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Spanish American War



World War I



*February is
African American
History Month*

Civil War (Camp Meade, Pa.)

In the Local Community



Local Veterans of Foreign Wars post donates to Family Readiness Group

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

On Jan. 3, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 175 from Doylestown selected the 111th Fighter Wing's Airman and Family Readiness Group (FRG) as this year's recipient for their "Adopt-A-Unit" award. Col. Tony Carrelli, Wing Commander of the 111th Fighter Wing was on-hand, along with representatives from the FRG to receive the award.

Col. Carrelli was welcomed to the meeting by Col. (ret.) Gregory Marston, former 111th Wing Commander and staple member with Post 175. Col. Carrelli discussed the evolving status of the base, newly implemented missions, and ongoing contributions to federal, state and local objectives. "The 111th is composed of many dedicated people, most are hard working members of your own communities. We have people as young as 17, ready to serve, through veterans of age 60, with over 40 years of military service," Carrelli said.

The local post, 127 members strong, is comprised of military veterans from World War II through current operations. Members unanimously voted to adopt the 111th for 2012 and donate \$1,000 to the FRG.

"Our membership is very active and we would love to be invited either for a care package building event or a homecoming for overseas returning unit members," said Marston.

ANNUAL RETIREES' REUNION DINNER

Mon. Apr. 2 at 7 p.m. at La Casa DiLucias Restaurant
14425 Bustleton Ave (intersection of Philmont Ave.)
Philadelphia, Pa 19116 (215) 677-6111

The cost of the reunion dinner is the cost of whatever you order. The food is excellent and reasonably priced. A cash bar will be available. Menu available online at: www.lacasadilucias.com/dinnermenu.html. For more information, contact Vincent Celenza at: (215) 728-6008.

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Mission of the 111th Fighter Wing

The 111th Fighter Wing provides protection of life, property, and the preservation of peace and order when tasked to do so by state or federal authorities. The Wing also provides operational and support units, as well as qualified personnel, to support wartime tasking and contingency commitments of any nature.

Chaplain's Corner

Father-in-law's words of wisdom:

"Family and friends, this is what it's all about. Nothing more and nothing less."

**By Chaplain Capt. John Caudle
111th FW Chaplains Office**

Another year has past. In January, I heard statements about where did the time go. Christmas started too soon, and so did the frantic pace in which we had to move during the holiday season. It's during this time of year that I find myself reflecting on my father-in-law's words at his last Christmas.

While I was sitting on the porch with my father-in-law on a balmy day, we looked out at the yard from the deck of his house. I had created a new DVD of different movies and pictures of my mother-in-law and him, but realized that I had made a serious mistake while making the DVD. And, I became hard on myself. It was during that time that he said, "You don't need to apologize, because this is what it is all about: family and friends. There is nothing more and nothing less than that." By April of the following year, he was gone.

Each year around Thanksgiving, I reflect harder on those words that offered great wisdom and insight. I knew deep down that he was a simple man with a simple vision in life. While maintaining that simplistic life, he also knew great truths when he saw them. My prayer is that I reflect upon that statement each year. So, what can I impart in these brief moments to you?

Expect the miraculous. The miracle occurs when the oil that was expected to burn only one day, burns for eight days. Each breath you take is a miracle. Always remember that the largest miracles we have in life could occur at any moment.

Be responsible for your own life. Everything that you do, directly

impacts you. But, whether or not you want to believe this, it also affects others. Living begins with us.

We need to understand that we can control the events that occur in our lives. Often, we try to control the uncontrollable, rather than involving ourselves in the things that we can control. You have the opportunity to live your life out through your faith, your attitude, and your inner experience.

Learn from the past, look at the future, but live in the present. While there can be regrets, shame or even pain from the past, we cannot live there. Sometimes, people say something to the effect of "I remember the good ol' days," when they may not have been good and not remembered in their entirety. What have we learned from the past? Or, are we learning at all? More importantly, where are you planning to head, and how do you plan to start that journey today?

