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# A flight to remember

*111th Fighter Wing hosts 18th annual Pennsylvania Air National Guard Flight of Freedom Ceremony*

**By 1st Lt. Renee Lillis**  
111FW Public Affairs

As Col. (ret) Alexander ‘Bud’ Lyon, PaANG Hall of Fame inductee, stepped up to the podium, a small flock of birds flew above in formation – almost on queue – as if they knew and wanted to salute him as well. Lyon is one of many who were honored and remembered Oct. 15.

The annual Flight of Freedom ceremony is a proud and formal event designed to honor Pennsylvania’s finest, and their families, for their outstanding dedication and achievements. This year’s outdoor ceremony was held on a brisk and sunny day on the flight line at Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, set to the sounds of the 553rd Air Force Band.

## Hall of Famers

Induction into the PaANG Hall of Fame is the highest honor granted by the state and the highlight of each ceremony. This year, Col. Alexander “Bud” Lyon and Chief Master Sgt. Robert “Jazz” Jazinski were inducted.

Lyon, former commander of the 111th Fighter Group, served in the PaANG from 1943 until his retirement in 1972. A true pioneer who forged the way for others, Lyon was an Army Air Corps pilot and one of the first pilots in the PaANG.



*Photo by SSgt Marie Harmon*

*Col. (ret.) Alexander ‘Bud’ Lyon, former 111th Fighter Group commander and 2006 Hall of Fame inductee, arrives for the Flight of Freedom Ceremony here on Oct. 15.*

He began flying the B-17 bomber aircraft in 1943 and flew nine successful combat missions over France and Germany. After joining the 111th Fighter Bomber Wing in 1948 as a B-26 aircraft pilot, he flew an unprecedented 51 combat missions in the Korean War.

“He’s one of Tom Brokaw’s Great Generation” said Lyon’s son-in-law, Dunkin Perry. “These were young guys without a lot of experience who did the right thing simply because it was the right thing to do.”

Jazinski, a retired member of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, dedicated over 42 years to extraordinary military service. He devoted himself to ensuring first-class aircrew executed the one-of-a-kind USAF psychological warfare mission of the 193rd. He accumulated more than 16,000 accident-free flying hours and participated in many operations including Commando Buzz, Urgent Fury, Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Uphold Democracy.

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# Lack of accountability: Its sobering consequences

By Lt. Col. Claudia Malone

111th Communications Flight Commander

Anyone who follows national news will remember the story from late May 2006, when the Veterans Administration admitted that a laptop had been stolen from the home of one of their data analysts. It was later revealed that the laptop held the records of tens of thousands of retired, active duty, and National Guard service members. The VA also reported that the employee whose home had been burglarized had not properly signed out the equipment, which was the property of the VA.

If you are one of those service members whose personal data is now in the hands of a criminal, you're probably pretty upset, and you have good reason to be. It's little consolation that the data analyst was fired, because the laptop and information will probably never be recovered. Given the fact that the laptop held valuable and private information concerning so many service members, it probably never should have been taken from the confines of its facility in the first place, much less taken without properly accounting for it.

The rules are the same when you're dealing with sensitive documents. Here's another example of negligence on the part of a government employee when it comes to protection of sensitive material. Unfortunately, this one comes from mother Air Force. In May, the Commander of AMC, General Duncan McNabb, sent out a scathing letter to all AMC bases, the ANG, and AFRC, stating that, "an individual responsible for the handling and accounting of COMSEC material destroyed COMSEC documents without proper documentation. ...The impact of this incident resulted in a loss of accountability and compromise could not be ruled out."

Furthermore, Gen McNabb continued, "This incident highlights recent experiences with COMSEC that were directly tied to complacency and inattention to detail. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. ...We are at war, and

now more than ever is the time to expect the compliance and accountability we are charged to provide."

I've heard the rules, read the policies, and understand the procedures for protection of equipment and information, but this is the first time I've read such an intense admonishment about the subject.

I regret that it's taken this long to highlight the topic, which is becoming increasingly serious and time consuming to resolve. The Logistics Readiness Squadron will tell you it takes months to investigate, document, and settle reports of lost, stolen, or damaged government equipment.

Next year we'll have to prove through our AEF deployment and/or UCI that we are capable of following the rules. To do so, we need to start now.

