

Sandy Hog Gazette

111th Fighter Wing
Volume 15 Issue 4

Willow Grove Air Reserve Station

Pa Air National Guard
April 2011

Security
Forces
guardsman
awarded
Airman's
Medal
for heroic
acts

Page 6



Upcoming Events for the Wing

Sun. May 15, 2011

Hometown Heroes Salute Awards
Ceremony and Family Day

Outside area of Bldg. 203

Sun. Jun. 5, 2011

Sports Day

Various base locations



**Easter
Sunday
April 24**

*111th Fighter Wing Commander
Colonel Tony Carrelli*

*Wing Executive Officer
Lieutenant Tim McManus*

*111th Fighter Wing
Pa. Air National Guard
Building 203, Room 250
1051 Fairchild Street*

Willow Grove ARS, PA 19090

Tel: (215) 443-1500

DSN: 991-1500

Fax: (215) 443-1860

Website: www.111fw.ang.af.mil

SANDY HOG STAFF

Public Affairs Officer

2nd Lt. Sean Pearson

Public Affairs Manager

Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth Ann Matulewicz

Public Affairs Journalists

Master Sgt. Chris Botzum

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan White

Staff Sgt. Julie Parker

Staff Sgt. Gordon Beecroft

Photography Section NCOIC

Master Sgt. Pat Cashin

Photographers

Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Tech. Sgt. Marie Harmon

Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Mitchell

The Public Affairs staff can be reached during UTA weekends at (215) 443-1450. For urgent inquiries, contact the 111th FW Wing Executive Officer at (215) 443-1410.

Deadlines for submissions to the April issue of the Sandy Hog Gazette is Apr. 15.

E-mail articles and photos for consideration to: pa.111fw@ang.af.mil.

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the Sandy Hog Gazette are not necessarily the official views, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the 111th Fighter Wing.

New government travel card coming soon

By Lt. Col. Anthony Pelosi
111th Comptroller Flight

The U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard are converting from the current Government Travel Card (GTC) to the Controlled Spend Account (CSA). The new CSA is a much different system than we are all used to. It is currently in test phase at several active duty bases and six Air National Guard (ANG) units throughout the country. The ANG plans to convert the remaining bases to the CSA before the end of this fiscal year, which is Sept. 30.

So why the conversion and what are the big differences between the two cards? The Air Force believes this is a way to cut down on delinquencies. Also, it will ease the administrative burden of tracking GTC expenditures for Finance Offices and Commanders.

There are four main differences you need to know about with the CSA:

1. All members will receive the new card. There is no need for a credit check, so whether you currently have a GTC or not, expect a brand new CSA card in the mail.

2. The spending limit on your new card is directly related to the estimated travel expense amount on your approved TDY orders. You, as the traveler, will be aware of that amount authorized when your orders are completed through DTS or published through AROWS.

3. The new card will be used for ALL of your travel expenses. This includes any cash withdrawals.

4. All of the

proceeds from your voucher settlement will be paid to Citibank. You will no longer be able to request split disbursement. If you have a residual balance on your card, you can use it for personal use. Overspending should seldom occur, but if it does you will receive an invoice in the mail from Citi. As always, if circumstances during a TDY change, for example you are given a non-availability for lodging etc., simply give us a call in Finance and the limit on your card can be increased.

The ANG plans to roll out the new card beginning Apr. 1 but at this time we don't have a concrete date as to when members of this Wing will start receiving their new cards. As additional information is available, we will pass it on to everyone. Of course, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to call us at: (215) 443-1403.



Photo by Master Sgt. Pat Cashin

Maj. Anthony Pelosi, commander of the 111th Comptroller Flight, is promoted to lieutenant colonel during a ceremony held Mar. 5.

Making the most of your military career

By Master Sgt. Lamar Belton
111th Fighter Wing

In today's military, it is more important than ever for members to be in charge of guiding their professional military career. Situations such as Base Re-alignment and Closure (BRAC) and downsizing of jobs are now affecting the military, the availability of jobs is scarce and the number candidates for these jobs are many. Military members must do everything possible to stand out from the rest of the pack in order to get noticed by a potential employer in both the military and civilian world. A few ways to do this is through professional military education (PME), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), and tour of duty assignments (or TDYs).