You need to remember to take care of yourself. Focus on good nutrition, regular exercise, get adequate sleep and control your stress level. When you feel good physically, it positively affects your mental state. Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Plan your self-care and then live it out, even when the whole



Tech. Sgt. Susanna Gyger, Chaplain Capt. John Caudle, and Chaplain Lt. Col. Rhonda Cushman, 111th Fighter Wing Chaplains Office, pose for a photo at a National Guard sponsored tri-state relationship workshop held Aug. 27, 2011 at the Chauncey Hotel and Convention Center in Princeton, N.J.

Photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum

world seems to demand your time.

Forgive during the holiday season, and into the new year. When you forgive yourself or another person, you let go of painful memories and reclaim your happiness and peace of mind. Sometimes, forgiving is the most difficult thing to do, but only you have the power to do so.

Develop your relationships further. Don't be satisfied at the depth of your relationship, but rather take it to the next level. Take time out to care for your co-workers as well. Remember, you work with them for eight-hours each day. When you dread to come to work because you can't stand working with your co-workers, you only increase your stress levels.

Lastly, develop your spiritual life. I try to save the best for last. In the development of our spiritual life, we need to remember that scriptures and engaging philosophical discussions can be so very important.

As a member of the Chaplains Office, I want to convey that we're here for you. We are here to help you in crisis, to celebrate your achievements and accomplishments, and to help you develop spiritually.

President Obama nominates former Pa. Adjutant General Jessica Wright to key Reserve Affairs position

Courtesy of White House Press Office

The White House announced Jan. 23 that President Obama intends to nominate Jessica Lynn Wright to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, one of several key Defense Department positions. Wright is currently Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel.

Prior to joining the Administration in 2010, Wright served as the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Previously, she was the Deputy Adjutant General for the Army (2000-2004) and State Army Aviation Officer (1998-2000) for the Pennsylvania National Guard.

From June 1997 to November 1998, Wright was Commander of the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade in the 28th Infantry Division in Pennsylvania. From 1989 to 1996, Wright held several roles at the National Guard Bureau Headquarters in Washington, DC including



executive officer and chief of the budget and services branch and chief of the personnel service division for the Army National Guard personnel directorate.

Wright began her military career in 1975 in the Pennsylvania National Guard. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alderson and Broaddus College, and a Master of Arts degree from Webster University.



Source: Reserve Affairs website

PA State Command Chief Perspective: "Answering the Call"

By Chief Master Sergeant Victor H. Guerra
Pennsylvania Command Chief Master Sergeant

What does The Airman's Creed mean to you? Hopefully you've seen it, heard it recited, maybe you've memorized it, and can recite it yourself. This is the first of a four part piece on what The Airman's Creed means to me. The first part of The Airman's Creed reads:

I am an American Airman.

I am a Warrior.

I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman. That's pretty self explanatory. I'm an American serving as an Airman in the United States Air Force and what that means is explained throughout the creed.

I am a Warrior. Warrior: one at war. That certainly is true today, but hopefully that won't always be the case. I prefer to think of a warrior as one who possesses great courage, vigor, and tenacity as well as honor, faith, and loyalty. One who's not afraid to stand for what's right and to stand for those not able to stand for themselves. Being a warrior doesn't mean you have to be the one holding a gun or weapon, but someone willing to fight for the ideals we hold true.

I have answered my Nation's call...answered our nation's call to serve, both in time of peace and in war.

This reflects a commitment to support, defend and serve our Nation. There are few causes as noble. It's volunteering to serve our Nation and its people. Each of us answers the call to duty for various reasons. Maybe it's for the opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves. Maybe because we hold true the expression "freedom isn't free" and believe that the freedoms that some take for granted are worth fighting for. To not only preserve our own freedoms, but to help others have a chance at freedom too. To make a difference, whether here at home or overseas in some small corner of the world. We answer the call from small towns and big cities, farms and corporations, close by and far away.

And none of us could answer our Nation's call without the help and support of our family and friends. We couldn't do what we do without them taking care of things at home, whether it's drill weekend, or while we're deployed to the desert. We need to continue thanking our family and friends for their help and support, as they play a huge part in our ability to answer the call.



