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Maj. Gen. Stephen Sischo, Deputy Adjutant General - Air, congratulates newly promoted Col. Tony Carrelli, 111th Maintenance Squadron commander.

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To Pa. National Guard Soldiers & Airmen, Veterans and DMVA Employees:

The holiday season is upon us, which means lots of food, shopping and family celebrations. Our Soldiers, Airmen, and Civilian Employees continue to be fully engaged to preserve freedom at home and abroad, just as our honored Veterans have done throughout our history. I thank each of you for your dedication and selfless service throughout the year and your commitment to our Soldiers, Airmen and Veterans.

For the period starting with Thanksgiving through the New Year, our Soldiers, Airmen, Veterans and Civilians are at risk of dying on the highways and at home due to unnecessary accidents. Statistically, the corresponding mishap rate is not much higher than the overall rate for the year, but none of the people who may be killed will be statistics. They will be Airmen, Soldiers, Veterans and Civilians who have supported this great country and commonwealth throughout the year. They will be visiting their parents, grandparents, and friends and going to parties. Sometimes they will be driving hundreds of miles to see their loved ones. Evaluating risks is critical to preventing loss of life or severe trauma due to stress and accidents.

We all want something cheerful and heartwarming to happen, especially at this time of year. But due to speed, alcohol, fatigue, failure to use seatbelts, and unsafe home environments, some of us might not be able to ring in the New Year among family and friends.

Buckling up takes two seconds. Easing off the accelerator takes less than that. It is easy to tell when you are tired behind the wheel. Resisting the temptation to drive after you've been drinking takes some planning and discipline, but plenty of us are able to do just that. Everyone can and must learn to recognize the poor decisions that kill people. Everyone can and must break bad habits. No one has to accept needless and potentially fatal risks on the highway or at home.

Keep yourselves and your families safe, healthy and happy as we enter one of the most enjoyable times of the year.

Sincerely,

JESSICA L. WRIGHT

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Thanks to all who made AEF deployment a huge success

By Lt. Col. Bill Griffin

103rd Fighter Squadron

I recently reread some previous articles from the Sandy Hog Gazette, and found some common themes. The first and most obvious is that we have the finest people in the Air National Guard working right here in the 111th Fighter Wing. The second is that we have great attitudes, work hard to overcome obstacles, and turn in impressive results regularly. I am fortunate enough to see all of this first hand, especially when we deploy.

It is not solely because we have bright, talented, motivated people who take pride in their work, but because these people see wing members as family members. We see it every year around this time as Christmas gets closer and we join in celebration. And with the approach of the New Year we celebrate the successes of the past year and look for ways to improve next year. There is much to celebrate from 2007. It was one of the most fast-paced, hectic years I've seen, with the objective being direct support for the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen fighting the war in Iraq. Several people did a great job helping us "pitch into the fight" at an important time. For those who worked hard in the preparations, your efforts were obvious and paid huge dividends.

For those who deployed, you saw some of the most interesting living and working conditions anyone in the current military has seen. From 120+ degree temperatures to massive sandstorms to unfathomable demands, you kept the airplanes flying 24/7 for more than 60 consecutive days and nights, and then got our people and equipment redeployed with very little support.

For those who supported the fight from home station, your contributions are greater than you may know. For our families, your efforts are in many cases the greatest of all.

We enjoy these successes because we focused our energy on the AEF knowing it would require a Herculean effort to get the jets modified, the maintainers trained, pilots qualified & ready for combat, and then get all the people and equipment in place. Just because a pilot or maintainer has a certain qualification, doesn't necessarily mean that person is ready for combat ops. As with any new system, it takes some time before it becomes second nature when using it or maintaining it. As challenging as it was, it was again the people of this wing working hard to make it all come together. And for those who put forth these Herculean efforts, stayed focused and accomplished the mission with dignity, I offer my heartiest, most sincere thanks.

Let's look at some of the numbers from the AEF to put this performance into perspective. The first set of numbers reflect our AEF accomplishments and the numbers in parentheses approximate typical home station flying operations.

