

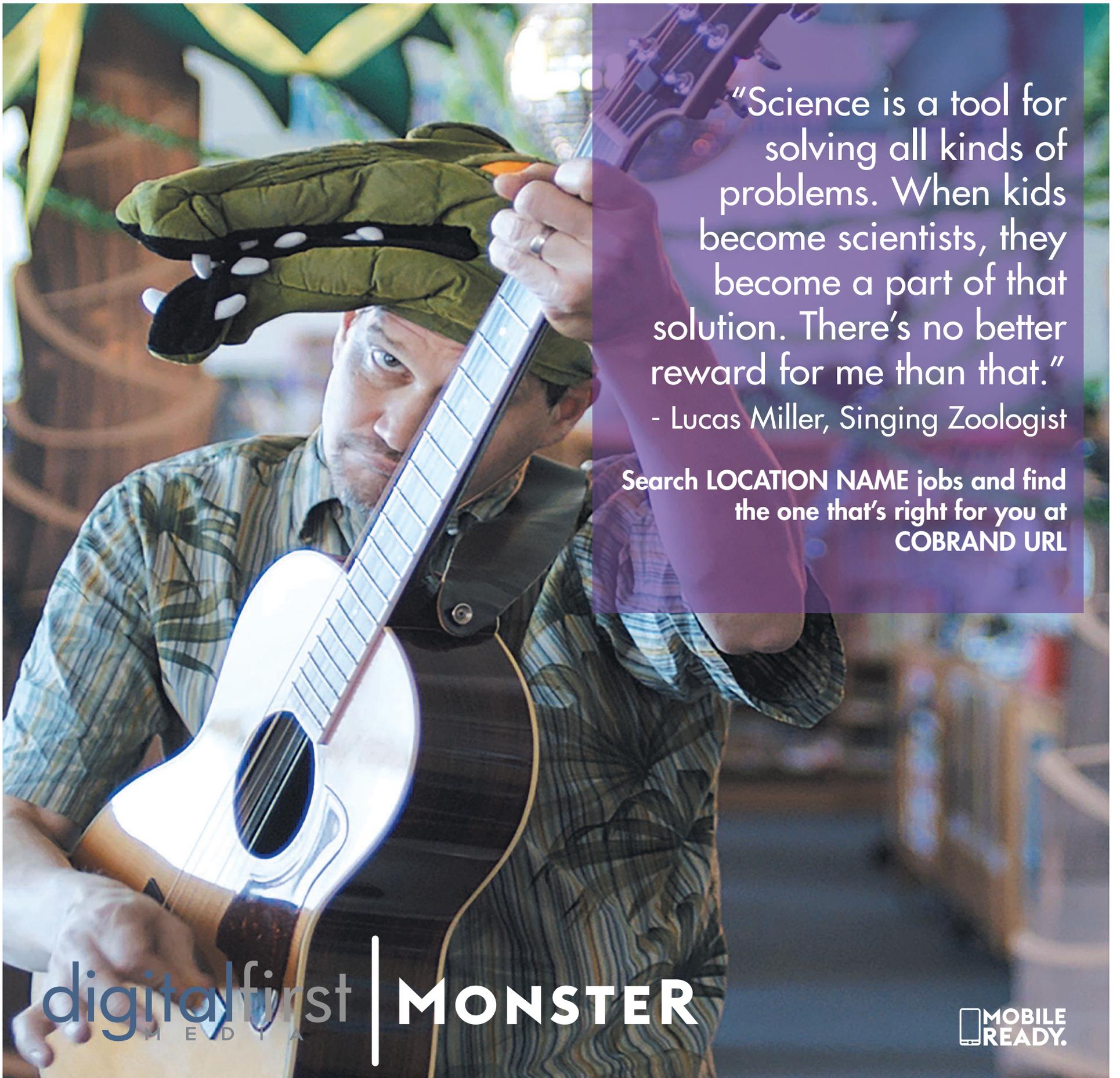
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“Science is a tool for solving all kinds of problems. When kids become scientists, they become a part of that solution. There’s no better reward for me than that.”

- Lucas Miller, Singing Zoologist

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## CALL TO ACTION

# 127th Wing sets deployment record

By Bruce Huffman

127th Wing Public Affairs

In their “state” role, the Michigan Air National Guard may be called up to active duty by the governor at any time to respond to domestic emergencies and disasters. However, as a component of the U.S. Air Force, the President of the United States can also call the Air National Guard to action during certain emergencies to augment active duty forces. For more than a century, our guard members have experienced numerous “state” and “national” mobilizations, and for the first time in its history the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base has Airmen deployed around the world in every combatant command in support of our nation’s interests.

“127th Wing Airmen, and their expertise are in demand worldwide,” said Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen, 127th Wing commander. “From the Pacific and North America to Europe and Africa, Michiganders are supporting a wide range of missions.”

