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# 2008 Air Force climate survey is here

By Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Fulton  
111th FW Human Resource Advisor

## Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow

You will be invited to join over 620,000 members of the Air Force in participating in the 2008 Climate Survey. The survey period runs Oct. 1 through Nov. 28. An invitation to complete the survey will arrive via e-mail from [surveydata@randolph.af.mil](mailto:surveydata@randolph.af.mil). Make your voice heard! Use this tool to provide input for shaping future of the Air Force and Air National Guard. The Future depends on YOU!

Please respond to the email in late September/early October and complete the survey to provide anonymous feedback that will be used to aid in the planning and implementation of Air Force and Air National Guard goals and policies.

Please don't let your voice be silent. It's up to you to make a difference. Follow the informations in your email to complete the survey. If you have any questions, contact Senior Master Sgt. Nicole Fulton, 111th FW HRA, at (215) 443-1782 or [nicole.fulton@pawill.ang.af.mil](mailto:nicole.fulton@pawill.ang.af.mil).



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## Cover photos:

Exercise participants serving in the role of first responders evaluate injuries of simulated casualties on the Air National Guard side of the flightline during an integrated training exercise held by the Navy at Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. Oct. 9.

*Photo by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin*

Members of the 111th FW participated at Hawgsmoke 2008, a biennial A-10 bombing and tactical gunnery competition held in Salina, Kansas. For more information, visit [www.hawgsmoke.com](http://www.hawgsmoke.com).

Runners were the first to leave the starting line at the first Willow Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3612 Freedom Steps 5K Walk/Run held Sept. 28 at Mason's Mill Park in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

*Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth A. Matulewicz*

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## Professionalism, Achievement, Pride

By Lt. Col. Timothy R. O'Toole  
111th Operations Support Flight

I have never been more proud to be a member of the 111th Fighter Wing. Pride is defined as "satisfaction with achievement." Not individual pride, but a collective pride in what we achieved together. I realize we have accomplished much during the past four years, but I consider our recent Afghanistan deployment the highlight of my time here with the 103rd Fighter Squadron. During this deployment I learned to truly appreciate our Airmen's professionalism, what can be achieved as a result of that professionalism as well as discovering a new source of pride.

Unlike our Iraq deployment where we worked autonomously from other flying units, Afghanistan allowed us the opportunity to work closely with the many active duty and Guard squadrons that comprised the 455 AEW. One of my responsibilities as a Top-3 duty stander was briefing the Wing Commander, Brig Gen Holmes, on our operational performance, while Lt Col Mike Regan briefed our maintenance status. Every unit assigned to the 455 AEW had to do the same, and it didn't take me long to realize that, as the song goes: "One of these things is not like the other." I knew we were good, but I didn't know how good. I've always respected our maintainers for their level of professionalism and what they achieve on a daily basis, but it wasn't until I saw our performance quantified and directly compared to other units that I realized there is indeed a difference. I have to confess that I had taken much for granted.

Another unique feature of this deployment was that we integrated pilots from five different units into one. I have never witnessed a greater leadership challenge for a squadron commander than that faced by our own Lt. Col. Bill Griffin. Imagine assembling your pilots for the first time in theatre and starting off by having to learn each other names. We went from that, to a fully functional, cohesive squadron within days. Working with these pilots on a daily basis provided a rare opportunity to see how we compared as far as leadership



styles, tactics and operating procedures. Again, it became quite obvious that our leadership's level of professionalism was both respected and appreciated by the augmenting pilots.

How many times have you been asked "Where were you on 9-11?" September 11th, 2001 is the defining moment of our generation, in the same way the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a defining moment for the 60's. There's little doubt that anyone who was alive and awake on 9-11 remembers very specifically what they were doing that morning. Some of us lost loved ones, others witnessed the events with their own eyes, but the vast majority of Americans (including myself) witnessed the unfolding tragedy from their living rooms while watching television. For most people the day will forever be tainted as a tragedy. For me this deployment has changed how I view that day. Now when I think of where I was on 9-11, I don't think of 9/11/2001, I think of 9/11/2008 when I was proudly serving in Afghanistan with young Airmen who, instead of accepting that day as a defeat or quietly trying to put it in the past, boldly joined the military to make a



difference. The 111th Fighter Wing is full of Airmen like Staff Sgt. Nicholas Fanelli and Senior Airman Dan McLeer who both joined post 9/11/2001. I'm proud to serve with these young Airmen who patriotically responded to that day's event with action.

