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Base beaver finds a new home

By **Eddie Haskell**

Ghost writer for the 111th FW Public Affairs Office

This past August brought about the discovery of a beaver trying to make a permanent home of the water run-off containment area located near the fuel storage tanks on base. His choice of building his dam by the outflow valve meant he had to go.

Adam Jacobs and Zachary Bair, employees with the USDA, prepare to release our resident beaver to his new home. The relocation effort took only two hours to complete.

Two wildlife technicians from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) were called in to make a health assessment on the animal and relocate the beaver to a safe and isolated waterway nearby. Zachary Bair with the USDA identified the beaver as a male, approximately one year old and exhausted from rebuilding his den several times. "Be it good or bad, beavers are wildlife environment makers. They create wetlands for plant life, fish and aquatic birds," Bair said.

The beaver was captured and quickly caged by the wildlife team. A truck ride to his new remote home happened immediately after. Opening the cage door at the pond water's edge, the animal slowly emerged, glanced around, then headed straight off into the water. A follow-up visit one week later found the beaver well fed and enjoying his afternoon swim ending with a tail slap.

When asked, Bair and his assistant Adam Jacobs could neither confirm nor deny if the beaver was in any way related to a Ward, Joan or Wally Cleaver.

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TRICARE Reserve Select health insurance both accessible and affordable

By Lt. Col. John P. Quinn, Jr.
111th Medical Group

Given this tough economy, it is likely that some guardsmen have lost their civilian jobs or have had to take a job with reduced or no health insurance coverage. If you have tried to get medical coverage on your own, you have probably encountered high costs, high deductibles and limited benefits, especially if you have pre-existing conditions.

The good news is there is accessible and affordable health insurance available to military reservists and guard members. It is called TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS). TRICARE is the US medical benefit plan which covers uniformed personnel, retirees, dependents, reservists and guardsmen.

For example, a Guardsman with a family can expect to pay only \$198 per month for coverage under TRS. A similar, civilian insurance plan bought individually for a family could cost over \$1,600 a month. The average cost of an emergency room visit in 2008 was \$1,265 so it makes sense to take advantage of this opportunity!



Lt. Col. John P. Quinn

MORE ABOUT TRICARE RESERVE SELECT:

- The plan can be purchased anytime throughout the year.
- The personal deductible is \$150 per person or \$300 for family but no deductible within the network.
 - Referrals are identified in TRS booklet.
 - No referrals generally needed for specialists in network.
 - You do not need a referral for any type of care, but some services may require prior authorization
 - Care at military treatment facilities is on a space-available basis only.

For more information or to enroll in TRS, visit their website at: www.tricare.mil. If you have questions about the DEERS eligibility of your dependents, stop in at the Personnel Customer Service area in Building 203, Room 117.



On the cover:

Narrow roadways and parked vehicles created an obstacle course for 201st RED HORSE Squadron heavy equipment operators tasked to remove debris Sept. 12-16 in the Harrisburg area. Members helped with flood clean-up after a hurricane and tropical storm wreaked havoc on the tri-state area. Working in narrow confines, they hand-loaded the debris into buckets. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum.



Master Sgt. Andy Raup, 111th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office Supervisor, demonstrates disaster response movements to a mother and child visiting the Air National Guard "Rise to the Challenge" recruiting trailer display area Sept. 9.

Fox 29 honors military with 'Good Day Philadelphia' tribute

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

For the third consecutive year, Fox 29 shut down an entire block of Market Street in front of their television studio and hosted a special edition of Good Day Philadelphia Sept. 9, paying tribute to armed forces serving our country locally and abroad. The event was first held in November (to align with Veterans Day), but was moved this year to commemorate the ten year anniversary of 9/11.

Mike Jerrick, news anchors from the Good Day Philadelphia team, interviewed members of the armed forces. Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Pa. Deputy Adjutant General for Air Maj. Gen. Stephen Sischo, Delaware Attorney General and Army Capt. Beau Biden, and Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey made live appearances on Fox 29, offering their thanks and praise to military members.