Selfridge Airmen are trained to respond immediately when disaster strikes. There are two types of mobilizations for Air National Guard deployments. Our guard members can be called up as an entire unit or squadron, or they can be called upon as part of a small group and even as an individual augmentee if they possess the skill sets needed for a specific mission. Individuals with the right specialty codes and experience can be called up to active duty at any time to support combatant commanders around the world.

“When Guard members



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Senior Airman Jonah Byers, assigned to the 171st Air Refueling Squadron, greets his family at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Feb. 19, 2022. Byers was among more than 100 Michigan Air National Guard members returning home after a two-month deployment who supported the United States Indo Pacific Command Area of Responsibility mission.

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volunteer for a short-notice deployment tasking, they typically don’t get as much lead time or information about the mission as the traditional Reserve Component Period tasking,” said Capt. Daniel Scott, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Installation Deployment Officer. According to Scott, members volunteering for emergent taskings have only days to meet all pre-deployment requirements and prepare for travel.

For overseas taskings for individual deployers, it is helpful if they are sea-

soned travelers, because the journey to their destination might take longer than expected and usually includes stops at numerous foreign countries before they arrive at their final destination.

“I am very proud of the contributions our highly skilled guard members are making in their local communities and around the world,” said Mammen. “This new deployment milestone is a testament to the commitment, readiness, and abilities of the men and women from the 127th Wing and the Michigan Air National Guard.”



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Crabill assigned to the 191st Maintenance squadron poses with his family at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Feb. 19, 2022. Crabill was among more than 100 Michigan Air National Guard members who are returning to their home station after a two-month deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

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**On the cover:** Airmen of the 127th Wing return to their home station, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Feb. 19, 2022, after a deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Citizen-Airmen supported the United States Indo Pacific Command Area of Responsibility mission by providing three KC-135 Stratotanker’s which provided aerial refueling to the U.S. and allied nations aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Samara Taylor)

## SEEN AROUND SELFRIDGE



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY TERRY L. ATWELL

A group of high school students from the St. Clair Technical Education Center pose in front of an A-10 Thunderbolt II with members of the 127th Maintenance Group today at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The students visited the base to learn about aircraft and vehicle maintenance and the benefits of serving in the Michigan Air National Guard.



Senior Master Sgt. Steve Whitesell, an electrical power production specialist with the 127th Civil Engineering Squadron, demonstrates how to operate a generator with Staff Sgt. Jared Parker, on Feb. 12, 2022, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Electrical Power Production specialists ensure we always have electricity readily available by installing, removing, and operating electrical power generating and control systems, automatic transfer switches, aircraft arresting systems, and associated equipment. With electricity being paramount to everything we do, this operation is critical to the Air Force mission, and the 127th Civil Engineering Squadron has job openings available! If you would like more information on joining the Michigan Air National Guard, call our 127th Wing recruiting office at 586-239-5511. Career information is also available at [127wg.af.mil/careers](https://127wg.af.mil/careers). Information on the Air National Guard is available at [goang.com](https://goang.com).

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## SEEN AROUND SELFRIDGE



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. DAVID KUJAWA

A U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog), a survivable twin-engine attack aircraft from the 107th Fighter Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, conducts a training mission over Camp Grayling's vast 148,000-acre Joint Maneuver Training Center during Northern Strike 22-1/Winter Strike, Mich., Jan. 26, 2022. Northern Strike 22-1 (Winter Strike) is a National Guard Bureau-sponsored exercise uniting service members from several U.S. states and partner forces from Jan. 21-30, 2022, at Camp Grayling and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, which together comprise the National All-Domain Warfighting Center.



U.S. MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NATHAN WINGATE

Members of the 127th Communications Squadron conduct on-the-job training on an AM radio, testing its integrity on Feb. 13, 2022, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Radio frequency transmission systems specialists install and maintain radio frequency communication and are essential to operations.



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Airman Julia Marquardt assigned to the 191st Operational Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician replaces the lens on a quick don, also known as an oxygen mask at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Feb. 8, 2022. As a technician, Marquardt ensures that all flight and safety equipment is in working order to support the mission.

## CAPABILITY

# The 127th Wing A-10 Thunderbolt extends its capabilities

By Tech. Sgt. Samara Taylor  
127th Wing Public Affairs

**VOLK FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, WIS.** » The 127th Wing is exploring future capabilities of the A-10 Thunderbolt II to be the next aircraft equipped with the Miniature Air Launched Decoy MALD, also known as the ADM-160.

The MALD is a small, unmanned air-launched flight vehicle designed to duplicate combat flight profiles on the enemy radar.

The dry fit testing validation for the A-10 allowed the 127th Maintenance Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, training on the unmanned flight vehicle. A dry fit test is a measuring process that assures the MALD is able to be placed on the Thunderbolt II.