It's quite remarkable what our all volunteer Wing continues to achieve as a result of our professionalism, personal commitment and patriotism. To me professionalism is not the job you do, it's how you do the job, and is the foundation for great achievements. What the 111th Fighter Wing achieved in Afghanistan is indeed a great source of pride, a source of pride I promise to never again take for granted.

## Thanksgiving

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

It is my opinion that we have much to be thankful for as Americans.

The United States of America is a strong and resilient nation and in spite of all the turmoil in the financial markets and the economic issues that confront all of us, I believe that stability and prosperity will return to America. I am thankful to be part of this great experiment in democracy that began over 232 years ago.

As of the writing of this article, a hard fought race for the Presidency is coming to an end. One thing is for certain as of the publishing of this article, America once again will have held free elections and a new President will have been elected. I am thankful to be able to vote for the leadership of my country.

We have many of our comrades in arms that are deployed in harm's way both from the Pennsylvania National Guard and our

sister services. Many more of our Pennsylvania Army National Guard brethren are deploying in the coming year. I am thankful for the service of my fellow Pennsylvania National Guard members and all the members of our military.

We should all be thankful for our continued good health and the health of our families. We need take an active roll in continuing to have good health and fitness. This includes watching what we eat during the holiday season. I am thankful for my good health and the good health of my family.

Thanksgiving is a time of family gatherings. We all know that without the support of our families we in the Pennsylvania National Guard could not do what we do. Please take the time to thank your families for their support of your service. Also, please thank your families for me, their



**CCMSgt Ralph C. Braden**

support of your service is critical to the mission of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and I appreciate it.

If you are celebrating Thanksgiving deployed, please know that you are in our thoughts and that we look forward to your safe return. If you are celebrating at home with your families, please keep our brothers and sisters in harm's way in your thoughts.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Wing participates in Navy Integrated Training Exercise

By Technical Sgt. Elisabeth A. Matulewicz  
111th FW Public Affairs Office

Members of the 111th FW participated in a Navy integrated training exercise (ITE) at NAS Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove Oct. 9. Training teams comprised of members from a variety of Navy and Air National Guard sections were tested on their ability to respond to an on-base emergency based on their section-specific emergency response plans. From varied areas of expertise, they had to assess the situation, develop a course of action, perform operational risk management and engage the target.

Members from the Navy Command Staff, Navy Security, ANG Security Forces, contract security, Fire & Emergency Services, Navy Health Clinic, Emergency Management, Public Affairs, Fleet and Family Readiness, and Religious Ministry Support were evaluated on how they reacted to a scenario-driven exercise. The exercise evaluated security procedures, airfield intrusion, securing the runway after an attack, casualty care, incident command operations and consequence management. In this example, they were gauged on how they would react and communicate with one another should intruders come on base, attack the airfield and detonate an IED blowing up an aircraft and injuring bystanders.

Security ran through a scenario to apply lethal force, detain the intruders and secure the runway to prevent further loss



*Photo by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin*

of life and property. The exercise gave medical personnel the opportunity to treat casualties. All training teams relayed exercise inputs from the field through the emergency operations center (EOC). Representatives at the EOC coordinated with other functional areas and passed the information back out to their counterparts. Weapons of mass destruction personnel and firefighters conducted live training on the flight line. A multimedia team comprised of a photographer and a

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See photos from recent 111th Fighter Wing events at: Y:\111fw Shared\Photos\2008\



Photo by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin



## Ask not what your Wing can do for you; ask what you can do for your Wing!

**TSgt Kenneth Tillotson, Sr. EFAC President**  
**SSgt Charlotte Baker, Jr. EFAC President**

In just a little over a year, your Enlisted Field Advisory Councils have been striving to make a difference. Meeting on Sundays during drill to maximize traditional guardsman's involvement, they find common areas where the everyday Airman would like to see improvements. Unbeknownst to many, this has been reflected in many of the events occurring around the Wing. The tumultuous atmosphere of

BRAC decisions, an active conflict overseas, and the ever-present training requirements tend to wear on our members, and EFAC is in the business of serving the

masses. In the course of an average meeting, weighty issues such as force retention, promotion opportunity and fairness, even training dissatisfaction are on the table, not only in the form of complaints, but as possible solutions.