Hours Flown:	2500+	(3600/year)
Sorties Flown:	625+	(2000/year)
Avg Sortie Duration:	4.0	(1.8)
Avg Time on Station:	3.0	(0)
Hours on Station:	1875+	(0)
Avg Fleet Time:	250	(170)
Avg # Days in Phase:	5	(20)

So to further explain this, in 60 days we flew about two-thirds of a typical year's flying hours, one-third of a typical year's number of sorties and spent about one-half of a full year's flying hours "on station" in nearly every region of Iraq. We employed more than a dozen laser guided bombs, 2,700 rounds of 30mm, a handful of illumination flares and a few pods of rockets. We escorted convoys, searched for and successfully discovered roadside Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), covered night time raids, tracked and



Lt. Col. Bill Griffin

destroyed multiple enemy targets to include weapons caches and moving vehicles. Some of our work was done without employing anything other than the Advanced Targeting Pod (ATP) linked to the Joint Terminal Air Controller (JTAC) on the ground, or by simply accomplishing a Show of Force at low altitude. These numbers are produced in large part by the truly phenomenal numbers for Average Fleet Time and Average number of days in Phase. An Average Fleet Time of 250 hours on a 400 hour timeline is simply unheard of, and when each jet gets to its Phase Inspection it typically takes about 20 working days to accomplish the inspection and make repairs. Our folks were completing these inspections in five days in tough working conditions. Granted, we ran 24 hour ops, but these numbers are incredible.

How did the 111th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron (EMXS) and 103rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS) accomplish all this? The answer is found in the second sentence of this article. If you want to see the complete list of names that make these great things happen, look at the personnel rosters for the Wing, Mission Support, Maintenance, Medical and Ops Groups. In our usual, outstanding manner we left a deployed location better than we found it. It was our people who built permanent structures to improve work conditions, created HazMat pro-

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An Introduction

By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph C. Braden
Pa. State Command Chief

It is hard for me to believe that it has been nine months since I replaced Chief Bill Shupp as Pennsylvania's State Command Chief Master Sergeant. It has been a challenging nine months for our Air National Guard, and I personally want to thank you and your families for your service and sacrifice. The Pennsylvania Air National Guard, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our nation appreciate and need your service during these turbulent times.

As a means of introduction, I think that it is fitting that I provide a brief summary of my background.

I have served in the military for over thirty years. My military service began in the active duty Army as an Infantryman. After my first enlistment was complete, I transferred into the Army Reserve. I then decided to try another service and joined the Air Force Reserve as a Guidance and Control Specialist. After three years in the reserve forces, I went back on active duty joining the Navy and served as a Missile Technician in the nuclear submarine fleet. At the end of my active

duty Navy enlistment, I transferred to the Navy Reserve as an Electricians Mate while I attended college. I completed my undergraduate degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1989, and moved to Pittsburgh where I joined the 171st Air Refueling Wing as a Guidance and Control Specialist.

In reviewing my military service, I wouldn't blame you if you thought, "This guy can't make up his mind." I like to say that I have groomed myself for service at the Joint Force Headquarters for the Pennsylvania National Guard. Seriously, I am proud to say that I have worn twelve enlisted rank insignias from three branches of service.

I earned a Masters in Leadership from Duquesne University in 2000. Education and experience have honed my leadership and managerial skills. I see myself as your advocate and I will do my best to serve the enlisted men and women of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as possible. However, since it is impossible for me to meet and talk to all of you



Chief Master Sgt. Ralph C. Braden

personally, I plan to post a monthly article in each Wing's newsletter. These articles will be one avenue of communication that I will use to get the word to everyone concerning senior leadership expectations, changes I see coming down the road and common issues that are being brought up during my meetings with our fellow Airmen.

In closing, I would like to say thank you again to you and your families for your service, dedication and sacrifice. I look forward to serving the great Airmen of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Best wishes to you and your families for a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year! Please keep our deployed Warriors in your thoughts and prayers.

Feel free to email me anytime at: ralph.braden@paharr.ang.af.mil

CHIEF'S CORNER

Ever changing mission of the Guard

By Chief Master Sgt. David Smith
111th Medical Group

"The more things change, the more they remain the same."

I'm not sure who penned that quote, but never has that applied more to the Guard than now in our constantly changing world.

The history and purpose behind the formation of the National Guard was for the protection and safety of the American people. Does that sound familiar with the increasing threat from those who threaten our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy?

