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Upcoming Events for the Wing

Sat. Mar. 5, 2011 Annual Retirement Ceremony Sun. Apr. 3, 2011 Hometown Heroes Salute Awards Ceremony and Family Day Sun. Jun. 5, 2011

Sports Day

(HQ Auditorium Bldg. 203)

(Location TBD)

(various on base locations)



Meet the Member

Staff Sgt. Shaun Monahan issues vehicle decals to a customer.

Sergeant Monahan is a desk sergeant with the 111th Security Forces Squadron.

In his civilian job, he is an emergency medical techician, or EMT. His long term goals are to become a physician assistant and receive a commision.

In his spare time, he enjoys flying remote operated airplanes. He's fascinated by anything that flys.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marie Harmon

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Prepare yourself

By Lt. Col. Mike Day 111th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Even though our A-10s are gone, there are still numerous opportunities to deploy overseas in support of contingency operations. Each of our squadrons has had members deploy overseas in the last year and our deployment operations tempo remains very high. I continually receive e-mails requesting volunteers for overseas deployments. Every job function, from crew chiefs to supply personnel to third country national (TCN) escorts, is continuously being solicited from the Air National Guard field. Currently, the Logistics Readiness Squadron is preparing to deploy 10 personnel over to Kuwait in the next three months. The tours range from 60 to 179 days although six 6 month tours seem to be becoming the norm. Although we are seeing less and less mobilizations and these deployments are predominantly voluntary, all of us need to be prepared to deploy at all times.

Our business is to "train to fight" and in order to maintain our preparedness, we must take every opportunity to complete required training in a timely manner. With the end of the AEF cycles and the institution of TEMPO Banding, higher headquarters has finally reorganized ancillary training to be more manageable. They have instituted a tiered training system that ranges from the annual administrative requirements, required by all, up to highly specialized war fighting requirements required by deploying personnel in specific positions. The mass Total Force Awareness Training (TFAT) briefings we give quarterly in the auditorium take care of those pesky annual administrative training requirements. Only those personnel identified as deploying will complete the next level (tier) of training and if identified in the line remarks for a deploying position the member will complete the specialized war fighting training which takes place at specialized training locations such as Creech Air Force Base in Nevada.

Every Airman's job is to ensure they complete the annual training requirements (attend the mass TFAT briefing when your unit is scheduled) and keep your personal affairs in order. If you are a single parent or married to another military member, you are required to have a dependent care program identified. You should have all your banking accounts, credit card information, will, and other miscellaneous items up to date and available for your significant other. If deploying, it is recommended that you get a limited power of attorney

completed for significant vour other to ensure required business can be taken care of in your absence. You may have noticed I stated limited power of attorney vice full; the JAG will explain the implications of both when you execute one. Your Unit Deployment Manger (UDM) and Commander can assist you with



Lt. Col. Mike Day

keeping your affairs up to date and in order. The tool that we use to maintain preparedness is the Personnel Readiness Folder (PRF) most commonly referred to as your mobility folder. You should be reviewing this on an annual basis to ensure it is up to date. If you haven't seen your PRF in over a year or don't know what it is, you need to see your UDM.

Our job as members of the Air National Guard is to augment the active duty forces whenever and wherever required. We must be constantly prepared for deployment. Deployments can be one of the most stressful times in your life but they can also be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life too. To minimize the stress factor, take care of the requirements I have outlined above and ensure your personal affairs remain in order. No one is going to do these things for you; you must ensure they are completed. Remember, to ensure you remain a valuable asset to the Air National Guard and the Air Force prepare yourself.

The State Command Chief's Perspective can be found on the 111th FW public website:

www.111fw.ang.af.mil/ pastatecommandchief.asp

and on the 111th FW Air Force Portal page under "Other Leader Messages."

> This month's topic: Change is in the air

CHIEF'S CORNER

Holiday season precautions

By Chief Master Sgt. James Finn 111th Security Forces Squadron

On behalf of the 111th Fighter Wing Chief's Council, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you take to the roads this holiday season, be sure to take extra precautions, as increased traffic volume and frantic shoppers make driving even more dangerous than usual. As always, don't drink and drive and be sure to wear your seatbelt.