Both the Junior and Senior Councils are looking for members. We would like to have at least two members from every squadron or flight within the Wing. If you would like enhance your leadership skills while contributing to the betterment of the wing, please contact either Staff Sgt. Charlotte Baker in Bldg. 203 Rm. 115 at (215) 443-1354 for the Junior EFAC (E-1 to E-5) or Technical Sgt. Kenneth Tillotson in Bldg. 240 at (215) 443-1802 for the Senior EFAC (E-6 to E-8).

### Events Sponsored/Initiated by EFAC:

- Sports Day
- 111FW Beef and Beer
- Pool Party
- Ronald McDonald House Pajama Drive

Have a hand in the future of the Wing, raise issues, present ideas, solve problems, and make a difference!

### *Integrated Training Exercise* *Continued from previous page*

videographer documented the events as they occurred for both training and historical purposes.

The exercise scenario rapidly moved along and helped everyone improve in several areas. Weaknesses in communications were identified and response and protection plans improvements were identified in real time. The exercise gave everyone the opportunity to come together from their varied backgrounds as work together as a team.

Every quarter, the Navy holds a training drill. This is the fourth such exercise held jointly with the 111th FW.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth A. Matulewicz



### **Chief Master Sergeant in Communications Retires**

Chief Master Sergeant Alan Van Norman retired Oct. 3 during a retirement ceremony held at the Orion's Club. Friends, family and coworkers bid him farewell and wished him luck as he begins a new chapter in his life.

U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. David Kurle



## A-10s ready as Hawgsmoke 2008 begins

**By Master Sgt. Bill Huntington  
442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

Two A-10 Thunderbolt IIs broke through the overcast skies of central Kansas Oct. 15 and crossed over the center point of the Salina Airport's north-south runway officially kicking off Hawgsmoke 2008, the Air Force's biennial A-10 bombing and tactical gunnery competition.

The moment also marked the end of two years of exhaustive preparation for the Airmen in the 442nd Fighter Wing's 303rd Fighter Squadron, the event's host and an Air Force Reserve Command unit from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

The 303rd FS Airmen earned the right to host the contest by winning Hawgsmoke 2006, held at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., that year, which pitted the 303rd's pilots against pilots from 16 other Air National Guard, Air Force and Air Force Reserve A-10 units from around the world.

Hawgsmoke tests A-10 pilots in flight leadership, target acquisition, weapons delivery and support and the amount of preparation and coordination to host the event is daunting.

"There is a lot more that goes into Hawgsmoke than the general public and most of the participants realize," said Maj. Les Bradfield, 442nd Operations Support Flight. "It's much more than just coordinating between an airport and a range."

One late wrinkle in the preparation was the announcement by Air Force officials of a time-compliance technical order, or TCTO, that required immediate inspection and repair of wing cracks approximately 130 A-10s throughout the Air Force. Maintainers in the 442nd FW were required to inspect 11 of the unit's 27 A-10s.

The order caused units to re-evaluate their ability to participate and caused some to cancel. Other wing's with available A-10s, including the 442nd, stepped forward to provide aircraft for those who

Lt. Col. Daryl Newhart, an A-10 pilot with the Pa. Air National Guard's 103rd Fighter Squadron, throws a shot glass into a fire pit during a "Lost Hogs" memorial ceremony Oct. 15, at Hawgsmoke 2008. The Lost Hogs ceremony pays homage to all A-10 pilots who have passed away. In an A-10 tradition, pilots drink a shot as a toast to their fallen comrades then throw the shot glass into a fire pit after the names of all deceased A-10 pilots have been read aloud.

couldn't use their own jets.

Even though there were enough teams and aircraft to compete, the TCTO hampered some units in their ability to bring maintenance personnel to support Hawgsmoke 2008 as they worked at their home stations to inspect and repair A-10s. Still, the maintainers were able to meet the challenge.

"Everybody is [affected]," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Wetzel, 442nd Maintenance Squadron. "Getting the rest of their fleet up to speed became a higher priority [but] we have enough people here to take care of everything. It's not really an issue."

Having the first two jets cross the airfield's center point is a source of excitement and relief for Whiteman's Citizen Airmen. It means that while the preparation has paid off and the competition is underway, there is still work to do as more aircraft arrive.