You only have to remember one thing. Equipment and/or information you obtain or use in the performance of your duties do not belong to you. It belongs to the government. If you must take it from storage, get permission first. Account for it. Don't take it somewhere where it may slip into the wrong hands. When you're done with it, put it back.

Maybe people get careless because the rules are so straightforward. Don't let that fool you. The results could be disastrous. Just ask the VA.



Lt. Col. Claudia Malone

## 'Hats off' Contest



The Chiefs' Council is sponsoring a hat donation contest to benefit local children in area hospitals and special needs schools. All 111 FW units are encouraged to participate. The unit that donates the most new hats to the Chiefs' Council (minimum 25 to qualify) will receive a \$100 donation to their unit for use on any unit function.

Deliver donated hats to CMSgt Alan Van Norman, Bldg 320, Rm 242. Donations will be accepted and counted immediately until end of day Saturday, November drill. The winning unit will be notified the following day.



## 1st Sgt Food Drive

First Sergeant's council will sponsor a non-perishable food fund drive for the months of

October and November, for distribution in December. We are asking for the members of the 111 to donate a non-perishable food item that can be dropped off at their First Sergeants office. We will work with the Family Support Group and local charities to determine the greatest need and make the appropriate donation for those who need our help.

# ANG locks down all government computers!

*Information for this article was provided by MSgt Michael Davis of the 105th Communications Flight, NYANG.*

To combat the constant threat of hacker and virus attacks threatening our critical information and computer systems, the Air Force and Air National Guard are implementing a standard configuration on every Windows-based desktop and laptop computer this calendar year. The primary goal is PC and network security, but the configuration will also ensure standardization of common software applications and promote interoperability throughout the Air Force.

The Air National Guard, partnering with Microsoft Corporation, will begin implementing the first-ever Air Force Standard Desktop Configuration (SDC) this month. The SDC will significantly enhance our cyber security by establishing uniform security settings, facilitating much faster application of security patches, and limiting the ability of users to change configuration settings and inadvertently expose the network to vulnerabilities. The SDC also establishes Windows XP as the standard operating system and provides a core set of office automation tools such as Office 2003, Internet Explorer, Acrobat Reader, Active Card Gold, ICS Viewer, Symantec Antivirus, and many more. Every PC will have the same look and feel making sharing of information and deployments / reassignments less complicated. The SDC will allow the Air National Guard to quickly adopt next generation applications of Windows and Office soon after public release, bringing the latest IT tools to everyone's fingertips. Here at the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, we plan to begin implementing the SDC on our

unclassified network during the months of Aug through Dec 2006.

For most users, the transition to the SDC will be simple and straightforward. Many of the changes will be installed over the network at night. Some computers will require a new installation of the SDC software to replace what is currently on the computer. There may be some initial inconveniences in order to enhance our cyber-security. For example, some older software applications may not initially function properly, file and printer sharing will be disabled, the workstation's configuration will be controlled and you may not be able to access some websites. As well, only Client Support Administrators (CSA's) will be allowed to install software. Also, the desktop appearance may change slightly, including the background, icons, etc. although these changes will be minor. Most of the differences will be noticeable in the first eight hours of use. These can normally be resolved by your Client Support Administrator (CSA). You can find a list of all 111<sup>th</sup> CSA's on the 111<sup>th</sup> Intranet here: [https://137.14.176.129/UnitPages/Comm/IM/csa\\_files/CSAListing.xls](https://137.14.176.129/UnitPages/Comm/IM/csa_files/CSAListing.xls)

There is always the possibility of user data loss in transitions like this, so we strongly encourage everyone to backup their data to a shared network or CD prior to the change. If you regularly use a government laptop, some changes in procedure will also be necessary. If you experience any problems that negatively impact your ability to accomplish your mission, please contact your CSA or (if your CSA is not available) contact the 111th Helpdesk at X1679. We will work closely with you to resolve any issues quickly and appropriately.

**Thanks for your support in making our network operating environment more secure for everyone.**



*CMSgt Brian G. Woodburn*

## Duty, Honor, Country

**By CMSgt. Brian G. Woodburn**  
111th Civil Engineering Squadron

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve twenty-one years in the 111th Fighter Wing as a member of the Civil Engineer Squadron. As my military career comes to an end, I can now reflect on the many experiences during those years and my prior active duty in the late 1960s. Of course there were the deployments for training, the numerous inspections, and the monthly drills. But above it all, it's the people, both past and present. As a traditional Guardsman, I've made a lot of friends over these years, even though we only see each other one weekend a month. It's the Guard and our service above self that creates this comradeship. As most of us know, it is hard to duplicate this in the civilian world on a long term basis.