In the future, the mission of the Guard will gear more towards homeland defense and protecting our citizens -- that means that we need to change the way we do business. Not on a whole scale level but dealing with domestic situations rather than those on foreign land.

This is not to say we'll no longer be involved with AEF rotations. But rather, we'll be more responsible for duties closer to home when the need arises. Hopefully, they will be few and far between. Regardless, we need to prepare diligently as we always have, being the



Chief Master Sgt. David Smith

true professionals that we are.

In the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower: "History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid."



The 111th Fire Department participated in fire prevention activities at the Nottingham Station 65 Firehouse on October 13. Four rescue unit members demonstrated how to use the "Jaws of Life" to extricate injured people. They safely cut and folded back the roof to begin attending to the simulated injured people trapped in the wreckage. Rescue unit members must take safety precautions to include wearing full protective clothing, eye and hand protection. Members of the rescue unit include: Tech. Sgt. Dirk Hough, Staff Sgt. Kevin Watson, Staff Sgt. Daniel Saalfrank and Staff Sgt. Thomas Green.

COMMAND VIEW

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grams to ensure proper handling of hazardous materials and our people who taught the Marines how to Hot Pit Refuel A-10s to more quickly get the jets back in the air and on station.

The list of our accomplishments goes on and, while I was truly honored to deploy with all of you, these people were true standouts and did remarkable work: Lt Col John O'Brien, Capt Scott Harron, CMSgt Paul Frisco, SMSgt John Finchen, SMSgt John

Spencer, MSgt Bob Scheide, MSgt Joe Hutchins, MSgt Jon Lutz, MSgt Abe Wheeler, MSgt Lisa Luckenbach, TSgt Tony Thalachira, SSgt Kristen Luciano and SrA Joe Searle.

I cannot say thanks enough to all of you who made this AEF a huge success. I am proud to be part of this team and look forward to our AEF rotation for 2008.

Photos of the deployers' departure and return can be found on the Y drive, 111th Shared, Photos, in the 2007 folder (listed by departure and return dates).

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS

To Chief Master Sergeant

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To Master Sergeant

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To Technical Sergeant

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Laura Collazo 111th MDG

To Staff Sergeant

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Sean J. Kelly 111th AMXS

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To Senior Airman

Daniel J. Mc Leer 103rd FS

To Airman First Class

Dimitrus C. Alston 111th MSF



Retiree Activities Office

The United States Air Force Retiree Activities Office is located in Room 154 of the recently relocated 111th FW Headquarters building (Bldg 203).

The office is one of four satellites of the McGuire AFB Retiree Activities Office headed by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Hansen, North East District 13 Manager. Lt Col Hansen reports to the Air Force Retiree Council located at Randolph AFB, Texas. There are over 100 RAO offices worldwide manned solely by retired military volunteers!

The office assists military retirees from all branches of service with problems relating to Tricare, Social Security, military pay, ID cards, and other related topics. We also have booklets, forms and publications from Tricare and the Veterans Administration.

Counselors are available 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays. There are three former 111th members on our staff. New retired volunteers are always welcome and on the job training is provided!

For more information, please call Master Sgt. (Ret.) David Clapper at (215) 443-1072.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Greetings from the Family Readiness Group

By Jean Moretti

Wing Family Program Coordinator

Greetings! I would like to send a special "thank you" to all of the FRG volunteers for their help in keeping the lines of communication open during deployments and reunions and all their help with events during 2007.

I'd like to recognize the FRG Board Members for all their accomplishments during the year: President Sarah Blank, Vice President (Master Sgt.) Charles McNevin, Secretary (Staff Sgt.) Allison Shick, Treasurer Lorraine McNevin, former Co-Vice President Ruth Brady and Secretary Kris Doyle.

Thank you for your commitment and support to the 111th FW members and their families.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and peace and prosperity in the new year.

Questions, please contact Jean Moretti, Wing Family Program Coordinator at (215) 443-1409 or e-mail: jean.moretti@pawill.ang.af.mil



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Become a Family Readiness Group Volunteer

Everyone is eligible: Spouse, Family Member of a unit member, Retiree or Unit Member. Help enhance unit family readiness by assisting with events, activities and attend meetings to lend a helping hand, and share ideas.