"We've only just begun," Major Bradfield said. "Having the 'iron' on the ground means the all of the work of the last two years, not only for the local community but for our own people, is starting to pay off."

Full story found at: [www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123119630](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123119630)

*"Congratulations to our HAWGSMOKE team Col. Chip Eissler, Lt. Col. Daryl Newhart, Maj. Bill Zutell and Capt. Andy Vaughan! Additional congratulations go to our Maintenance Group. Although Boise won the competition, Willow Grove came in second. What is significant about that, and of course the story behind the story people forget, is that the aircraft used by our pilots and Boise's were from Willow Grove. It isn't just coincidence. Not only does the Guard boast the best pilots, but the best Maintenance in all of the Guard is undoubtedly stationed here at Willow Grove. You have proven time and time again that you are the best...two perfectly executed back-to-back out-of-cycle AEF deployments (with Boise as well) and now "Top Jets" for this competition. Thanks for all the hard work and for adding another positive to what has been an extremely challenging year! It is amazing what you have accomplished and I thank you for your dedication and service!"*

**Col. Paul W. Comtois  
111th FW Commander**





## Community laces up to support VFW Freedom Steps 5K Walk/Run

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth A. Matulewicz  
111th FW Public Affairs Office

Runners and walkers alike braved the rain to participate in the first annual Willow Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post# 3612 Freedom Steps 5K Walk/Run held Sept. 28 at Mason's Mill Park in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

"The purpose of today's event is to recognize the troops and the sacrifices they make every day," said Ralph Storti, Pass Commander of VFW Post #3612. "People back home appreciate what they're doing and they won't be forgotten."

"We started working on this event back in June," said Heather Salazar, event coordinator. "Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation helped us set everything up. Local businesses sponsored the event and were more than willing to help. The local VFW received a state grant to fund this event."

The grant came through the office of State Rep. Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery/Philadelphia). Since 1990, Murt has served in the Army Reserve and is a staff sergeant assigned to the 656th Area Support Group. He is a member of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Education, and Children and Youth committees. In 2003, he was called to active duty and served in Iraq with the Army's elite 4th Infantry Division.

"The troops do so much for us and we need to give back to them," Salazar added. "We need to show our support to those overseas defending our freedom."

Recruiters from the Army and Air National Guard were onsite to talk to the general public and provide information on the benefits of joining the Guard.

"Events like this are a way to get the word out about the Guard," said Sergeant 1st Class Lisa Mancini, a recruiter with the Army National Guard. "We share opportunities with the community, youth and prior service members looking for another way to serve."

"People thank us for serving, they're interested in what we do and the future of

**State Rep. Thomas Murt registers and pins on a number placard at the VFW Post #3612 Freedom Steps 5K Walk/Run held at Mason's Mill Park on Sept. 28.**

this base," Mancini added. "We always receive a positive response."

In 2006, VFW Post #3612 adopted the 111th Fighter Wing and consistently does a lot for the unit.

"We supply the Christmas toys every year," said Roger Myers, general manager of VFW #3612. "We send them off and greet them when they return home. We provide calling cards, hold golf outings and host functions at the VFW at no cost."

Myers encourages more people to join the VFW. "The more members we have, the more people our lobbyists represent when they goes before Congress to secure more benefits for them."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, with its Auxiliaries, includes 2.2 million members in approximately 8,100 posts worldwide. Its mission is to "honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans' service, community service, national security and a strong national defense. For more information, visit the website of local VFW Post# 3612: [www.vfwwebcom.org/pa/post3612](http://www.vfwwebcom.org/pa/post3612).



**111th FW Recruiters Master Sgt. Jack Hill, Tech. Sgt. Andy Raup and Staff Sgt. Kevin Watson**

## Passing fitness score required for promotion, reenlistment, AGR service

By Capt. Rebecca J. Selby  
111th Mission Support Flight

You might have thought your fitness score was only required to check your name off the overdue list or to fill in a block on your Performance Report – this is no longer true.

Effective immediately, a passing fitness score of 75 or above is required for promotion, reenlistment, and entry into an AGR or Statutory Tour program. Remember, it is our job to be Fit to Fight!

The following is a summary of the NGB/A1 policy memo created to supplement the ANGIs that govern these actions until a rewrite is accomplished. If you would like to see the actual message, please ask your unit leadership or anyone in the Mission Support Flight.

