—OSI's own version of the "long gray line." **GR**

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(Inset) Special Agents Frank McBride (left) and Ryan Patterson pose after running the more than 10-mile 'Tough Mudder' obstacle course in Frederick, Md. The courses are designed by British Special Forces members. The storm pictured behind them overshadowed the day, adding to the already muddy conditions in the area.

► Special Agents Frank McBride and Ryan Patterson from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Warfighting Directorate teamed up to compete in the 2012 Tough Mudder competition at Crumland Farm in Frederick, Md., September 8.

After making a two-hour trek from their homes to the Frederick area, within a few miles of the Tough Mudder parking lot, McBride and Patterson found themselves sitting in a traffic jam for several hours in the northbound lane of U.S. 15.

To make matters worse, a massive rain storm hit the area. Hundreds of vehicles were stuck in a muddy parking area (freshly chopped cornfields) after the rain came.

McBride and Patterson parked along U.S. 15 and walked about 3 miles in the miserable weather and mud just to get to the Tough Mudder starting line.

"Getting to and from this year's event was just as hard and just as challenging as the Tough Mudder course," McBride said.

Tough Mudder events are hardcore 10-12 mile obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces to test the participant's strength, stamina, mental grit and teamwork. No two courses are ever the same, and each Tough Mudder challenge has a mystery obstacle awaiting participants.

Tough Mudder has challenged more than 500,000 inspiring participants

worldwide, raising more than \$3 million for the Wounded Warrior Project.

"The best part of participating in the event for me is the atmosphere," McBride said. "It is such a challenge, and to see others struggling with you, all working to cross that finish line – that is the best part of the Tough Mudder."

Patterson agreed with McBride.

"The best part of participating in the Tough Mudder is the camaraderie," Patterson said. "You need the help of others to get over or through some of the obstacles. Everyone helps everyone else and competition is not involved. Whatever your fitness level, you will be challenged mentally and physically."

Patterson was well aware of the chal-

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lenges involved, as this was his second time trying his hand at a Tough Mudder challenge.

"I initially became interested in the Tough Mudder because marathon running got boring and took up a lot of time," Patterson said. "I wanted to do something more interesting that didn't require hours upon hours of training. The Tough Mudder tests your all-around determination."

Dependable teammates are critical to successfully getting through mud, fire, ice-water, and 10,000 volts of electricity. Good teammates are needed to pick you up when you are fatigued beyond exhaustion and your spirits start to dip. In order to get over 12-foot walls and through underground mud tunnels, all the 2012 competitors depended on their teammates to keep them motivated to finish the

course.

All Tough Mudders are expected to uphold Tough Mudder ideals and exhibit teamwork and camaraderie both on and off the course.

All participants are asked to recite the Tough Mudder Pledge before starting of each event: "I understand that Tough Mudder is not a race, but a challenge; I put teamwork and comradery before my course time; I do not whine – kids whine; I help my fellow Mudders complete the course;

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and I overcome all fears.”

The first obstacle on the course McBride and Patterson encountered was the Arctic Enema which was a dumpster filled with ice water. They had to jump in, dunk under a plank and swim out the other side.

"The Arctic Enema was, in my opinion, the worst obstacle," Patterson said. "I hate being in cold water and this obstacle consists of

jumping in a large dumpster-like container with approximately three to four feet

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Courtesy photos.

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Tanguay speaks to Basic Military Training cadets at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Tanguay, along with many other OSI members, visited with BMT cadets during their Professional Development Seminar, held September 4-7 at Lackland AFB. They also attended a BMT graduation.

► When it came time to decide where to send the new senior noncommissioned officers for a Professional Development Seminar, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations knew the best place to send them was where they began their careers as Airmen: Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Lackland AFB, the home of Air Force Basic Military Training, is the starting point for all Airmen before they begin their professional career in the Air Force. OSI sends all new senior NCOs there for a week of training designed to augment and reinforce training they received at BMT and throughout their careers. This year's training ran September 4-7.

"We want our senior NCOs to have every opportunity possible to be productive and positive leaders," said Chief Master Sgt. John Fine, OSI command chief. "This seminar gives our newly-

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selected senior NCOs an in-depth view of their increasing supervisory, leadership and managerial responsibilities."

Some of the training they received included: Team building and motivation, stress management, resource management, counseling and mentoring, ethics and enlisted history studies.

"Our senior NCOs gained a better sense of what it means to supervise the Airmen who fall under them," Fine said.

"By sending them back to where they began their careers, by reacquainting them with their roots, we believe this gives them the best environment to receive their PDS training."