As the 111th moves forward in the BRAC process, keeping our unit intact remains a major concern for all members. Considering the world situation and the shrinking size of our military, we all must continue to train and work to maintain the excellence in all we do. I have faith in the future of the 111th Fighter Wing and you, its members. Continue to treat each other with honesty and integrity. Good Bye and Good Luck.

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# MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Airman and NCO Performance Feedback

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By MSgt. Jeffrey Olavarria

270th Engineering Installation First Sergeant

At one time or another, we all drive in a car and suddenly become uncertain of exactly where we are—did I miss my turn, or where’s my landmark? How do you feel about stopping to ask for directions? Sometimes we’re too proud to ask for guidance and as such, we waste time and energy trying to find our own way. But if we have a passenger who knows the way, we willingly accept their guidance! With that in mind, have you asked your supervisor “How am I doing? Where do I need to be? How am I going to get there?” Are your subordinates trying to find their way for themselves? The Airman and NCO Performance Feedback System (PFS) is like a “roadmap” to get us on course and keep us there. In accordance with ANGI 36-2627, it’s a MANDATORY requirement for all Air National Guard enlisted personnel.

When used properly, the PFS is a simple, yet powerful tool for guiding and developing people. It’s a means to facilitate honest, straight forward communication between subordinates and supervisors. Prior to meeting for the feedback session, the rater and ratee each fill out an assessment worksheet describing how *they feel* the ratee met expectations in specific categories. Your goal is to define a clear sense of direction by reaching a mutual understanding in three focus areas, *Performance, Expectations* and *Career development plan*. In fact, you’ve already focused on

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performance and expectations in preparing for the ORI.

The ORI inspectors out-brief indicated that attitudes were excellent and performance was exceptional. Could there be a better time than right now to reflect on these focus areas and reinforce performance with appropriate feedback? Your people’s confidence and motivation are soaring. By investing relatively little time and effort you can realize enormous returns and maintain their momentum. Where will you find the time to invest this effort?

We’re already spread thin with vast training requirements and day to day workload. As Guardsmen, our time is one of our most precious resources. Today’s Air National Guard is getting leaner; we’re already doing more with less and we haven’t hit bottom yet. I believe our best option is to work smarter. I suggest using the *Expectations* and *Career Development Plan* areas of PFS as an opportunity to solve this problem. If just one or two of our responsibilities are identified and assigned to capable subordinates, it will free up valuable time and allow you to focus on your PFS requirements. Delegation is the easiest way to work smarter, plus it offers dual benefits.

Delegating can lighten your load and provide growth opportunities to

your subordinates; however, it takes some forethought. Look at your members, identify their specific strengths and try to match the right person to each task you’re delegating. Equip your members with ample training and the tools to succeed in the task. It’s also important to delegate the authority associated to the task. For example, if you delegate TSgt Smith supervisory responsibilities over Airman Jones, she should have the authority to counsel him or recommend him for promotion. Along with authority comes accountability. This can be difficult; try to allow your people flexibility and autonomy. Have trust in them, but don’t forget to follow-up. If they don’t perform according to your expectations, go back to the PFS process.

By taking advantage of performance feedback and delegating responsibility well, you will be working smarter and providing the key developmental ingredients to your members. Consider yourself a passenger in their car; you can see where they’re going. You know their destination and how to get there. Are they on the right road? Guiding them will unleash their potential and create an environment that promotes feedback as an investment in our Air National Guard future.



## ***First Sergeant Openings***

***The 111th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 111th Fighter Wing first sergeant positions are open to applicants. A third opening may also be open shortly. For more information or to apply, contact CMSgt Bob Williams, 111MPF Superintendent. To be considered, your package must be received by CMSgt Williams by Sunday, Nov. 19 (UTA).***

# The Dragonfly A-37

## “Last of the Sports Models”

MSgt Ralph J Perrie  
111FW Historian

Rushed into service by the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, the A-37 was the only aircraft to undergo operational testing in actual combat.

The aircraft's moderate speed gave it much greater accuracy than other fighters of the time. It also caused experienced enemy gunners to over lead the aircraft and shoot in front of it. The A-37's small size also reduced its vulnerability and increased survivability. It didn't go through the war without losses, but its survivability surprised many.