**Promotion:** An enlisted member is not eligible for promotion if he/she fails to score a 75 or higher on the Fitness Test.

**Reenlistment:** To be eligible to reenlist, an enlisted member must have scored a 75 or higher on the Fitness Test. Commanders may extend a member for a minimum of six months if they are not meeting the minimum score, but members that have already accumulated a total of 48 months on extensions to their current enlistment are not eligible. Commanders may request an exception to policy for members who have already been extended for the maximum of 48 months to allow the member to reenlist for one year. The exception request must have the Wing Commander and TAG's endorsement to be considered by NGB.

**AGR/Statutory Tour Program:** Any member in the Fitness Improvement Program is ineligible for entry into any type of AGR or Statutory Tour Program.

## VA to Deploy Mobile Counseling Centers Across America

The first of a fleet of 50 new mobile counseling centers for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Vet Center program was put into service Oct. 22 with the remainder scheduled to be activated over the next three months.

"Our widespread distribution of this fleet from coast to coast marks a new chapter in VA's innovation to reach rural and underserved veterans with high-quality readjustment counseling," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake.

Each vehicle will be assigned to one of VA's existing Vet Centers, enabling the center to improve access to counseling by bringing services closer to veterans.

The 38-foot motor coaches, which have spaces for confidential counseling, will carry Vet Center counselors and outreach workers to events and activities to reach veterans in broad geographic areas, supplementing VA's 232 current Vet Centers, which are scheduled to increase to 271 facilities by the end of 2009.

Vet Centers, operated by VA's Readjustment Counseling Service, provide non-medical readjustment counseling in easily accessible, consumer-oriented facilities, addressing the social and economic dimensions of post-war needs. This includes psychological counseling for traumatic military-related experiences and family counseling when needed for the veteran's readjustment.

The team leader at each Vet Center will develop an outreach plan for use of the vehicle within that region, not being limited to the traditional catchment area of a particular Vet Center.

These vehicles will be used to provide outreach and direct readjustment counseling at active-duty, reserve and National Guard activities, including post-deployment health reassessments for returning combat service members.

The vehicles will also be used to visit events typically staffed by local Vet Center staff, including homeless "stand downs," veteran community events, county fairs, and unit reunions at sites ranging from Native American reservations to colleges.

While most of their use will be in Vet Centers' delivery of readjustment counseling services, the local manager may arrange with VA hospitals or clinics in the region to provide occasional support for health promotion activities such as health screenings.

The normal counseling layout can be converted to support emergency medical missions, such as hurricanes and other natural disasters.

### Home Bases of Planned Vet Center Vehicles

Alabama - Birmingham	New Mexico - Sante Fe, Las Cruces
Arizona - Chinle, Prescott	New York - Watertown
Arkansas - Fayetteville	North Carolina - Greenville
California - Corona, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Eureka	North Dakota - Minot, Fargo
Colorado - Colorado Springs	Ohio - Dayton
Florida - Pensacola	Oregon - Eugene
Georgia - Savannah, Macon	Pennsylvania - Erie, Scranton
Idaho - Boise	South Carolina - Columbia
Kansas - Wichita	South Dakota - Rapid City
Kentucky - Lexington	Tennessee - Johnson City, Memphis
Illinois - Springfield	Texas - Amarillo, Midland, San Antonio
Maine - Caribou, Lewiston	Louisiana - New Orleans
Massachusetts - Springfield	Utah - Salt Lake
Michigan - Escanaba	Vermont - White River Junction
Minnesota - St. Paul	Virginia - Richmond
Montana - Missoula, Billings	Washington - Spokane, Tacoma
Nebraska - Lincoln	West Virginia - Morgantown, Beckley
	Wyoming - Casper



## Six Weeks and Counting

Following the 111th's transition on Dec. 12 to the new operating systems for e-mail messaging and Microsoft Office, each user will be receiving a survey titled "ANG Exchange 2007 Project Feedback Survey," where every user will be given the chance to "grade" our performance on this project.

Survey statements can be answered “Strongly Agree,” “Agree,” “Undecided,” “Disagree,” or “Strongly Disagree.” Anyone who answers “Undecided” or “Disagree” will be asked to add comments.