The first and most effective tool that Airmen have in guiding their military career is professional military education. From the beginning of military service, members are continuously training to learn the next level of responsibility. People are constantly surrounded by those who have made the next rank. Even in a four-year enlistment, a military member can advance several ranks, gaining more responsibility and skills with each promotion. In order for an airman to reach the highest level of the enlisted rank structure he or she must complete four levels of professional military education. The four levels are:

- 1) Airman Leadership School, for promotion to staff sergeant
- 2) NCO Academy, for promotion to master sergeant
- 3) Senior NCO Academy, for promotion to senior master sergeant and above
- 4) Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course

Each of these levels is designed to assist Airmen in obtaining the tools and knowledge needed to be successful through their military career. Airmen Leadership School, NCO Academy and Senior NCO Academy can be taken through correspondence or in residency. The Chief Master sergeant Leadership course can only be taken in-residency at Maxwell Air Force Base Ala. Each of these levels of training increases an airman's management skills and job knowledge that will make them more attractive to future employers.

Another way Airmen can help manage their military career is to obtain a college degree. With an increase in knowledge and skill, airmen become more unique. The CCAF is the largest worldwide multi-

campus community college in the world offering associates degrees in five areas of study. Within these areas of study there are 67 specific degree programs that are offered. Air Force members who obtain 64 credit hours through

the CCAF will receive an associated of applied science degree. The CCAF is accredited by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This accreditation allows CCAF credits to transfer over to four year colleges and universities. Airmen have the ability to obtain more than one CCAF degree in different areas of expertise.

Another way military members can obtain a college degree is through the other education benefits such as the Educational Assistance Program and the Montgomery G.I Bill. Those who serve in the military for at least three years and receive an honorable discharge get access to college money for 10 years after discharge. The amount available increases each year to keep up with college costs. As of October of 2008, the Montgomery GI Bill was worth over \$42,000.

The final area where airmen can help manage their career is by volunteering for TDY assignments that are available. By accepting different TDYs, Air Force members gain valuable job experience while working in different countries around the world. Military members learn about different cultures and have the opportunity to learn different languages that could assist them in future endeavors.

As you can see, being a member of the military offers great opportunity to those who seek to take advantage of the benefits it offers. Whether you decide to make the military your career or to work in the private sector, your military training and experience will help put you in an excellent position to be successful.



Master Sgt. Lamar Belton



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Wing guardsmen honored during annual Retirement Ceremony

By Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth A. Matulewicz
111th FW Public Affairs

Members of the 111th Fighter Wing, Pa. Air National Guard, who retired in 2010, were recognized at an annual Retirement Ceremony held Mar. 5 in the Headquarters Auditorium, Building 203, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. Each retiree received a plaque, a retirement certificate, a lapel pin and a U.S. flag. Their spouse also received a certificate. Airmen from the 111th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard folded a ceremonial U.S. flag during the event.

Shown (left to right) are: Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Mertz (111th FW, Official Party), Chief Master Sgt. Dave Soldano (111th LRS, 26 years), Chief Master Sgt. Josek Hreczan (111th MDG, 40 years), Tech. Sgt. Juan Gonzalez, 111th AMXS, 24 years), Master Sgt. Joseph Bradfield (111th SFS, 25 years), Master Sgt. Paul Sparling (111th SFS, 24 years), Lt. Col. Thomas Doyle (111th FW, 33 years), Master Sgt. Michael Palmer (111th MXS, 31 years), Senior Master Sgt. Robert Walker (111th AMXS, 20 years), and Col. Tony Carrelli (111th FW Commander, Official Party).



111th FW Honor Guard

Airman's Medal Presentation



Photos by Master Sgt. Patrick Cashin

Maj. Gen. Stephen Sischo, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Pa. National Guard, congratulates Master Sgt. Jeffrey Maund after awarding him the Airman's Medal during a ceremony Mar. 6.

Wing member awarded, honored for heroism

By Staff Sgt. Julie Parker
111th FW Public Affairs

The men and women of the 111th Fighter Wing gathered together March 6 to honor one of their own in an awards ceremony that was held March 6 at the Willow Grove Air Reserve Squadron.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Maund, 111th Security Forces Squadron, was presented the Airman's Medal for courageously searching for survivors when a Russian cargo plane crashed and erupted in flames while he was deployed to Kyrgyzstan in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Major General Stephen M. Sischo, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Pennsylvania National Guard, presented the award. "Sergeant Maund's heroism saved the lives of three passengers. His demonstration of bravery is a true testament to the Air Force's core value of service before self," expressed the general. "This is the highest act I have ever presented,"

he added.