Holiday Party brings smiles and laughter to guardsmen and families



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Harmon



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Harmon



Photo by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Harmon



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Harmon

Family Readiness Group Meeting

Sun. Jan. 6 from 1300-1500 hours

Building 203, Room 107
(MSG Conference Room)

Everyone is invited to attend!

Additional Holiday party photos can be found on the Y drive, 111th Shared, Photos, 2007, in the 2007 Dec 2- Holiday Party folder .



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Congratulations!

Newly promoted Col. Tony Carrelli, 111th Maintenance Group commander, poses for photos with his family after his promotion ceremony on Dec. 1.

Pictured with him are his daughters Stephanie and Kaitlyn, his wife Paula, his father Frank and his wife Johanna.

Additional photos are located on the Y drive, under 111th Shared, Photos, 2007, in the 2007 Dec 1 - Col Carrelli Promotion folder.

Sandy Run gives thanks to members of 111th

By Joe Barron, Springfield Sun
Courtesy of Montgomery Newspapers

The Sandy Run Country Club is ordinarily closed in the beginning of the week, but the golf course was open Nov. 19 to members of the 111th Fighter Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

The country club, located on Walnut Lane in Oreland, extended an invitation to the fighter wing for a complimentary round of golf and, despite the morning rain and chill, about 20 guardsmen turned out to accept.

"It's the chance to just get away from it all," munitions expert Joe Payne said as he stood on the fairway. "Listen how quiet it is out here."

The invitation went out in September, just as some members of the fighter wing were returning home from Iraq, but between reacclimating to their state-side jobs and becoming reacquainted with their families, their schedules did not permit them to get together until mid-November.

"It's Thanksgiving week," said Mike Creeden, Sandy Run's general manager. "The way I look at it is, we're thanking them for what they do for us."

As a bonus, the country club gave each guardsman a birdie on three holes that are currently under reconstruction and are unplayable.



Photo by Bob Raines

Col. Tony Carrelli presents a flag to club pro Fred Purdy, second from left, to thank Sandy Run Country Club for hosting the golf outing for the 111th.

"We're starting them off at three under par," Creeden said.

The guardsmen were thankful, too, and to show their gratitude, they presented the country club with a flag that had flown in an A-10 Thunderbolt fighter plane.

"It makes it a lot easier for us to serve the state and the country," said Col. Tony Carrelli, an A-10 pilot who has flown in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan. "We appreciate getting a welcome from the community."

Their morale could use some lifting.

The guardsmen's spirits have been

deflated since the federal government decided to pull the A-10s out of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station, said Steve Johnston, a munitions expert from Quakertown.

"Where are we supposed to go when the planes leave?" he said.

For the moment, though, they enjoyed being in one another's company for some purpose other than national defense.

The cold and the dampness could not scare them off the links, and besides, hot coffee, lunch and a steaming sauna were waiting for them inside when they finished.



Fire department hosts hazardous materials certification course

The 111th Fire Department hosted an 80 hour Hazardous Materials Technician Certification course in September for 23 members of the wing and NAS JRB fire departments.

Master Sgt. Chris McCormick, 111th Fire Department hazardous materials trainer, conducted the course. McCormick is a member of the City of Philadelphia Fire Department hazardous materials response team.

Students were instructed how to identify hazardous materials and storage containers and stabilize hazardous materials incidents. They learned how to monitor and test for hazardous materials and how to select and use protective clothing. They also learned to use specialized tools when mitigating hazardous material releases.

Through classroom sessions and practical fieldwork, the course taught members how to function safely and effectively in an area exposed to hazardous materials. This certification gives our fire fighters the ability to operate offensively during hazardous materials incidents.

All personnel and tools directly involved in a hazardous material incident must go through a decontamination process to either remove or neutralize contaminants (shown above).



Students don HazMat Level 1 protective suits to investigate hazardous material leaking from a drum. They identify the hazardous material and mitigate the situation to eliminate the immediate danger posed to life, property and the environment.