Spectators visited displays and learned about various types of equipment, ground vehicles, watercraft and unmanned aircraft. They also played interactive games and enjoyed lots of free food and beverages.

In light of the 10 year anniversary of September

11th, attendees shared photos of loved ones lost during the terrorist attacks and family and friends who served or are currently serving in the military. They talked to the military personnel and thanked them for their continued service to their country.

The event was made more special with musical performances by the Mid-Atlantic Band of the Air National Guard (shown below). "High Altitude" performed a variety of songs for the audience.

Philadelphia Eagles' mascot "Swoop" and Phillies' mascot the "Philly Phanatic" showed up to add energy and excitement to the three-hour event.



AROUND THE STATE



The 111th FW team (shown left to right) are: Master Sgt. Reinaldo Peluzzo, Sr. (111th Security Forces Squadron), Tech. Sgt. Susanne Gyger (111th FW Chaplains Office), Senior Master Sgt. John Lyon (111th FW Human Resource Advisor), Tech. Sgt. Carolyn Debuque (111th FW Equal Opportunity Office), and Staff Sgt. Danielle Heidrick (111th AFFOR, A1, Services).

Wing participates in 4th annual State Unity

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Elisabeth Matulewicz
111th FW Public Affairs

The fourth annual State Unity Day was celebrated at Headquarters Pa. National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville, Pa. on Sept. 15. Personnel from the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and other agencies from across Pennsylvania prepared a variety of cultural foods and displayed items representing their selected customs.

The 111th Fighter Wing presented Italian culture with Master Sgt. Reinaldo “The Big Ragu” Peluzzo, Sr. at the helm.

“I made 30 pounds of homemade sweet Italian sausage and tomato gravy for the event, and served it with peppers and onions,” said Peluzzo. “I also made 10 pounds of spicy Italian spinach.”

Some of the other foods offered at the table

included: baked ziti with a vodka cream sauce, chicken parmesan, assorted breads and desserts.

Other food cuisines exhibited included: Latin American, Vietnamese, African American, French, American, German, Polish, Lithuania, Caribbean, Chamorro (Guam), Pennsylvania Dutch, and Philadelphia favorites.

Hungry participants were encouraged to vote for the best display. There was a tie for first place between Vietnam and Asian Pacific. Second place went to the 111th FW’s Italian display. Third place went to the Guam display.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS



Front end loaders and dump trucks convoy down Maclay Street in northern Harrisburg on Sept. 12 on their way to assist state and local authorities with flood clean-up efforts. Local police units provided road closures ahead of the slow moving line.

RED HORSE assists State Capitol region in flood clean-up

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs

The 201st RED HORSE, Det. 1 activated 44 members on September 12th to assist state and local authorities with clean-up efforts after the onslaught of devastating rains brought on by Hurricane Irene and remnants of Tropical Storm Lee. The series of storms substantially impacted the central region of Pennsylvania.

Staged for a predawn convoy departure, personnel and 15 specialized trucks towed trailers loaded with earth moving equipment that lined the roadway. "Many of us worked late into the night finalizing all the staging necessary for the planned five o'clock departure," said Technical Sgt. Geoffrey Gay, heavy

equipment repairman with the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Det. 1.

The Harrisburg region experienced record-breaking rainfalls of over 22 inches from Aug. 1st through Sept. 10th. Annual average precipitation for this timeframe is a mere 4.25 inches compared to 13.47 inches of precipitation that came solely from the three days of tropical storm Lee.

The deployed members from Horsham Air Guard Station, named TASK FORCE ENGINEERING, joined Army guardsmen from TASK FORCE JOSHUA in northern Harrisburg. They were dispatched immediately to a sector of streets to assist in clean-up efforts. The teams hand carried mounds of water

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TASK FORCE ENGINEERING and TASK FORCE JOSHUA assembled at 3rd and Maclay Streets in Harrisburg to review final plans for the area cleanup. Members were divided into three separate sweep teams. The teams walked parallel to one another and worked their way through the affected neighborhood blocks.