Director of ANG Chaplain Corps visits the 111th

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

Chaplain Col. Leslie R. Hyder, Director of the Air National Guard Chaplain Corps conducted a site visit on Jan. 20 with the 111th Fighter Wing. He held meetings with Wing Commander, Col. Tony Carrelli, Wing Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Mertz and the available Chaplain staff.

As a member of the Special staff of the Air National Guard Directorate, Col. Hyder advises on all matter pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Air National Guard members. He is responsible for recruiting, training and maintaining a chaplain program to meet the religious needs for all members of the Air National Guard,



their family and other authorized persons. He manages an Air National Guard Chaplain Corps of approximately 600 Chaplains and assistants in the fifty states and four territories.

Staff Sgt. Derek Blanks, Tech. Sgt. Susanna Gyger, Chaplain Col. Les Hyder and Chaplain 1st Lt. Paul Snyder pose for a group photo during a site visit here Jan. 20.



Meet the Member: Staff Sgt. Amber Mehefko

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

Enticed years ago by a co-worker at Sacred Heart Hospital in the Lehigh Valley, Staff Sgt. Amber Mehefko joined the Pa. Air National Guard with the 111th in June 2006. Initially joining the unit as a medical technician and serving three and one half years with the Medical Group, Mehefko transferred to recruiting in 2010 where she seems to have found her true home.

She deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 on a six month tour in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM where she worked as a medical technician in the hospital ward and intensive care unit. "This was the experience of a lifetime! I wanted so very much to do my part. To this day, I still receive thank you

letters from the wounded and injured military men and women we tended to. It is a great feeling to know you made a true difference in someone's life," Mehefko said.

Staff Sgt. Mehefko has just embarked on continuing her education. She recently enrolled full-time at Northampton Community College taking foundation courses and is inspired to attend a four year nursing program at one of several Lehigh Valley based colleges.

Using some of her down-time, she volunteers near her home at Dieruff High School assisting with the only Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) organization in the area. "The military and the Pa. Air National Guard really fit my life. I love what I do with the 111th," Mehefko said.

"I'm charged each day to come to Willow Grove! The people I work with daily are so much more than co-workers, they are my extended family."

Upcoming Inspections



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Henderson, Human Resource Systems Manager for the 111th Fighter Wing, prepares a records management staff assist visit (SAV) checklist for various offices within the Wing. The SAV aids work centers in complying with Air Force instructions on standardized documentation procedures.

Wing prepares for series of Higher Headquarters' inspections

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

Programmed for December 2012, the Wing will undergo three, nearly simultaneous inspections: the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI), Health Service Inspection (HSI) and Information Assurance Awareness Program (IAAP) review. The UCI inspection will encompass all areas and work centers through-out the Wing, while the HSI and IAAP aspects will primarily focus on the Medical Group and Communications Flight respectively. These critical inspections are mandated to ensure conformity to established Air Force instructions (AFI) and mission objectives.

UCI inspectors will review each area on its specific core competencies. Checklists have been developed, using applicable AFI's and

Air National Guard regulations. These guides are available for all work centers and provide the stepping stones to confirm that your assigned programs, procedures and plans are intact, followed, reviewed and revised as defined. Frequently visiting, annotating and following the step-by-step outline, management, supervisors and responsible program administrators can readily identify shortfalls and program weaknesses.

The involvement and knowledge base of all members within your areas directly contributes to the outcome of these inspections. Serious consideration of a work center continuity binder will ensure consistency between leadership and streamline your way through the interview with your respective inspectors.

The HSI is required to be performed at 48 to 60 month intervals. Lt. Col. Stanley Strauss, Optometrist with the 111th Medical Group, has taken a lead role in the self inspection database utilized within the group. Portions of a 3000 question bank are reviewed monthly by respective supervisors. "This provides a snap-shot of our abilities," said Lt. Col. Preston Smith, Medical Administrative Officer with the 111th Medical Group. "Responses, details and potential shortfalls are channeled to senior leadership and assist in developing action plans and priorities," he added.

"We received an excellent rating during our last inspection in 2008. This time around, I believe we're so much further ahead," said Smith. "We'll be highlighting to the inspection team the contributions

and attitudes of the younger airman and NCOs, especially within our nursing core. The junior individuals throughout the group are the ones that make it all happen," he said in closing.