Survey statements will be as follows:

1. I was informed of a new email system.
2. I was informed that the MS Office 2007 was coming to replace MS Office 2003 on my desktop.
3. I was informed of computer and web-based training opportunities for MS Office 2007, including MS Outlook, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and MS Access.
4. The MS Office 2007 product suite training was competent and relevant for my job.
5. I was informed how my "old" e-mail could be accessed using MS Outlook 2007.

## IT equipment requests

If you need a new piece of information technology equipment (ITE), the request must be routed through the 111th Communications Flight. This is true regardless of the value of the item. The reason is that there are minimum standards for ITE (processor speed, model, brand, capabilities, commercial or GSA purchase) that must be followed for government purchases of ITE. The person who interfaces with the Communications Flight is usually the unit Equipment Custodian, who will submit the request to the Plans & Resources Section, 111 CF/SCX, or (215) 443-1684/1685.

Here's a partial list of communications equipment that the 111th Communications Flight purchases for Wing members:

- Thumb drives/External hard drives
- Telephones (including Secure Telephone Equipment)
- Fax machines
- Copiers
- Computers
- Laptops
- Scanners
- Printers
- Monitors
- Radios (including “walkie-talkie” type)
- Encryption equipment
- Projection equipment
- Personal Digital Assistants



## Freedom of Information Act

Did you know your unit has a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Monitor? If you receive a request from a member of the public for information under the conditions of the FOIA, you should first channel the request through your unit's FOIA Monitor. The unit FOIA Monitor will then send the request to the Wing FOIA Manager. This is true regardless of how the request is made (via telephone, e-mail, fax, or regular mail). The Wing FOIA Manager is Master Sgt. Michele Houston at (215) 443-1305.

## Copyright Infringement

Users of ITE at Willow Grove are not permitted to make any copies of copyrighted software, unless they own the copyright. Since all operating systems and applications used on ITE at Willow Grove have been purchased through pre-approved outside vendors, making copies of software used on government-provided ITE is prohibited here. It is also forbidden to distribute copyrighted materials by E-mail or E-mail attachments without first obtaining consent from the copyright owner. If someone fails to obtain consent, this may violate federal copyright infringement laws and could subject the individual to civil liability or criminal prosecution. POC is Master Sgt. Stanley Woods, 111 CF/SCXS, at (215) 443-1349.

# HOLIDAY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

The Angel Tree, started by The Salvation Army, provides less fortunate children with new clothing and toys at Christmas. We're collecting for children up to 18 years old. Members will have the opportunity to contribute during lunchtime this UTA. A representative will be standing by the Angel Tree in the Dining Hall, Bldg. 300 so that we can track what is being purchased so that no child is forgotten.

Donations are also needed for Christ's Home for Children (CHFC). CHFC provides both residential and transitional living programs for children who come into placement from public agencies or private sources (e.g. family, churches, schools or other ministry organizations) located primarily in the south central and southeastern regions of Pennsylvania. The mission of CHFC is to serve needy or neglected children and youth by providing a stable, caring home built upon biblical principles while meeting their educational, medical, emotional and social needs. Below is a wish list of items from children who reside at CHFC. We ask that all gifts be unwrapped so we may choose appropriate gifts for each child.

Your generosity and support is needed to brighten the holidays of a child in need. We need as much support as possible and have two UTAs to get the word out and collect the items. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Finn, 111th SFS, at (215) 443-1329.

## CHFC Wish List

### **Children ages 1 year to 5 years:**

Winter coats, spring jackets, pants, shirts, skirts and dresses sizes 12 mo. - 4T

Shoes, sneakers, snow boots: Toddler sizes 4 - 13

Undergarments: 1T - 4T, Diapers: 1 - 6, pull ups any size

#### **General Items**

"Smart Cycle" game cartridges, Big toddler size trucks, cars

Slip and Slide (large), Bubbles – big bottles. Costume dress up assorted sizes 24 months to 5T. Bath toys, Helmet hero, baby doll stroller, play phone, Spiderman toys, Spiderman plate and cup, Baby Einstein items, V Tech

### **Children ages 6 years to 10 years:**

Winter coats, spring jackets, pants, shirts, skirts and dresses sizes 4 - 12

Shoes, sneakers, snow boots: Boy's or Girl's 1 - 6

Undergarments: Boy's 4 - 12 and Girl's 4 - 12 Briefs or boxers, tagless undershirts