The Airman's Medal was established by Congress on July 6, 1960 to take the place of the Soldier's medal which, up until that time, had been awarded to Air Force personnel. The Soldier's medal was established by Act of Congress on July 2, 1926 for award to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of a friendly foreign nation, who while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. The degree of heroism, while of a lesser degree than that required for the Silver Star, must be above the call of duty and clearly set the individual apart from his comrades. Award of this medal is not intended to be made solely on the basis of having saved a life. For acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving, it is required that the action be



Family members came out to support Master Sgt. Jeffrey Maund during an Airman's Medal Presentation Ceremony held Mar. 6. Shown (left to right) are: Steve Maund (brother), Vicki Maund (sister-in-law), Mark Maund (brother), Master Sgt. Jeffrey Maund, Peggy Maund (mother), Ray Maund (father), Gina Maund (wife), Nicole Murray (daughter), (front row) Elizabeth Maund (niece) and Benjamin Maund (nephew).

performed at the risk of one's own life.

"Sergeant Maund's actions are a true testament to his character and the protection of others. As a member of the Pennsylvania State Police, Sergeant Maund's dedication extends beyond his military service," said Lt. Col. Don Landis, 111th Security Forces Squadron commander.

In addition to the Airman's Medal, Pennsylvania Representative Todd Stephens presented Sergeant Maund with a state citation. "Through his actions, Sergeant Maund's dedication to the cause of liberty and freedom is clearly evident," said Rep. Stephens. "I'm honored for this invitation because we couldn't do what we do without you doing what you do."

Master Sergeant Maund is the first person with an Airman's Medal to be inducted into the Hall of Valor by the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, which has added more than 600 veterans from Pennsylvania to the hall since 1963. To qualify for this honor, the war veteran must have a significant connection to Pennsylvania and received medals during military service.



Sergeant Maund shows the Airman's Medal to his nephew Benjamin Maund.

Operational Readiness Exercise



Master Sgt. Charles McNevin, 111th Force Support Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Luis Quiles, 111th Logistics Readiness Squadron, remove dunnage from underneath a pallet. Members from across the Wing lend a hand in support of the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Detachment 1's operational readiness exercise held here Mar. 5.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

RED HORSE conducts Phase I ORE in preparation for upcoming ORI

By Tech. Sgt. Jonathan E. White
111th FW Public Affairs

Approximately 130 members of the 201st RED HORSE Squadron (RHS), Detachment 1 participated in the Phase I Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) at the vehicle maintenance facility in building 229 here March 5-6.

"This ORE focused on personnel and cargo movement and deployment," said Tech. Sgt. Geoff Gay, heavy mobile equipment mechanic. "We prepared several packages as we would for a real-world deployment. The packages included vehicles, trailers, construction vehicles, powered equipment and tools."

The Phase I ORE was conducted to prepare personnel for the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) which is slated for this November. Inspectors from the 201st RHS, Fort Indiantown Gap, and the 111th Fighter Wing evaluated the detachment in areas such as mobilizing personnel; palletizing, netting, and strapping equipment; and weighing vehicles to be loaded on a simulated C-17.

"When weighing vehicles, you have to find the center of balance," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Custer, vehicle management and analysis technician. "The center of balance is important because when it (the vehicle) goes on the airplane, the load master has to know where to exactly place that vehicle so the airplane will fly properly."





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alvin Farrow

Staff Sgt. Jesse Shellhammer, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Horn, and Tech. Sgt. Chris Ward, 201st RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1, prepare a piece of equipment for shipment by taking its overall measurements during an operational readiness exercise held here Mar. 5.

Members moved through stations ensuring the accuracy of mobility folders and other paperwork necessary for deployment. Hazardous material was identified and properly handled. Inspectors made recommendations and references to correct any deficiencies found during the ORE.

"We'll identify potential areas of concern for future inspections and develop plans for what could be encountered during the actual ORI," said Gay. "The members of 201st RHS, Det. 1, were committed to putting forth their best effort. I feel if we keep this up, we'll be assured success in the ORI."

Operation Homefront and Saban Family Foundation accepting applications for military wife educational scholarship

Operation Homefront and the Saban Family Foundation have begun accepting applications for the 2011 Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship.