Technical Sgt. Michael Nice of the 201st RED HORSE pavement section assisted in the coordinated movement of the trucks in and out of the work zone. During the five day effort in Harrisburg, this cycling of vehicles occurred hundreds of times.

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damaged household goods that were now clogging walkways and roads. Heavy frontend loading equipment was used to fill large dump trucks, while the Harrisburg Police Department provided escort and road closure operations.

Neighborhood residents were extremely pleased to receive the assistance from the teams as they went from house to house. Varying degrees of home damage was reported, from minor wet walls to basement and first floor flooding from the swelling Susquehanna River. Children came out of their front doors and offered smiles, waves and thanks to the workers on the street.

Command and control of the Pennsylvania TASK FORCE SOUTH (PTF-S) region is typically a joint task divided between the Pa Army Guard, 56th Stryker Brigade and Pa Air Guard, 111th Fighter Wing. This past week, primary responsibility for this incident response had been transferred to the 111th Fighter Wing under Lt. Col. Joseph Mezzatesta, Commander of the 111th Mission Support Group. The PTF-S team is currently manned jointly with members of the 56th Stryker Brigade and 111th Fighter Wing around the clock. This area of coordination extends from Philadelphia County to west Bedford County and as far north as Penn State College main campus in Centre County.

The RED HORSE response mission came to an end on Friday Sept. 16 as they convoyed from Harrisburg back home to Willow Grove. According to Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Siffel, 201st RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1 deployed operation superintendent, the tonnage of refuse collected approached 100,000 pounds, with 50 full large dump truck loads collected on Wednesday alone.

FAMILIES OF THE WING



The Kauffman Legacy

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs

One third of a percent of the total Wing family happens to be family of Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kauffman of the 111th Civil Engineering Squadron. His two sons, Staff Sgt. Dakota Kauffman and Airman First Class Remington Kauffman, round out one of the current legacy families within the unit.

Sergeant Jeffrey Kauffman served in the active duty Air Force from 1978 through 1984. During this time, he was stationed at Warner-Robins Air Force Base (AFB), Ga., Lackland AFB, Texas and Dover AFB, Del. Following his active duty tours, he joined the 111th Fighter Wing and served for four years. He later transferred to the Texas Air National Guard serving five years before returning here again in 1995. During his years spent on active duty through his service with the Texas ANG, he specialized as a combat arms instructor. Since his return to the 111th, he has served within the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Det. 1, and the 111th Civil Engineering Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Dakota Kauffman joined the 270th

Airman First Class Remington Kauffman, father Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Kauffman, and brother Staff Sgt. Dakota Kauffman meet up at a 270th EIS Yellow Ribbon Program event held Sept. 9.

Engineering Installation Squadron in September of 2006 as a cable and antenna technician, performing duties from minor repair through full installations. He received his bachelor of science degree in telecommunications from Penn State University in May of this year.

Airman First Class Remington Kauffman has been a member of the 201st RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1, as a heavy equipment operator, since his enlistment in 2009. He is currently attending Montgomery County Community College and eventually hopes to receive his degree elsewhere in electrical or mechanical engineering.

Remington and Dakota described their experiences with the unit as one of positive personal and professional development. Both have set career ambitions and targets to better themselves within their organizations and have aspirations of a commission in their future. "The guidance and acceptance I've received here has been fantastic. The senior NCO tier and supervisors have been excellent mentor role models," Remington said.

STRONG BONDS WORKSHOP



Tri-state Strong Bonds event focuses on sustaining marriages

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs

On Aug. 27, the National Guard sponsored a three state prevention and relationship enhancement program (PREP) at the Chauncey Hotel and Convention Center in Princeton, N.J. The scheduled three day event was attended by 45 Air and Army National Guard couples from Del., Pa. and N.J.

The program teaches and re-enforces the skills and attitudes associated with successful marriages. Several of the areas covered in PREP course focused on: communication, conflict management, affect regulation, commitment, expectation, intimacy enhancement, and gender differences. It provides a proactive approach, geared towards relationship adjustments rather than reactionary intervention after problems have emerged.