Weapons load crew assigned to the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron loaded the decoy onto the Thunderbolt II during a two-day validation process.

Being able to load the ADM-160 on the A-10 Thunderbolt is unprecedented; to make this reality was a group effort.

“This was an excellent opportunity for an Air National Guard-led, total force initiative to increase the capability across the Combat Air Forces,” said Major Kraig Lohse, an A-10 pilot with the 107th Fighter Squadron. “The A-10 community is taking the Air Force Chief of Staff’s directive to ‘Accelerate change or lose’ to heart. We are innovating effective ways to support fifth-generation aircraft utilizing the A-10 in non-traditional mission sets.”

The MALD vehicle is currently operational on the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the B-52 Stratofortress; this endeavor is the first step for approval by the U.S. Air Force for the A-10 Thunderbolt II. It would be an unprecedented first for the A-10 community to utilize a munition system of this type.

“The A-10’s unique agile capability and store capacity suits it to support this mission,” said Lohse. “This would be a force multiplier, making the Warthog a significant contributor to the future fight.”



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U.S. Air National Guard Members assigned to the 127th Wing prepare to load a Miniature Air-Launched decoy, MALD, onto an A-10 Thunderbolt II at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis., Mar. 1, 2022. The MALD is currently operational on the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the B-52 Stratofortress. If the U.S. Air Force approves the MALD for the A-10 Thunderbolt II, it would be an unprecedented first for an A-10 Thunderbolt to utilize a munition system of this type.

This validation process marks the beginning of the integration for the MALD on the A-10 Thunderbolt. If the U.S. Air Force approves the decoy, it would be an unprecedented first for an A-10 Thunderbolt II to carry and expend the ADM-160.

**Right:** Weapons load crew assigned to the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron load the Miniature Air Launched decoy MALD, also known as the ADM-160, on an A-10 Thunderbolt II at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis., Mar. 1, 2022. The MALD is a small, unmanned air-launched flight vehicle designed to duplicate combat flight profiles on the enemy radar. The 127th Wing assists the U.S. Airforce with the compatibility testing of the ADM-160 on the A-10 Thunderbolt.



## EDUCATION

# 127th Wing members receive CCAF degrees

By Tech. Sgt. Samara Taylor  
127th Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-three Airmen assigned to the 127th Wing received Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) associate degrees for the 2021 school year at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

According to the Air University website, the CCAF is one of several federally chartered degree-granting institutions; however, it is the only two-year institution exclusively serving enlisted personnel. The college awards the Associate of Applied Science degree upon completing an instruction program within the applicable discipline designed for an Air Force specialty.

Upon completion of basic mili-

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tary training and technical school, credits from both can be applied toward a CCAF degree.

"Members will receive an associate degree in their designated career field upon the completion of the CCAF requirements," said Tech. Sgt. Natasha Lynch, base education personnel with the 127th Force Support Squadron.

Once the CCAF degree is complete, credits earned can be transferred to universities for college credit.

Airmen who already have a

bachelor's degree may still benefit from a CCAF.

Master Sgt. Keith Hardy, an A-10 Phase Work Leader has a bachelor's degree. He was able to receive his CCAF in Aviation Maintenance Technology with only a few additional courses.

"Having the CCAF will help me to have an advantage in points when a promotion opportunity is available," said Hardy.

"It looks good on my resume," said Tech. Sgt. Christopher Penn, a materials management supply

craftsman. Penn will receive his Logistics associate degree in April of this year.

If you need more information, contact your local Base Education office.

The Community College of the Air Force concept evolved in the early 1970s to recognize Air Force training achievements. The need became apparent to enhance the skills of noncommissioned officers as technicians, leaders, and citizens. On November 9, 1971, General John D. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, approved the establishment of the CCAF. It then went before the Secretary of the Air Force, who on January 25, 1972, approved the activation plan, and the college was established on April 1, 1972, at Randolph AFB, Texas.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

According to the Air Force Instruction 36-2654 Section 2.2.15, trespassing onto the combat arms gun range is not only illegal but also dangerous because of gunfire. The point of contact is Mr. Alan Pionk, please call 586 239-4282 in case there is a valid need for entry. The range is located on Ammo Road, building number 881.

## SEEN AROUND SELFRIDGE

## KEEP 'EM FLYING

Michigan Air National Guardsman, Airman 1st Class Simon Anderson, an Aerospace Ground Equipment specialist assigned to the 191st Maintenance Squadron, change the fuel filter on a gas turbine compressor at Selfridge Air National Guard, Base, Feb. 8, 2022. Anderson is responsible for repairing the equipment that supplies electricity to our KC-135 Stratotanker and A-10 Thunderbolt planes during maintenance and repairs, ensuring our aircraft are ready to support the mission to fly, fight, and win.

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