"The IAAP inspection, among many things, will focus on our compliance with guidelines in areas such as Information Assurance Awareness, Computer Security, Identification and Authentication and safeguarded against unauthorized access," said Lt. Col. Claudia Malone, 111th Communications Flight Commander. "The Air Force mission is to fly and fight in air, space, and cyberspace. Unfortunately, in cyberspace, the enemy is not usually visible."

Chief Master Sgt. Harley Delp, Chief of Plans and Resource with the Communications Flight identified several key points we all need to be aware to succeed: "Use good practices and common sense by not leaving your CAC card in the workstation when you leave the room. Everyone should know your respective unit Information Assurance Officer and keep up with your Information Assurance training in order to understand potential risks to your data and system security."

Within our military realm, we have been subjected to inspections since our first day of basic training. Following directions, developing innovative programs and providing a positive example to future leaders should be your motivation. We are all charged with ownership of mission accomplishment, adherence to Air Force core values and driven to the betterment of our unit.

Upcoming Inspections

Workshop shows ways to increase security, safeguard assets in workplace

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

During a three-day Security Managers training session held mid-January, instructors provided initial and refresher training to unit security managers with a focus on personal security matters, equipment and document security and ensuring procedures were in line for contractors that may come in contact with classified areas or information.

Each member of the Air Force and Air National Guard is subject to a personal background investigation. The depth, frequency of investigation and level of scrutiny are dependent on the sensitivity of the information that you will be required to access. Predominately, Air Force and Air Guard members are invested to qualify to the



“secret” level and are subjected to an initial enlistment processing and repeat on a ten year basis. Those individuals that will be required to access “top secret” information receive reinvestigations on a five year basis.

The clearance investigation’s goal is to check into a person’s character, loyalty and trustworthiness. Frequently, personal interviews are conducted with your listed references, supervisors, relatives and neighbors in order to verify the information included on the form.

Instructors Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sullivan, Information Protection and Anti-Terrorism Officer of the 157th Air Refueling Wing, New Hampshire ANG and Master Sgt. Chad Snader of the 166th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron in New Castle Del. described some measures to ease your background investigation process:

First and foremost, be honest and forthright when completing the questionnaire for national security. The 20 plus page questionnaire requires detailed, careful input of your past and current information. Employment history, addresses, relatives and litigations are required. Explaining any potentially negative issues you may have encountered will aid in reducing processing time.

Review your personal financial background. The majority of rejected background investigations have been directly related to financial responsibility issues revealed as investigators check through your past. “An individual’s personal reliability could be in question if records indicate a track record of financial instability,” said Chief Sullivan.

“Today, it is so easy for someone to open an account using you as their unknown victim. Unauthorized credit cards, loans and past due financial obligations do not just impact your credit rating, they may very well impact your suitability for continued military service,” Snader said. He recommended visiting AnnualCreditReport.com to receive your free financial records history.

Security is the responsibility of every serviceman and woman. Following procedures for opening vaults and safes, protection of information, classified documents or equipment could have national implications. Take your duties seriously. Correct individuals who may be lax in security measures and immediately report real loss or potentially compromised classified items as soon as possible to your supervisor, Unit Security Manager or Security Forces Squadron.



Around the Wing

Farewells, memories and wishes to Colonel Carrelli



The Carrelli family at a July 2007 AEF Deployment return



Senior Master Sgt. Maureen Santanello, 111th MDG: "We've appreciated working with and for him. Each person mattered down to the newest airman. He has been an inspiration to all."

Staff Sgt. Amber Mehefko, 111th Recruiting: "Pittsburgh is gaining a wonderful leader. Under such a time of change, he stood-up and took the challenge. He helped so many people in relocating into new vocations. He kept us in the fold."



Master Sgt. Scott Cline, Fuels Distribution: "Outstanding leader! Thanks for the good times in Sachet's Harbor (Fort Drum, N.Y.)."

Lt. Col John Quinn Jr., 111th MDG Commander: "He is so involved and supportive of our needs...A straight-shooter, through and through."