Sections of the program were lead by 111th Fighter Wing chaplains, Lt. Col. Rhonda Cushman and Capt. John Caudle. Caudle said, "Pennsylvania has taken a lead role nationally in bringing this program to its Air Guard side as this is our second year of involvement. The Army Guard, nationally, has been involved for several years now."

Technical Sgt. Anthony Henderson, customer service representative with the 111th Force Support Squadron, was in attendance with his wife Katrina. "The facilities and service here at the hotel are phenomenal," Katrina said. "We were really looking forward to the getaway, time to spend with one another."

Anthony said, "We've been married a long time, but

never so long that we couldn't learn some new tips or hints to keep thing fresh and on track. The program is giving us possibilities of looking at things from a new perspective."

"The enrichment program is not just strictly for the married couples among us," Caudle said. "In the upcoming year, we hope to add different programs that are tailored to singles, a reintegration weekend session tailored to members returning from deployments and a family oriented presentation."

Anna Richar, 111th Fighter Wing Airman and Family Readiness Programs Manager coordinated with program managers from Delaware and New Jersey to weave together this year's event. "This year's event was a total success, with the exception of having to cancel one day due to the hurricane situation," Richar said. She confirmed that there will be upcoming future joint ventures.

"There are several ways to sustain and foster a marriage. Seek-out support structure assistance from those around you such as friends, relatives and clergy. Stay steadfast in your commitment to your spouse and the unity. Let mutual respect be a guide. Maintain maturity in your marriage. Speaking the truth to one another, a willingness to learn, listening and understand, and being able to admit your own faults will bring about growth within the marriage."

— Lt. Col. Rhonda Cushman, 111th FW Chaplain

*** REMINDER: ***

Retirement Briefing to be held Oct. 1

What do I need to know before I retire?
Is the new retirement application difficult to complete?
What are my retirement benefits?

Get answers to these questions and more at the next Retirement Briefing:

Headquarters Building 203
Wing Commander's Conference Room
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at 2 p.m.
Sponsored by: 111th Force Support Squadron
For more information, call (215) 323-7416.

Upcoming Events for the Wing

Nov. 2011	ESOHCAMP Inspection	Various areas
Nov. 2011	201st RED HORSE Phase II ORI	Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.
Dec. 2011	Wing Holiday Party	TBD

UTA MENU AT THE DINING FACILITY

Saturday

Teriyaki Chicken, Cajun Meatloaf
Parsley Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Ginger Rice
Glazed Carrots, Zesty Succotash, Creole Soup

Sunday

Yankee Pot Roast, Savory Baked Pollock
Fried Cabbage, Spicy Brown Rice Pilaf, Oven Brownd Potatoes
California Blend Vegetables, Buttered Corn, Egg Drop Soup

Alternative Selection:

Vegetarian Lasagna

Meal Compliments:

Fresh Salad Bar, Bakery Style Breads, Cold & Hot
Beverages, and Desserts

UTA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Protestant Service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Building 203, Room 103. An additional Protestant Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Building 203, Room 203.

There will be no Catholic Services on base this drill weekend.

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

MOVING UP MOVING IN MOVING OUT

PROMOTIONS

To Staff Sergeant

Jonathan West 111th CF

EXTENSIONS

Tech. Sgt. Clive Austin Jr. 270th EIS
 Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hill 111th MDG
 Tech. Sgt. Travis Nelson 201st RHS, Det. 1

