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Air National Guard Command Chief visits 114th Fighter Wing

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling, command chief master sergeant of the Air National Guard, relayed current key ANG aim points to the 114th Fighter Wing during his visit to Joe Foss Field, Nov. 6-7.

Hotaling, the 11th command chief master sergeant of the ANG, used his time with the Airmen from the 114th conducting town hall-style meetings to get a pulse on specific issues within the unit. He also accepted a “Chief’s Challenge” from the unit’s munitions weapons loaders by completing a coned obstacle course driving the MJ-1 Jammer against one of their young Airmen.

“One of my job duties is to monitor the health and welfare of the enlisted force of the (ANG),” said Hotaling. “Each organization is unique and we can’t make a proper analysis from Washington. The only way to validate the policies that we put in place is to come out to the field and see how it affects Airmen in reality.”

Airmen were encouraged to ask their top enlisted leader questions during the town hall meetings. Hotaling also used those meetings to focus on the command chief’s aim points to include: renewing commitment to the profession of arms, exercising the four pillars of resilience (mental, physical, social, spiritual) to foster a healthier force, and recognizing and embracing the accomplishments of Airmen.

Hotaling emphasized to the attendees of the town hall meetings that the first thing to do as Airmen is recommit ourselves to the profession of arms. He stressed that Airmen must adapt as professionals to a constantly changing environment because our profession of arms is above any human being, it is to serve our nation.

“It is critical for every Guard member to remember and understand that the Oath of Service we all took when we enlisted is sacred,” said Hotaling. “The American public sleeps soundly at night knowing that less than one percent of its citizens raised their right hand in defense of our country both home and abroad.”

To finish his visit, Hotaling attended the units Yellow Ribbon reintegration event and spoke with approximately 250 Airmen who recently returned from a four-month Theater Security Package deployment to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

The ANG's senior enlisted advisor had a packed schedule and Airmen from every facet of the 114th FW were given the chance to interact with him during his visit.

"It was an honor and privilege for the 114th Fighter Wing Airmen to host Chief Jim Hotaling," said Chief Master Sgt. Dean Hillberg, command chief master sergeant of the 114th FW. "His presentations were engaging and thought provoking for unit Airmen. We're especially appreciative of the expanded professional development opportunities Chief Hotaling has made possible for the enlisted force."

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High resolution photos available at the 114th Fighter Wing website at:

<http://www.114fw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123462957>



151107-Z-LQ671-038: Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling presents his coin to Senior Airman Katherine Johnston, 114th Operations Group airfield management operations specialist, during his visit to the 114th Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls, S.D., Nov. 7, 2015. The ANG's senior enlisted advisor presented eight members of the 114th with his coin to recognize outstanding Airmen from the unit. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Luke Olson/Released)



151107-Z-LQ671-057: Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling speaks to junior enlisted Airmen from the 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard, during and town hall style all call meeting at Joe Foss Field, S.D., Nov. 7, 2015. The ANG's senior enlisted advisor had a packed schedule and Airmen from every facet of the 114th FW were given the chance to interact with him during his visit. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Luke Olson/Released)



151107-Z-LQ671-081: Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling speaks to Airmen from the 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard, at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall, Sioux Falls, S.D., Nov. 7, 2015. Hotaling attended the units Yellow Ribbon reintegration event and spoke with approximately 250 Airmen who recently returned from a four month Theater Security Package deployment at Kunsan AB, South Korea. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Luke Olson/Released)



151106-Z-BZ340-010: Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling listens as Master Sgt. Steven Rowe, 114th Maintenance Group armament systems specialist, gives him instructions on the "Chief's Challenge" he participated in at the 114th Fighter Wing Nov. 6, 2015. Hotaling completed an MJ-1 Jammer driving challenge maneuvering the vehicle around cones and obstacles with a bucket full of water to gauge his accuracy. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland/Released)



151106-Z-BZ340-028: Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard James W. Hotaling gives Airman 1st Class Joseph Vandover, 114th Maintenance Group armament systems specialist, a high five after completion of the "Chief's Challenge" they participated in at Joe Foss Field, S.D. Nov. 6, 2015. Hotaling was challenged to complete a timed course driving the MJ-1 Jammer and the Chief completed the course with an impressive time. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland/Released)

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