#### **General Items**

Boombox with head phones, Phillies and Eagles – shirts, sweats, footballs and accessories. Children 4 - 6 Juvenile Fiction novels/literature/non-fiction/sport books. Educational reading and math games (books or computer), Crafts Puzzles, Baseball gloves (right and left handed), Spiderman web shooters

### **Children ages 11 years to 15 years:**

Winter coats, spring jackets, pants, shirts, skirts and dresses sizes Boy's 8 - 20 or Girl's 7 - 16. Shoes, sneakers, snow boots: Woman's 5 - 10 and Men's 8 - 13

Crocs with fuzzy insides (shoes). Undergarments: Boy's 8 - 20 and Girl's 7 - 16 Briefs or boxers, tagless undershirts, Bras A and B 32 - 40.

#### **General Items:**

Boombox, alarm clocks, make up, accessories for hair and nails, Phillies and Eagles shirts, sweats and accessories, Penn State items, Dressy clothes, Dress boots

### **Children ages 16 years to 18 years:**

Winter coats, spring jackets, pants, shirts, skirts, dresses Men's L and XL or

Woman's 8 - 16. Shoes, sneakers, snow boots: Men's 8 - 13 Woman's 6 - 10

Undergarments: Men's 8 - 16 Briefs or boxers, tagless undershirts, Woman's 8 - 16 Bras A, B and C 32 - 40 Woman's Panties (conservative) 8 - 16.

#### **General Items**

Digital Camera, Pots and Pans, MP3 Players, PSP games – Rated G, DVD Player, Towels –Kitchen and bath

## **Tricare Reserve and Guard family benefit now permanent**

Eligible families of activated National Guard and Reserve members will continue to save up to \$300 in annual deductibles now that a Tricare "demonstration" program is a permanent benefit.

Eligible family members of Guard and Reserve personnel activated for more than 30 days under federal orders in support of a contingency operation are made eligible for Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra, which have annual deductibles. While they may be eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime or Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members, which have no deductibles, many may choose to stay with Tricare Standard or Extra.

Introduced as one of the first Tricare healthcare enhancements after Sept. 11, 2001, to assist the increasing number of National Guard and Reserve service members activated to support the war on terrorism, the benefit waiving annual deductibles has been a demonstration project for more than seven years.

"The demonstration has worked well and the benefit is not changing," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "We simply want to make sure our Guard and Reserve families know this is a permanent benefit now that final federal regulation has been published."

Guard or Reserve families often meet annual deductibles under their commercial plans before they get activated. Waiving the Tricare Standard and Extra deductibles means eligible families will not have to pay additional deductibles under Tricare. The annual deductible for Standard and Extra is \$300 for families.

"National Guard and Reserve members and their families make huge sacrifices to protect our freedom. We don't want to see them sacrifice even more by paying deductibles twice in one year," General Granger said.

The published regulation also contains provisions that make it easier for Reserve and Guard members to continue to see their family physicians by potentially increasing the amount that can be paid to out-of-network health care providers.

Since eligibility for Tricare benefits is determined by the services, to ensure family members are eligible for the Tricare Reserve Family Benefit, activated Reserve and Guard members should visit their local military ID card-issuing facility and update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.



# MOVING UP, MOVING IN AND MOVING OUT

## REENLISTMENTS

MSgt William A. Connolly	111th AMXS
MSgt Matthew S. Kauffman	111th MXG
MSgt Thomas A. Viselli	111th MXS
MSgt Anthony J. Wolfe	201st RHS Det. 1
TSgt Colleen F. McLain	111th SFS
TSgt Austin B. Perks	111th AMXS
SSgt Richard A. Bloomer Jr.	111th MXS
SSgt James M. Ott	111th AMXS
SSgt William D. Stewart	111th AMXS

## EXTENSIONS

CMSgt Edward M. DiMaio	201st RHS Det. 1
SSgt Ryan M. Collins	111th SFS

## ENLISTMENTS

SSgt Lori J. Skiff	201st RHS Det. 1
A1C Daniel J. Benjamin	270th EIS
A1C Ryan K. Bray	201st RHS Det. 1
A1C Aaron F. Hart	201st RHS Det. 1
A1C Anthony J. McGovern	201st RHS Det. 1
A1C Bryhim A. Murphy	201st RHS Det. 1
A1C Mariel Y. Ortiz	111th SVF
A1C Chance J. Zarilla	201st RHS Det. 1

## RETIREMENTS

Lt Col Linford E. Riniker	111th LRS	34 years
SMSgt Joel I. Dales	111th LRS	36 years
TSgt David E. Hoffman	111th LRS	32 years

## Remember to Register for the Holiday Party!

The Wing Holiday Party will be held Sun. Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Docks Two and Three. This is a time for everyone to come together to share fun, food and children visit with Santa Claus. To register, call Jean Moretti, FRG Coordinator, (215) 443-1409.