RE-ENLISTMENTS

Senior Airman Sergio Diggs	111th MXG	Tech. Sgt. David Dibelius	111th MDG
Senior Airman Aaron Gagne	201st RHS, Det. 1	Tech. Sgt. Robert Felice, Jr.	111th CF
Senior Airman Jovan Tate	111th AOG	Tech. Sgt. Tod Lorah	270th EIS
Staff Sgt. Shawn-Patrick Carr-Mullen	111th SFS	Tech. Sgt. Mary Murphy	111th MXG
Staff Sgt. Adam Hallock	270th EIS	Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stone	111th FSS
Staff Sgt. Dakota Kauffman	201st RHS, Det. 1	Master Sgt. John Jones	111th CF
Staff Sgt. Chee-Meng Low	111th MDG	Master Sgt. Sean Maciejewski	201st RHS, Det. 1
Staff Sgt. Amber Mehefko	111th FSS	Master Sgt. Michael Selinsky	270th EIS
Staff Sgt. Douglas Yoder II	111th CF		

Air Force dress and personal appearance changes go into effect on Nov. 1

By Chief Master Sgt. Alice E. Jenkins

111th FSS Superintendent

How many uniforms changes have you been through in your career? Do you think you could pass an Air Force Dress and Personal Appearance test if it was given? As a supervisor, do you know if your airmen are in compliance?

AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance was recently released introducing the new uniform items, along with which items were being phased out. What's out: effective 1 Nov 2011 is the battled dress uniform, desert camouflage uniform and tan boots (excluding Airman deployed to the AOR), black t-shirt and black combat boots. Previous phase out items included: the 100 percent wool pullover sweater; 2EXXX, 3AXXX and 3CXXX legacy badges; green fleece used as outer garment with or without name, service designator and rank; black fleece; gray and dark blue scarves, gloves, mittens, and earmuff and 33S legacy badges.

If you are interested in perusing the 180 page instruction, it has a good facelift—it is rearranged so that you could review each uniform in its own section along with pictures. Personal male and female grooming standards covering requirements on fingernails, cosmetics, tattoo and body piercing is one entire chapter.

Did you know:

(1) Earrings: male airmen are not authorized to wear earrings on a military installation or while in uniform or in civilian attire for official duty; female

earrings should be round, white diamond, gold, white pearl or silver earrings. If a female has more than one hole, it will be worn in the lower earlobes.

(2) Bracelets: one bracelet around the wrist, no wider than ½ inch, gold or silver without inappropriate pictures or writing. Bracelets espousing support for cause, philosophy and individual groups are NOT authorized (exception: traditional metal POW/MIA/KIA).

(3) Handheld Electronic Devices: holster or other storage devices to carry cell phones, MP3, Bluetooth, etc. should be black, silver, dark blue or gray; wear/use of earpiece while in uniform indoors or outdoors is prohibited unless for official duties.

(4) Hair: Should be clean, well-groomed and natural human hair colors; Male-sideburns straight and even width; beards are not authorized unless with shaving waiver; mustaches not extend downward beyond the lip line of upper lip. Woman-no rooster tail appearance; scrunches or ornaments not authorized; no fad-dish styles.

(5) Eyeglasses/Sunglasses- conservative and not worn on top/back of head.

The list goes on and on. The five elements for dress and personal appearance is neatness, cleanliness, safety, uniformity and military image. The extreme, the unusual and the fad is NOT compatible with a disciplined and committed Airman. As you walk in front of a mirror, check yourself out. Can you pass the AFI 36-2903 test?



Congratulations!

Community College of the Air Force 111th Fighter Wing Graduating Class of October 2011

Senior Airman Christopher Lemly
201st Red Horse Squadron Det.1
Construction Technology

Staff Sgt. Thomas Yaw
111th Medical Group
Bioenvironmental Engineering

Senior Master Sgt. Scot Baughman
111th Force Support Squadron
Human Resources Management

Staff Sgt. Duke Elliott-Harmon
201st Red Horse Squadron Det.1
Construction Technology

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Urbach
111th Communication Flight
Aviation Systems Technology

Senior Master Sgt. James Weller
201st Red Horse Squadron Det.1
Emergency Management

Staff Sgt. Andrew Langley
111th Medical Group
Allied Health Sciences

Master Sgt. Marc Alexander
111th Maintenance Group
Aviation Maintenance Technology

Staff Sgt. Jesse Shellhammer
201st Red Horse Squadron Det.1
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