The scholarship award is offered to wives of uniformed service members to attend vocational training programs in the medical field. Fifteen \$8,500 scholarships and five \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded for tuition for vocational training in one of the following fields: dental assistant, medical assistant, medical billing and coding specialist, medical insurance technician, patient care assistant/ technician, nurse assistant training program, or medical transcription. Two \$30,000 scholarships will be awarded for tuition for vocational nursing programs.

Applications will be accepted from now until May 1, 2011. The scholarships will be awarded to recipients in July 2011. Selection for the scholarships will be made by a panel of judges, and the award will be scored in two areas: the applicant's response to the essay question and her commitment to volunteerism.

"Operation Homefront is committed to providing assistance to the families of military service members, and our partnership with the Women's Self Worth

Foundation gives us another opportunity to help military wives reach for their dreams to improve themselves and provide a better life for their families,"

said Jim Knotts, President & CEO of Operation Homefront.

"Military wives face challenging circumstances, many are forced to relocate frequently and raise children with little support while their spouses are deployed," said Cheryl Saban "these scholarships will provide women with the opportunity to develop careers in a highly in demand field and in doing so, will make a major impact on their lives and the lives of their families and communities."

Detailed information on eligibility and application requirements is on the Operation Homefront website at: www.operationhomefront.net/highlights.aspx?id=9431.



Dr. Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden, met with the spouses of National Guard adjutants general at the vice president's residence, Feb. 28. Biden said she and First Lady Michelle Obama will launch a formal campaign to raise awareness for military families.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

First lady, Dr. Biden to launch military awareness campaign

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

Dr. Jill Biden and First Lady Michelle Obama will campaign to raise awareness of military families, the vice president's wife told spouses of National Guard adjutants general here today.

"In the coming weeks, we are going to be launching a formal campaign," said Biden, who hosted the spouses for breakfast at the vice president's residence here.

"We're going to reach out to all Americans," she said. "Michelle and I are going to go on a tour around the country to create this mass-media awareness, so that the 99 percent of Americans that are not serving can now serve the one percent who are."

Biden and the first lady will travel the country encouraging Americans to join these efforts, she said.

"Over the last couple of years, Michelle and I have been traveling all around the country talking to families," she said. "We've brought our stories back to the White House, and now the president and the cabinet ... are going to act on it."

Biden, whose son Beau just returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq with the Delaware National Guard, has dedicated herself to bring awareness to "military families' strength and courage, as well as the challenges that they face," she said.

"I am a Blue Star mom. I will always remember the mixture of pride and concern that I felt about [Beau's] deployment. I feel like we're all family, all of us together. We share the same concerns, anxieties and sense of duty and pride that comes along with being military family."

With thousands of Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions of the world and almost half the nation's military strength residing in the National Guard and Reserve it is almost impossible to overstate the importance they both have, she said.

"In this era, when so much is being asked of the Guard and Reserve, you all have been a source of strength, relieving some of the burden of stress on loved ones left behind," Biden told the spouses.

Vice President Joe Biden made a surprise stop at the breakfast to share his feelings on how state senior leaders make a difference for families during deployments.

"Don't underestimate the impact that you all have," he said. "I watched the impact on Jill when our son was deployed."

Biden told the spouses about a prayer his wife received from Jane Vavala, wife of Delaware's adjutant

Story continued on next page

MOVING UP MOVING IN MOVING OUT

ENLISTMENTS

A1C Harrison Latimer 270th EIS

RE-ENLISTMENTS

SSgt Marc Carroll 270th EIS
 SSgt Jonathan Gill 201st RHS, Det. 1
 SSgt Christopher Johnson 111th CF
 TSgt Catherine Cabrera 111th LRS
 TSgt Brian Graham 201st RHS, Det. 1
 TSgt Lauren Haley 111th MDG
 MSgt Marc Alexander Sr 111th MXS
 MSgt Robert Padick 201st RHS, Det. 1
 SMSgt Scot Baughman 111th FSS

ASCENSIONS

Capt. James Best 111th FW

RETIREMENTS

SMSgt Philip Brumback 111th LRS 37 years
 TSgt Philip Wedgie 111th MXS 25 years

PROMOTIONS

To Senior Airman

John Ficks 201st RHS
 Aaron Hart 201st RHS
 Kameron Hobbs 201st RHS

To Staff Sergeant

Nichole Buckner 111th FW
 Jeremy Nagy 270th EIS
 Thomas Negron 201st RHS
 Tremayne Young 201st RHS

To Technical Sergeant

Anthony F. Kearse 201st RHS
 Randal P. Main II 270th EIS

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.