An integral part of the PDS was a one-hour question and answer session, where three junior Airmen were invited to field questions from the new OSI sen-

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OSI Command Chief Master Sgt. John Fine, shares a meal with Basic Military Training trainees during OSI's Professional Development Seminar.

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ior NCOs. They were asked how they feel about face-to-face interactions with their supervisors vice email. Plus, they discussed with the panel any generational differences relating to leadership. It was an instructive process for everyone involved.

"Who better than our junior Airmen to answer questions from our senior

NCOs," Fine said. "It's important for the NCOs to understand what the junior Airmen expect from them as their supervisors."

The OSI members also spent some time with the basic military trainees, sharing a lunch and more than a few stories. This was a great chance for the trainees to learn a little about OSI and a little about the Air Force in general from a senior enlisted perspective. The

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PDS attendees also had a chance to watch a BMT graduation procession, something many of them hadn't seen since they graduated from BMT.

"If you can't get excited about seeing a BMT graduation, you'd better check your pulse," Fine said. "It was an honor seeing these new Airmen inducted into the Air Force."

The OSI team made good use of their free time as well. To give back to the local community, they spent one evening at the San Antonio Food Bank packing and organizing food products.

"I don't think the event could have been more successful," Fine said. "I'm confident our senior NCOs are returning to their duty stations with a greater sense of what it means to be a proactive and productive leader." **GR**

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of ice water. It's definitely as fun as it sounds."

On the obstacle called the Berlin Walls, McBride and Patterson had to scale three 12 foot wooden walls. Most Mudders cannot get past this obstacle without the help of their teammates.

Toward the end of this brutally challenging course, the OSI Tough Mudders had to climb Everest which was a slicked-up quarter-pipe they had to sprint up to get over.

One of the most dangerous obstacles that the two encountered during this 20-obstacle course was the famous

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There are Tough Mudder competitions held all over the world. To find one near you, visit their site: www.ToughMudder.com.

Electroshock Therapy obstacle. In order to complete this obstacle, McBride and Patterson had to sprint through a field of live wires — some carrying as much as 10,000 volts of electric shock.

Both agents hope to compete in the 2013 event in Virginia Beach, Va.

McBride offers the following advice for anyone considering participating in

future Tough Mudder challenges:

"Just do it - see what you got. It is fun and challenging. It builds great character and is a helluva lot of fun!" McBride said.

Patterson added similar sentiments.

"As cheesy as it sounds, my words of wisdom are — you will never know your limits unless you push yourself to them. Stop thinking about it and just do it," he said.

Tough Mudder is not about finish times or winning medals. Simply completing a Tough Mudder course is a badge of honor. Without a doubt, McBride and Patterson earned their "badges" at this year's event. **GR**

Kudos for our PSO team:

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To: Air Force Office of Special Investigations
 HQ AFOSI/CCC (CMSgt John Fine)
 Quantico, VA 22134

Subject: Letter of Appreciation (Special Agents Condon and Reeves)

1. I would like to express my sincere thanks for the exemplary work of OSI Special Agents Robert Condon and Christopher Reeves in support of a visit by Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy. Rob and Chris displayed noteworthy professionalism and logistical prowess in planning and executing transportation and arranging venues for the CMSAF. Working in a dynamic environment, their efforts allowed CMSAF Roy to meet with key personnel of the Royal Jordanian Air Force as well as U.S. and coalition members deployed to Jordan in support of Exercise EAGER LION.

2. As part of a regional tour, CMSAF Roy's visit to Jordan fell on the local weekend resulting in extreme logistical challenges. With the primary purpose of CMSAF Roy's Jordan visit being meeting his counterpart, Chief Master Sergeant of the Royal Jordanian Air Force Mowafaq, and with Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF) units throughout Jordan, the weekend issue threatened to derail the entire effort.

3. When contacted by the local Force Protection Detachment for personal security support, Rob and Chris, on their own initiative, took immediate action to arrange U.S. Army Blackhawk support between RJAF locations across Jordan. They worked closely with the EAGER LION Joint Operations Center to schedule aircraft availability and flight clearances. Additionally, when weather grounded all afternoon flight operations, Rob and Chris immediately worked a contingency plan and coordinated a joint and coalition enlisted call at the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center.