Tech. Sgt. Alexander Gamble, 111th SFS: "Thanks for all your assistance and support as we took over new responsibilities. Best wishes in Pittsburgh."



Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Olavarria, 270th EIS: "He is a person of integrity and honesty. Consistently, a positive leader."

Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn Croy, 111th CMTF: "He was a great Wing commander, and will be missed."



Major Christine Munch, 111th SFS Commander: "He was an astute thinker. You'd present your 'well-thought-out' idea to him and he sent you away with many other points of view to look into. He invested time getting to know the details about an issue in order to come up with the best action plan."



Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Junk, 111th CF: "We truly appreciate your support during all of our transitions over the years. You've successfully seen us through many major changes to include BRAC and loss of missions. You played a key role in redefining us."



Staff Sgt. Kevin Bliem, 111th AOG: "A real stand-up guy, but you can't take the Phillies with you. Best of luck with those Pirates."

Around the Wing



Meet the Member: Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn Croy

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

Tech. Sgt. Jacquelyn Croy is an accounting technician with the 111th Comptroller Flight, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pennsylvania Air National Guard (ANG), in Horsham, Pa. She works in the customer service area and helps customers who are turning in government travel pay documents. She prepares, computes, processes and audits transactions and entries in one of several Department of Defense travel accounting systems, like Defense Travel System or

DTS for short. She reviews the data for accuracy and resolves any discrepancies, before funds are released for payment.

Croy's military career began in 1999 when she enlisted active duty in the U.S. Air Force services career field. Services personnel provide a wide range of base functions such as: food service, lodging, recreation, fitness, sports, linen exchange, mortuary affairs, readiness, and honor guard. Croy worked in food service, lodging

and readiness and was stationed at the 490th Services Flight, 490th Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base (AFB), Mont, 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah, and 65th Services Flight, 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. In 2004, Croy separated from the Air Force and returned to her hometown of Newark, Del.

Croy remained in the services field and enlisted as a traditional guardsman with the 166th Services Flight, 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware ANG in New Castle. In 2005, she began a full-time position in services with the 110th Services Flight, 110th Airlift Wing, Michigan ANG in Battle Creek. In 2008, she transferred to a technician position with the 144th Services Flight, 144th Fighter Wing, California ANG in Fresno. In 2010, Croy relocated, once again, this time with the 111th Services Flight, 111th Fighter Wing, Pennsylvania ANG. In Feb 2011, she accepted a technician position with the 111th Comptroller Flight, 111th Fighter Wing, and is cross-training into the accounting and finance field.

Croy's long term goals are being awarded a bachelor's degree and moving up in the ranks, promoting one day to chief master sergeant. In the meantime, she's enjoying life and spends her days reading with her 4-year-old son, traveling, doing karaoke, and planning her April 15th wedding.

EANGUS partners with Grantham University to offer full scholarship

The full scholarship, named in honor of U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Virgil R. Williams, is valued at \$36,000 and covers tuition costs, required textbooks, software, and fees for the recipient to earn an undergraduate or graduate degree at Grantham University. The deadline for interested applicants is **June 1, 2012**. Apply online at: www.grantham.edu/alliances/eangus-scholarship.

Interested applicants must be one of the following: EANGUS member, unmarried son or daughter of an EANGUS member, a spouse of an EANGUS member or an unmarried spouse or unmarried dependent son or daughter of a deceased EANGUS member (who was in good standing at the time of their death).



Vets4Warriors' support line connects veterans to community based services

The Vets4Warriors peer support line, toll-free (855) 838-8255 (855-VET-TALK), provides easy access to supportive, confidential conversations with trained veteran peers representing all branches of the military. This team of veteran peers has immediate access to behavioral health clinicians to respond to potentially emergent issues and can offer referrals to local community services, military veteran centers, and military healthcare providers based upon the needs of the Service Member. A variety of services will be provided to include non-clinical (legal, financial) and referrals for clinical services (substance abuse, behavioral health).