First lady, Dr. Biden to launch military awareness program

Story continued from previous page

general, Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, during Beau's deployment ceremony.

"I would walk in every morning ... into the kitchen, and I would see Jill mouthing this prayer," he said. "It's truly a personal gift of kindness."

Dr. Biden recalled that prayer – and what she has done with it.

"When Jane sat beside me and handed me that prayer, that prayer meant so much to me, it was such a wonderful gesture of kindness," she said.

"When I meet families who are being deployed, ... I try to pass that along, that act of kindness, because I know as a military mom how much that meant to me."

Dr. Biden encouraged people to visit www.serve.gov or contact her office and share how they're supporting those who serve.

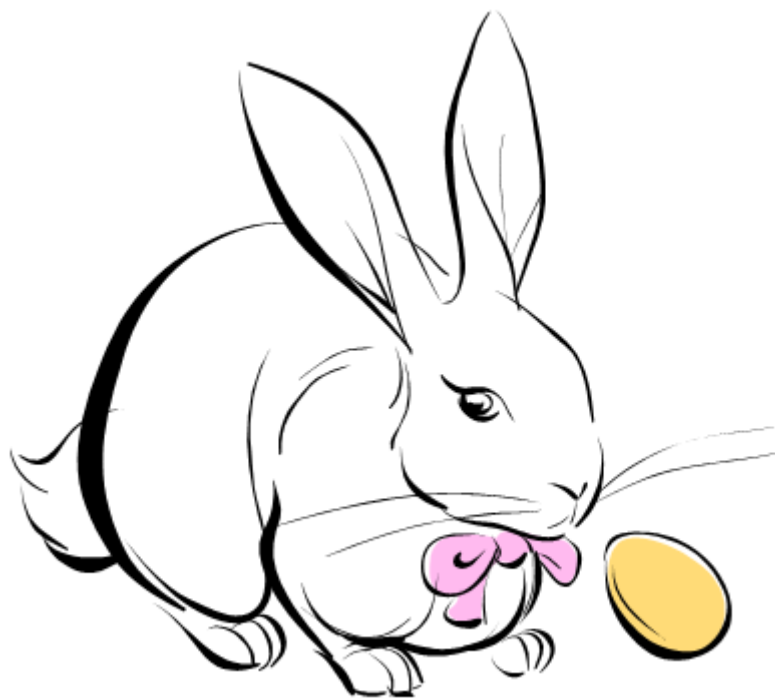
The State Command Chief's Perspective can be found on the 111th FW public website:

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

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

This month's topic:
Professional Military Associations

Easter egg hunt to be held Apr. 23



An easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, Apr. 23 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Bashore Scout Camp (beside Fort Indiantown Gap) at 160 Moonshine Road Jonestown, PA 17038.

Activities will include: 4-H sponsored Interactive Experience with Animals, Easter Egg Hunt, Egg Coloring Station, Arts and Crafts, Lunch, and much more!!

To register online: www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/KioskRegistration.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=be5d957a-65d4-4c80-b85a-f49a20b599a9.

For additional information or help with registration, call (717) 861-6269.

Statewide News:

View newsletters of our sister units:

193rd Special Operations Wing
"The Scope"

www.193sow.ang.af.mil

171st Air Refueling Wing
"Tanker Times"

www.171arw.ang.af.mil

Pa. Guardians Magazine

http://ebooks.aqppublishing.com/archive/national_guard/PAGuardians.pdf

National News:

On Guard Magazine

Published every Jan., April, July, Oct.

<http://www.ng.mil/features/onguard-mag/default.aspx>

Airman Magazine

Published bi-monthly and now available online: www.airmanonline.af.mil

Digital Video & Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), DOD News

www.dvidshub.net

PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
111TH FIGHTER WING (ACC)
1051 Fairchild Street
Willow Grove ARS, PA 19090-5203

FIRST CLASS
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 1662
Phoenix, Arizona

To the Family of:

1-800-997-2264

GUARDING AMERICA,
DEFENDING FREEDOM