4. As a direct result of their work, the CMSAF's two-day visit incorporated,

- Office calls at RJAF Headquarters on King Abdullah I Air Base in Marka
- Tours and meetings with RJAF personnel and facilities on Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Azraq
- Briefings and visits at the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center in Amman
- Joint service enlisted breakfast and office calls at the U.S. Embassy in Amman

5. As a CMSgt with 25 years of service and the primary action officer for CMSAF Roy's Jordan visit, I want to express my sincere appreciation for SA Condon's and Reeve's support. Their initiative, foresight and hard work allowed the CMSAF to meet with RJAF counterparts in order to build bilateral partnerships and forge future RJAF enlisted development programs. Job extremely well done!

Very respectfully,

Matthew V. Potter
 CMSgt, USAF
 Operations Coordinator

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ment of the vital need for increased expertise in our core mission areas, but most migrated to concerns of decreased leadership opportunities and a return to the past with regard to civilian continuity at the expense of promotability, professional development, and organizational impact.

I recently had the opportunity to review the CAARS recommendations and can attest that mitigation of those concerns was and will remain a core objective in determining the future direction for our 1811 force.

Again, OSI has the latitude to define its 1811 career progression plans and to promote what we value most in our 1811 force. In order to reconstitute our 1811 expertise across our lines of operation, those career paths must inherently value and promote the development of subject matter expertise rather than a career of generalization.

As a leadership team, we are committed to retaining an equal or greater number of leadership opportunities, an equal or greater number of senior grades, and within-specialty career progression paths capable of growing senior leaders and senior executives. There is much more to come on this, with communication and transparency as central tenets of what will be a very deliberate and phased approach to

implementation.

While the future direction for our 1811 force is of vital importance, it is clearly not our only challenge moving forward. We must remain squarely focused on our dynamic and changing global footprint. We have ended combat operations in Iraq, leaving a small cadre in place, and we will soon draw down

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our forces in Afghanistan.

Further, as our nation shifts attention toward the Pacific, we continue to assess the need for and placement of new Force Protection Detachments around the world. Our success in navigating these global mission shifts must

continue to be premised on strong relations with our sister-services and partnership with our international friends and allies. Despite this shifting focus and footprint, strategic vigilance and strength through partnership must remain hallmarks of our command.

We must also brace our command for heightened fiscal constraints in the coming years. Regardless of the outcome of sequestration, our nation's recent economic difficulties, coupled with the growth in defense spending over the past decade, make cuts in military spending a foreseeable outcome. While ill-advised to speculate on what is clearly an unknown at this juncture, we must do what we can now to ensure every dollar and every man-hour is executed on the mission-critical asset for which it was intended.

I am confident in our command's ability to navigate these issues and any other challenges headed our way in the coming years. My confidence is based on the remarkable innovation and adaptation demonstrated by OSI personnel throughout our agency's history; with that knowledge bolstered by a career of positive experiences working with and for people like you.

I am proud to serve the command as your executive director and I look forward to facilitating and directing the OSI enterprise of the future. **GR**

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sized hail quickly gave way to beams of sunshine and fair weather for the rest of the trip.

An afternoon of exploring, trailblazing, swimming, and fishing ensued. I knew from previous trips to Crater Lakes that an emerald green jewel of a lake awaited another 500 vertical feet above our campsite. Joelson and Eric decided to join me on the grueling hike to the upper lake.

We were breathing heavily when we crested the final rise and were greeted with sheer granite cirques, lingering snow, and total solitude. Two casts later and we had (part of) dinner for the night, a 17-inch cutthroat trout deposited in the lake many years ago by a stocking plane from the state. Combined with a brook trout from the lower lakes, it made for some fresh meat to go along with a few more MREs for dinner.

The shadow of the continental divide above was growing quickly and the temperature took a corresponding nose dive. Everyone crawled into their tents as we could begin to see our breath. A full moon illuminated the bare granite and lake almost as brightly as the sun. I think I may have been the only one to see that sight though, as nary a tent stirred shortly after the sun set.

The next morning, a hot breakfast in town was promised, so camp was quickly broken. Going downhill was much preferred over uphill, and in a quick hour and a half we were loading packs back into the van.

The group had a rock-climbing date soon thereafter so I said my goodbyes. Smiles abounded, and I could see why many in the group were veterans of the Knights of Heroes program and were eager to return next year. **GR**



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(From left) Special Agents Melody Mitchell, Terri Miles, Cherilyn Watler and Karolyn Derosier field questions from a group of Girl Scouts November 3. The agents were invited to the Girl Scout event to talk with them about the various aspects of the OSJ career field. Special Agent Julie Lecea also brought along some forensic tools for a demonstration. The Girl Scouts were very excited to learn all about OSJ. The Girl Scouts received an investigator's badge for attending the camp that weekend.

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