Sandy Hog Reader Survey

Provide feedback, suggestions and comments on ways we can improve the Sandy Hog Gazette newsletter. **One entry will be randomly selected to win a free Air Force track suit. Deadline: Jan 17.**

Complete the following survey and email or mail it in to:
pa.111fw@pawill.af.mil

111th FW/PA SURVEY
Bldg. 203 Room 250
1051 Fairchild St.
WGARS, PA 19090-5203

1. What is your favorite feature in the Sandy Hog?
2. What is your least favorite feature in the Sandy Hog?
3. What items or stories would you like to see in the Sandy Hog?
4. How satisfied are you with the Sandy Hog (circle one)
 Very Satisfied
 Somewhat Satisfied
 Neutral
 Somewhat Unsatisfied
 Very Unsatisfied
5. Additional comments or suggestions:

Name and phone number should you win:

Nomination Season open for 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award

National Guard and Reserve members and families encouraged to nominate supportive employers

The Department of Defense has opened the nomination season for the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees. Nominations will be accepted at: www.esgr.mil from November 1, 2007 to January 21, 2008. The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the U.S. Government's highest recognition given to outstanding employers.

The 2008 recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 13th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony on Sept. 18.

NGB accepting nominations for 2008 George W. Bush Employer Award

This award was established to recognize the outstanding civilian employers of traditional ANG members, without whose support the ANG would not be possible. The sponsors of this award will present a \$500 check to these outstanding employers, as well as the traditional guard members they support.

To be eligible, the employer must be non-governmental (federal, state, county or city) and either a small business employer (any level) or a medium to large business employer (middle-management level).

Nominations must be received by HQs no later than Feb. 3 and must be done on an AF Form 1206, Nomination for Award.

For detailed information on how to nominate your employer, please contact Capt Christine Munch at (215) 443-1410 or christine.munch@pawill.ang.af.mil

Community youth visit the 111th



Hatboro Horsham High School girls basketball team visited the 111th FW Dec. 6.



Cub scouts from Lynnewood Elementary School, Havertown, Pa. and their parents participated in a base tour at the 111th FW Dec. 1. In the Life Support section, Tech. Sgt. Steven Ehrmann, 103rd Fighter Squadron, showed them survival gear donned by A-10 pilots. The scouts proceeded to the aircraft hangar where SMSgt Frank Rabena, 111th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, gave them an up-close tour of the A-10.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



"To have less 'uhhs' on CCTV. Also to eat less promotion cake."

Col. Paul Comtois, Commander



"To tell my dad I love him everyday."

Shelly Hreso, daughter of Lt. Col. Scott Hreso, Safety



"To qualify for the Boston marathon."

Maj. Dean Mulherin, Equal Opportunity Officer

National Personnel Records Center opens official military personnel files

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) will open for the first time all of the individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946.

Collectively, these files comprise more than six million records. This is the second step in the progressive opening of entire paper and microfiche OMPF collection of over 57 million individual files. Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year through 2067 until the entire collection is opened.

These archived files are treasured by family members, historians, researchers, and genealogists. Contained in a typical OMPF are documents outlining all elements of military service,

including assignments, evaluations, awards and decorations, education and training, demographic information, some medical information and documented disciplinary actions. Some records also contain photographs of the individual and official correspondence concerning military service.

To view an original record, individuals may visit the NPRC Archival Research Room in St. Louis, MO. Their telephone number is (314) 801-0850. Research room hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time Tuesday through Friday. Visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead to make reservations.

To obtain copies of records, customers may write to NPRC at 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132, fax a request to 314-801-9195, or submit a request through <http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov> or on a Standard Form 180.

Information about records available at NPRC is also posted on the National Personnel Records Center Homepage at: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html>

Archived, public records are subject to the National Archives and Records Administration's published fee schedule. Copy fees for archived OMPFs are waived for veterans or primary next-of-kin (surviving spouse or children of the veteran) if the records are needed to validate a benefit or entitlement.

The fee schedule for OMPFs is as follows:

OMPFs 5 pages or less: \$15

OMPFs 6 pages or more: \$50

(most OMPFs fall in this category)

OMPFs of Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP): \$.75 per page (PEP records include the OMPFs of famous individuals such as former Presidents, famous military leaders, decorated military heroes, celebrities, entertainers, and professional athletes who left military service and have been deceased for at least 10 years).

Archived records are subject to a limited privacy exemption under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. As such, all records are reviewed prior to release and social security numbers are redacted.