With the holidays fast approaching, it is that time of year to look at your vehicle's Department of Defense (DoD) stickers to see if they are about to expire. If so, the Pass and Identification Section is located in Building 219. Their hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. The office is closed every other Monday and on holidays.

On another note, identity theft is on the rise. It is very important that you do not give your Social Security Number, bank account numbers, or other personal information to someone over the phone or by email. There are many scams out there that prey on unsuspecting individuals, particularly the elderly.

As credit card usage increases during the holiday shopping season, so too does the chance that someone will try to steal your information. Be sure to keep track of your spending and check your account information regularly to ensure there are no unexplained expenditures. If you suspect that you are a victim of identity theft, first and foremost contact your local Police Department. Notify your bank, credit card companies then the three Credit Bureaus:

Equifax:	(800) 525-6285
Experian (formerly TRW):	(888) 397-3742
Trans Union:	(800) 680-7289

You should also contact the Social Security Administration Fraud Line at (800) 269-0271.

The Credit Bureaus can put a watch notice on all your credit cards for anything out of the ordinary. The same should be done if you lose your wallet or purse.

Most of us carry our driver's license and credit cards on us every time we leave our home. But how many of us have our driver's license number memorized or written down so if we ever had to report it missing, the information is available to us? Should you misplace your license, here is the web site for getting the process started for replacing it in the State of Pennsylvania: **www.dot33.state.pa.us/centers/replacement-**

center.shtml

It will guide you through the necessary steps to getting a replacement license. Also, it will help to speed the process of replacing your license by having the driver's license number available. Otherwise, the Department of Transportation will have to do some research to find your number which can cause some delay

in getting a replace-



Chief Master Sgt. James Finn

ment. Do not ever think: "This won't happen to me." Statistics show that thousands of people each year fall prey to con artists and you could be next.

Here are some simple ways to protect you:

- 1. Shred old bills that have your account information on them.
- 2. Keep your personal documents under lock and key and never leave them out in the open.
- 3. Lock your car when you get out. How many of us have car repair bills in the glove box?
- 4. Lock your doors when not at home. Make sure you lock your windows in all of the rooms in your home. If you have an alarm, use it.
- 5. Check your banking and credit card statements regularly. Make sure the transactions are your own. If something does not look right, question it.
- 6. When using your credit card online, make sure you are using a "Trusted Source."

Always be aware and suspicious of anyone, especially telemarketers, calling your home or cell phone at anytime day or night asking for personal information. Do not give them any of your personal information. Trust your instincts or gut feelings. If it seems too good to be true, it is.

111th Medical Group training classroom dedicated to Chief Palan



Over 200 friends and family of Chief Kurt Palan gathered together as the 111th Medical group dedicated their medical classroom in his honor.

Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin and Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow.



Lt. Col. John Quinn, 111th Medical Group Commander, presents Chief Palan's widow Patricia Palan with a token of appreciation for the many years of service performed by Chief Palan.



An overview of the Medical Training Classroom. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marie Harmon

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The wall plaque reads:

Chief Master Sgt. Kurt M. Palan, Medical Training Classroom, Dedicated 6 November 2010.

Chief Master Sgt. Kurt M. Palan served as Health Services Manager for the 111th Medical Group from 1997 to 2003 and served in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Southern Watch.

An outstanding leader, educator, and friend to all, Chief

Palan's vast knowledge of medical operations and tireless efforts ensured that 111th Medical Group personnel were always fully trained and ready to deploy.

Chief Palan epitomized the core values of the Air Force; integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

This classroom is dedicated to his mentoring spirit and 26 years of outstanding service to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Holiday Message



24 November 2010

To all members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and employees of the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs,

My wife, Susan, and I wish you and your Families the very best for Thanksgiving and this entire Holiday Season. I very much appreciate all that you do to ensure our organization continues to provide outstanding service to the citizens of the Commonwealth and our great nation, which has been our tradition for hundreds of years. You, collectively, form a great team with incredible capability. Take interest in those you serve with, and continue to help each other tackle the challenges we face - both professionally and personally. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Sischo Major General, PaANG Acting Adjutant General

Nomination season opens for 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. Nominations must come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member. The award was created to publicly recognize employers who provide exceptional support to their Guard and Reserve employees. It is the highest in a series of employer recognition awards given by the Department of Defense.

Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the Guard and Reserve. The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. This award recognizes employers who provide the most outstanding support for their Guard and Reserve employees and is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense. For more information, contact your local ESGR representative at: (215) 443-1881.

To nominate your employer, visit: <u>https://esgr.csd.disa.mil/fa/</u>

Holiday Safety



A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety

A Factsheet on Holiday Fire Prevention

ach year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 Americans, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

PREVENTING CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Selecting a Tree for the Holiday

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

CARING FOR YOUR TREE

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

MAINTAIN YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

DO NOT LEAVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON UNATTENDED

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

USE ONLY NONFLAMMABLE DECORATIONS

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

NEVER PUT WRAPPING PAPER IN A FIREPLACE

It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

CANDLE CARE

AVOID USING LIT CANDLES

If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

NEVER PUT LIT CANDLES ON A TREE

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.



For more information contact: The U. S. Fire Administration 16825 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or Visit the USFA Web site: www.usfa.fema.gov



A Growing Need for Coats

Many of us have been in a situation at some point when we were cold and didn't have on the right clothing to stay warm. It's an uncomfortable and disorienting feeling that leaves you unable to think about much else, other than how cold you are.

One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that assists in the donation of coats. One Warm Coat helps individuals, groups, companies and organizations across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies that distribute them free, to people in need.

If you are interested in donating a new or slightly used coat, please call (215) 443-1462. Donations will be accepted from the 1st of December till the 15th of January.



PennDOT Offers License Plates for Military Personnel, Veterans

Plates Available by Service Affiliation, Military Campaigns and More

Members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces can proudly display their service with military license plates offered by PennDOT.

"Every day, members of our armed forces are serving around the globe protecting our freedom," said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. "PennDOT is proud to offer license plates honoring those who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and those who have served in major conflicts, from World War II to Operation Enduring Freedom."

A complete listing of military license plates is available on PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.state.pa.us, by selecting the "Military License Plates" link under the "Military Personnel/Veterans Information Center." The page provides images of each plate and links to the appropriate application form and respective fees.

A variety of license plates for active duty and reserve military personnel, and members of servicerelated organizations are also available through PennDOT's Specialty Plate Program. A link to the listing of these license plates is also on the Military License Plates website under the "Military/Veterans Personnel Information Center."

Applications for these specialty license plates must be requested through the approved organization's local representative. Proof of eligibility is required.

Take A Look!

Photos from the 111th Fighter Wing Holiday Party will be available on the Y drive at: Y:\111fw Shared\Photos\2010\

Education, commitment will get Guard through changing times

By Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Orrell **National Guard Bureau**

Career progression, development and motivation start at the top, and National Guard senior leaders consider those principles to be a priority to keep the Guard moving through an uncertain future, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said here Nov. 18.

"We are a vibrant, resilient, capable national organization," Gen. Craig R. McKinley told about 2,000 attendees at the Air National Guard's 2010 Senior Leadership Conference. "We need to take the challenges head-on, but we also need to be proud that our leadership ... will support us in our times of need.

"Let your folks know there is a way through these tough times, economic times, transition times, base realignment and closure times," he said. "There is something on the other side that's equally challenging and equally rewarding, but it will take ... resources so that young people, at the mid-points of their careers, get the tools so they can succeed and compete during these challenging times.

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have to move forward," he said.

"What the people back home want to hear is optimism and a fresh outlook," he said. "It's going to take some people in this room to motivate and to lead."

He added that today's threats will not go away soon.

"The only thing our adversaries want us to do is grow tired, grow weary, go broke and just throw in the towel," General McKinley said. "That's not the American spirit, that's not the American nation that you represent, and so we won't give them that satisfaction over time."

"It's going to take education and commitment," the general said.