## In Remembrance of Archibald W. Gavin, Jr. Retiree Activity Office volunteer

Archibald Gavin, age 86, passed away on July 28 at Rydal Park. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 for training in the Aviation Cadet Program. He graduated in 1944, received his wings, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. After months of training with the B-17, he left for Great Ashfield Station 155, England with the 8th Air Force, 385th Bomb Group, 551st Squadron. He proudly served his country during WWII. He entered the University of Pa. in October 1945 and graduated from the Wharton School 4 years later. He attended the USAF Special Investigation School and became a special agent. He retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Arch was a salesman during his working years. He was a board member of the Military Officers Association of America and served with the Retiree Activities Office at Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base. He also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and belonged to Friendship Williams Lodge #400 and Abington Presbyterian Church.



He is survived by his wife Jean (nee Kelley) of 58 years. He is the loving father of Scott (Sally Ann) and Barbara Gavin, grandfather of Emily, Elizabeth and Esther May.

Memorial contributions can be made in Arch's memory to the WWII Memorial Fund, Processing Center, P.O. Box 30, Calverton, NY 11933.

## UTA MENU (111TH DINING FACILITY)

### Sat. Nov. 1

Baked ham, oven roasted turkey  
Sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy  
Stuffing, green bean casserole, corn  
Salad, rolls and butter  
Assorted desserts

### Sun. Nov. 2

Salisbury steak, sliced turkey  
Potato wedges, gravy, peas  
Beef vegetable soup  
Salad, rolls and butter  
Assorted desserts

## NOVEMBER UTA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Protestant Service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 320 Room 228. An additional Protestant Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 203 Room 203.

Catholic Service will be held at 10:00 in Bldg. 203 Auditorium.

The Chaplain's Office is located in Bldg. 203, Room 204-205 on the second floor and can be reached at (215) 443-1534.

## FY09 UTAs:

1-2 November 2008  
6-7 December 2008  
10-11 January 2009  
7-8 February 2009  
7-8 March 2009  
4-5 April 2009  
16-17 May 2009  
(Armed Forces Day)  
6-7 June 2009  
11-12 July 2009  
1-2 August 2009  
12-13 September 2009

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**Tues, Thurs, Fri  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Wed & Sat 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

# McKinley approved to lead Guard Bureau

By Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith  
National Guard Bureau

Air Force Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley was confirmed Oct. 2 as the 26th chief of the National Guard Bureau by the U.S. Senate.

He will also become the first four-star general in the nearly 372-year history of the National Guard.

The current director of the Air National Guard, McKinley was nominated by the President in September based on the recommendation of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

He succeeds Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, who was also confirmed Oct. 2 by the Senate to become the first National Guard deputy commander for the U.S. Northern Command. Blum has served as chief of the Guard Bureau since 2003.

As chief of the National Guard Bureau, McKinley will be the senior uniformed officer representing nearly 468,000 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen.

He will also serve as the principal advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on National Guard issues.

"I give all the credit for [this promotion] to the performance, friendships and relationships of [Blum]," said McKinley Sept. 22 at the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) conference in Baltimore. "Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum has been a fantastic chief of the National Guard Bureau."

Gates recommended McKinley for the upgraded four-star position in July

following the recommendations of the Commission on the Guard and Reserves and the fiscal year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The NDAA also established the Guard Bureau as a joint activity of the Department of Defense.

"General McKinley has earned this place in history," Gates said during the NGAUS conference. "I trust he will continue to lead the Guard to new heights."

A Florida National Guard member, McKinley has served as director of the 107,000-member Air National Guard since May 2006. Prior to that, he served as assistant deputy chief of staff for plans and programs at Air Force Headquarters. He is a command pilot with more than 34 years of military service.

McKinley was promoted to brigadier general in 1998, major general in 2001 and lieutenant general in 2006.



*Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley*

The last Air Force general to serve as Guard Bureau chief was Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, who held the position from 1998-2002.

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