For more information, contact Bryan McGraw, Director of Archival Programs at NPRC, at (314) 801-9132.

Upcoming Annual Retirees' Reunion Dinner

A reunion of current and past members of the 111th Fighter Wing will be held on Tues., April 1 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Casa DiLucia Restaurant located at 14425 Bustleton Pike (intersection of Philmont Ave and Bustleton Pike, (215) 677-6111). The cost of the affair is the cost of whatever you order; the food is excellent and reasonably priced. A cash bar will be available.

For more information, contact Vincent Celenza at (215) 728-6008 or Gary Yudel at (215) 364-0473.



"To talk my wife into letting me have the NFL Network. It's only \$5 more a month!"

**Master Sgt. Walter Wilewski,
111th MSG First Sergeant**



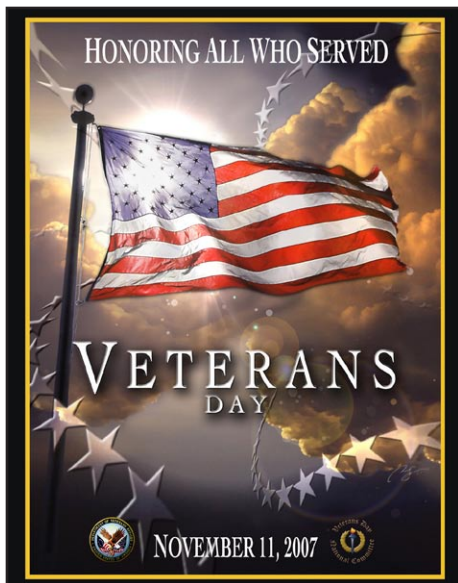
"To remember more people's names so I can say 'Hello ---' instead of 'Hey'."

**Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Fulton,
Human Resource Advisor**



"I want to be just like Staff Sgt. Baker (of Finance)."

A1C Jonathan Mills, Finance



Veterans' Day reflections

By Tech. Sgt. E. Matulewicz
111th FW Public Affairs

For Veterans' Day, my church pastor recognized veterans during the worship service by asking them to stand and tell everyone what branch they served in, how long and during what wars.

Each year, I notice more and more people standing up. Young and old, men and women, all with a different story to tell. But the same underlying

message: patriotic people who sacrificed everything for their country and would do it all again.

Standing there, I felt proud to be a part of a much larger team and for that moment, the spotlight shined on us until I felt a tug at my pant leg. I looked down at my son Sean and I began wondering what this Veterans' Day meant to me.

As an Airman, I support all members of the military and believe in the work they're doing. I'm thankful for their commitment to their units and families. I appreciate the time they spend training when they could be elsewhere. I feel their loss when someone dies and I celebrate their safe return. I remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country.

As a mother, I worry about the large losses both sides experience. I feel helpless when a family loses a parent. I remain optimistic in the political process; I hope leaders will come together and work on creating peace and stability for generations to come. I'm concerned with the battle veterans face returning home wounded, physically and emotionally. I'm concerned about

a generation of orphaned and vulnerable children lost in war stricken areas.

I draw strength from knowing that each of us is a brick in the unit structure. We're there solely to support the others. And while I won't see the finished structure in my lifetime, I will know I helped lay some of the stones.

111th FW Chapel Services

Protestant Service will be held on Sun. Jan. 6 at 8:30 in Building 320, Maintenance Conference Room.

Roman Catholic service will be held on Sun. Jan. 6 at 10:00 in Bldg. 300, Dining Facility.

Navy Chapel Services

Members are welcome to attend Protestant Service at the Base Chapel on Sun. Jan. 6 at 9:30.

Roman Catholic Mass

Members are welcome to attend St. Joseph's RC Church (corner of Rt. 611 & County Line Rd.) on Sat. Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. Also on Sun. Jan. 6 at 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 or 12:30.

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Sat. 5 Jan.

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Baked chicken
Mashed potatoes
Butter beans, peas
Salad bar & desserts
Chicken rice soup

Sun. 6 Jan.

Pork chops
Baked Ziti
Oven baked potatoes
Corn, broccoli
Salad bar & desserts
Chicken noodle soup

To the Family of:

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