This program is a component of a larger effort to promote individual resilience, risk reduction, and coping skills through peer support and referrals to community based services. Peer counseling is an effective method to acculturate these self-development skills without the potential stigma that some Service Members may associate with help-seeking behavior. The program also improves awareness and access to local resources that are relevant to the issues communicated by the Service Member while the utilization data can help share and refine current support programs.

For more information, visit the Vets4Warriors Website at: www.vets4warriors.com.



Operation Military Kids in PA: Eyes of a Military Child Creative Arts Contest

Operation: Military Kids (OMK) in Pennsylvania knows our state has amazing military kids and we would like for them to share their story! We are teaming up with the American Legion Auxiliary #432 in Wheatland to look for creative, innovative military kids to submit artwork or poetry depicting the life of a military child. Selected submissions will be exhibited at the OMK Salute to the Military Child Family Fun Fair on March 25, 2012 at Penn State's Snider Agricultural Arena. Selected entries also have the potential to be used in other OMK and Penn State Extension outlets. Prizes will be awarded as follows for each category: First Place: \$25, Second Place: \$15, and Third Place: \$10

Contest guidelines and entry form can be found online at: www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCNewsDetail.aspx?type=event&ID=3027. For more information, please contact the OMK State Project Coordinator at: (814) 865-2264 or email: sjs52@psu.edu.

Officer traditional guardsman nurse position available in 111th Medical Group

The 111th Medical Group will hold an officer selection board in March of 2012 for an officer traditional guardsman nurse position. Applicants must submit a package which includes:

- ☐ Copy of an unrestricted, active, Registered Nurse License
- ☐ Transcripts of a completed Associate or Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing which is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency.
- ☐ List of any Continuing Education activities in at least the last year
- ☐ Resume (including current job position and all nursing experience)
- ☐ One page essay answering two points: "Why do I desire to become an ANG Nurse" and "What do I have to offer the USAF and ANG Nurse Corps?"
- ☐ Meet other commissioning requirements identified in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2005, Chapter 2.

Packages must be submitted to the 111th Medical Group, Chief Nurse, no later than Mar. 1. Packages can be dropped off to Bldg. 236 or mailed to:

111th Medical Group
Attn: Lt. Col. Burris, Chief Nurse
1120 Fairchild Street
Horsham, PA 19044-5236

If you have questions, please call: (215) 323-8410.

Moving Up, Moving In, Moving Out

PROMOTIONS

To Senior Airman

Devin Jackson 201st RHS, Det. 1
Christopher Selinsky 201st RHS, Det. 1

To Technical Sergeant

Sean Smith 111th SFS

To Master Sergeant

Harry Graham Jr. 201st RHS, Det. 1

To Lieutenant Colonel

Dean Mulherin 111th FSS

EXTENSIONS

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Junk 111th CF

RE-ENLISTMENTS

Senior Airman Clifton White	111th CF
Staff Sgt. William Griffin	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Terry Branthaver	201st RHS, Det. 1
Master Sgt. Aileen Letterlough	111th FW
Senior Master Sgt. John Felice	111th AOG

RETIREMENTS

TSgt Mary Murphy	111th MXS	23 years
TSgt Nicholas Parrella	111th MXS	24 years
TSgt George Rowland	111th MXS	27 years
MSgt Kenneth Brown	111th LRS	32 years
MSgt Marc Gilbert	111th MXS	24 years
MSgt Richard Johnston	111th MXS	29 years
SMSgt Frank Rabena	111th MXS	40 years

Commanders  vs Chiefs  vs First Sergeants  vs Enlisted

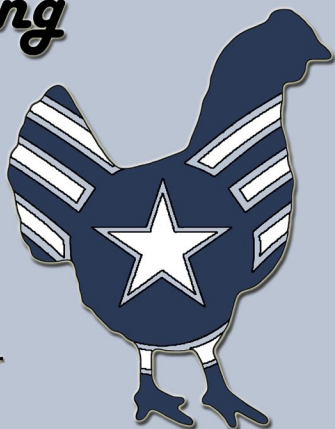


*Airmen,
You are
cordially
invited to
attend...*

Wing Fating Contest

Sat. Mar. 3 at 4 pm
HQ Auditorium
(Bldg. 203)

*Come out to support our
brave competitors!*



Play While You Eat:

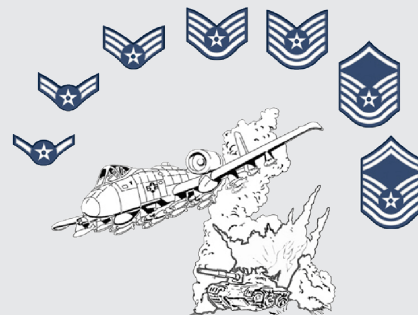
Cards, Fastball Pitching, Beer Goggle
Toss or watch the game.