General **McKinley** encouraged the Guardsmen to let their people learn, develop and be creative, so "that when you send someone to the National Guard Bureau they can get some new ideas, they can bring the field perspective to Washington and we can stay integrated."

The Guard's senior leaders will have to continue to translate what they do in the National Guard into language the active component can understand, General McKinley said.

"Channels of communication mean that we translate, that we ar-



111th Comptroller Flight stands up

During a ceremony held here Dec. 5, the 111th Fighter Wing Finance Management Office became the 111th Comptroller Flight.

Mai. Tony Pelosi accepted the quideon from Col. Anthony Carrelli, 111th Fighter Wing commander, becoming the flight's first commander. The flight remains assigned under the 111th Fighter Wing.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow.

Upcoming NCO Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar

A NCO Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar will be held Jan. 27-30 at the 201st Red Horse Squadron & Air National Guard Schoolhouse af Fort Indiantown Gap, in Annville, Pa.

Who should attend?

SSgt's through Senior NCOs' taking on the role of supervision, management and leadership of unit personnel and resources.

Why should I attend?

In four days you will receive instruction covering functions required to lead and manage your personnel and section resources. You will learn the day-to-day operations of your wing. These lessons will assist you and your personnel to understand why each function is vital to meet the mission goals of the Pa. Air National Guard wings, units and sections. This instruction will be a time management tool you can use for the rest of your career.

What subject areas will be presented?

PaANG Wing Structures, Wing Programs, Training, Feedback Performance, Promotion Requirements, Knowing Your Wing, Wing Instructions & Policies, Supervisor Policies, Recruiting & Retention, Deployment Process, ADCON/OPCON, Title 10 and 32, Recognition Programs, Information Management, Safety, Finance, Medical, TRICARE, plus more...

Benefits

This seminar will afford you an opportunity to communicate with other supervisors, leaders and subordinates. Enhanced promotion opportunities! It will cut the stress of doing business. This is a chance to communicate and gain knowledge from fellow guard members. To register, complete the below form.

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Dead	dline to register: Wed. Jan. 12, 2011
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Chief Master Sgt. Larry Hallenbeck

Don't forget to bring in your Angel tree gifts!

32 Years

111th MXS

Guardsmen, please drop off unwrapped gifts to a 111th Security Forces Squadron Angel Tree representative in Bldg. 219 no later than close of business Dec. 10.

During the week, items will be logged and sorted based on the attached paper "Angel," ensuring all children receive the correct gift(s). Missing items are purchased with donations received from Wing members and the Chiefs' Council. Items collected under the annual Angel Tree program, will be dropped off to the home this month.

In 1903, Christ's Home was founded to care for needy or neglected children and youth from infancy to 18 years of age. Twenty years later, they expanded to include a retirement community.

The 111th FW has been supporting this cause for over 24 years. For more information, please call (215) 443-1329.

UTA Worship Schedule

Protestant Service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Building 320, Room 228. An additional Protestant Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Building 203, Room 203. Catholic Service will be held at 10:00 in Building 203 Auditorium.

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



Opportunities to volunteer in the local community

Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. Abington Morning Reading Program Abington YMCA 1073 Old York Road Abington, PA 19001 2-3 Volunteers

Dec. 16 from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. PhilAbundance 3616 S. Galloway Street Philadelphia, PA Up to 15 Volunteers

You must sign up to participate! For additional information or to register for any of these volunteer events, please contact Navy Public Affairs Office at (215) 443-1777.

Traditional Guardsman Security Forces Officer Position



The 111th Security Forces Squadron is seeking a candidate for commissioning who, after graduating from Academy of Military Science (AMS), will be required to attend the Security Forces Officers school, which is a 4 month school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The candidate must have met and been recommended by the Officer Qualification Board which was

held this past August.

The individual is required to submit a cover letter along with a résumé to 111th Security Forces Squadron Commander, 2018 Itami Street, Willow Grove ARS, PA 19090-5219, no later than Dec. 31.

The selection board will be held during the January 2011 UTA weekend. For more information, please call (215) 443-1386 or (215) 443-1424.