FREE Food:

Wings, Pizza, Soda, Water...

Admission:

A donation of a non-perishable food
item or a new hat for the 111th FW
Chiefs' Hat Program.



Enlisted Field Advisory Council (EFAC)

Around the Wing

Hometown Heroes Salute awards submission form



The next Hometown Heroes Salute Ceremony will be held on Sunday, Jun. 24, 2012. To be included in this ceremony, your submission form must be received no later than close of business Sunday, Mar. 4.

If you've deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since Sept. 11, 2001 and haven't received this award in the past, please complete the awards submission form and email it to Master Sgt. Lisa Luchenbach at: lisa.luckenbach@ang.af.mil or drop it off in Bldg. 203, Room 104. She will arrange for you to receive your award at the ceremony.

The form can be found on the 111th FW public website (as a Microsoft Word file) at: www.111fw.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120131-022.doc and as a PDF file at: www.111fw.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120131-023.pdf.

The Air National Guard Hometown Heroes website is online at: www.goang.com/HometownHeroes. For more information, please call: (215) 323-7412.

Upcoming Events for the Wing

Sunday, Mar. 4, 2012

Annual Retirement Ceremony

Location: Bldg. 203 HQ Auditorium

Sunday, Jun. 24, 2012

Hometown Heroes Salute Awards Ceremony & Family Day

Locations: TBD



Saturday

Fried Chicken

Baked Fish

Collard Greens

Baked Macaroni & Cheese

Steamed Rice

Sweet Potatoes

California Medley

Corn Bread

French Onion Soup

Sunday

Roasted Turkey

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Glazed Carrots

Brown Gravy

Chicken Noodle Soup

Alternative Selection:

Vegetarian Lasagna
(both days)

Meal Compliments:

Fresh Salad Bar

Fresh Fruit

Bakery Style Breads

Applesauce

Jello w/Fruit

Cold & Hot Beverages

Assorted Desserts

Cover photos and the formation of Black History Month:

What was once known as "Negro History Week" was originally founded in 1926 by historian and educator, Carter Woodson. The month selected was dictated by the birthday month of two Americans making strides in the freedom of slaves, Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas. Negro History Week was expanded to Black History Month in 1976. The goal of

Black History Month is to offer an opportunity to study, reflect and redefine the ongoing legacy of the African American in our history.

(Top Left) An African American, Spanish American War Infantry soldier holding a Krag rifle with a fixed bayonette and cartridge belt. Photographic print on a cabinet card by Electro Photo Company, Tampa, Fla.

(Top right) World War I Infantry

soldiers posed in front of a photographer's backdrop between 1914-1918.

(Bottom) African American soldiers in formation in May of 1899 at Camp Meade, Pa. Photographer: J. M. Pattison.

Source: Gladstone Collection of African American Photographs, Library of Congress Website Prints & Photographs Online Catalog (PPOC): www.loc.gov/pictures

Around the Wing

ESGR Resume Workshop

Sat. Mar. 17 – Sun. Mar. 18, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
56th Stryker Brigade (across the street from 111th FW HQ Bldg. 203)
1056 Fairchild Street, Horsham, PA 19044

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Attendees must register no later than **Mar. 10, 2012**. A resume outline will be emailed to you upon confirmation of your registration. Please complete your outline prior to reporting to the Workshop. Completed registration can also be faxed in to: (215) 323-7434.

Bring the following items to the Workshop:

- * Valid Military ID card
- * Active My Pay Account (Log-In Password)
- * Completed Resume Outline

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