The original attack version of the aircraft started life as a re-make of the Cessna T-37 trainer and was known as the A-37A. The Air Force continued to evolve the attack aircraft and a second version was introduced as the A-37B. Next, a forward air control version of the aircraft was developed and it became known as the OA-37B. Although given a different mission, the OA-37B was essentially unchanged from the A-37B.

Our new era began in April 1981 when the 111th Tactical Air Support Group here began to fly the OA-37B version. By July, we had 13 OA-37B aircraft in inventory and approximately



twenty of our aircrews had completed Phase I, Initial Qualification Training on the aircraft. By December of the same year, the wing had 21 OA-37B's in their possession and 48 pilots had completed Phase I Training and 23 pilots had completed Phase III Training.

The unit continued to fly and evolve with the aircraft through 1988. In September 1988 the unit traveled to Savannah, Georgia for an Operational Readiness Exercise. This was the last exercise our pilots would fly the “Dragonfly,” completing its metamorphosis with the 111th.

### Specifications:

**Span:** 35' 10"

**Weight:** 11,700 lbs. maximum

**Length:** 29' 4"

**Engines:** 2 GE - J85's of 2,400 lbs thrust each

**Armament:** Max of 3,000 lbs including one GAU-2/A 7.62mm “Gatling Gun”, plus additional gun pods, high explosive bombs, fire bombs, rocket, grenades / missiles.

### # Built:

A Model = 39

B Model = 577

**Max Speed:** 485 mph

**Cruising Speed:** 425 mph

**Range:** 270 mi with 3,000 lb load



## Driving the message home

A lot of people don't remember how advertisements used to be painted on old barns. 111FW CCMSgt Michael Vasta does. “I have this neat barn on my property that can be seen from the road and wanted a way to put it to good use.” So last month he posted the Wing's “We're Staying, We're Hiring” banner on his barn. “I thought it was important for me to do my part.” But is it effective? Vasta says people are taking notice. “I've seen people slow down and even back up to read it.”

# ENANGUS - Professional people, a professional organization

SMSGt Alice Jenkins  
EANGUS Pennsylvania Delegate

EANGUS 35th Annual Conference The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the EANGUS (and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the EANGUS Auxiliary) was held 20-23 August 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The Utah National Guard hosted this year's conference with close coordination from the Mississippi National Guard. The conference was originally schedule for Mississippi, however due to last years' hurricanes, Utah graciously accepted the host task.

Although the conference was officially called to order on Aug. 20, early attendees were invited to a free concert in salute to the military by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Air Force Reserve Band. It was an awesome display of talented voices and musicians. In fact, the concert was recorded to be shown to deployed troops this upcoming Christmas holiday.

States and territories were represented with 308 total delegates along with Command Chief Master Sergeants, Command Sergeant Majors, Adjutant Generals, first time attendees, award winners and retirees. The business of the Association was conducted via various committee meetings (History, Resolutions, Legislative, Awards and Scholarship, Building Fund, Air and Army National Guard, etc) followed by submission of reports by the committees, Area Caucus breakouts and various speakers for the four days. EANGUS officer elections were also conducted during the conference.

Social events for the evenings included a welcome night at the Union Pacific Railroad Depot and the always popular "All Area Hospitality Night" when each of the seven areas ("areas" are a composite of the State Associations) brings a variety of foods and state pins are exchanged. The final night was the All States banquet which started with a touching tribute to all the fallen comrades and ending with various presentations and awards. The conference for 2007 will be held in Oklahoma City, Ok August 12-16, 2007.



## What is EANGUS?

It's a non-profit organization which increases the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard, both Air and Army. It champions your interests as a National Guard member, in partnership with the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), the officer's association and the Adjutant Generals Association of the United States (AGAUS). It enables members to enjoy benefits such as the new TRICARE Select Reserve, reenlistment bonus eligibility for members with 16-20 years of service, and increase pay raises.

If you are interesting in learning more about this association, please see SMSGt. Jenkins or visit the website at <https://www.eangus.org>.

Remember: *Professional people belong to professional organizations.* EANGUS is definitely a professional organization.

## Need a health plan? New options from Tricare Select

By SMSGt Alice E. Jenkins  
NCOIC, Force Sustainment

TRICARE Select Reserve (TRS) recently expanded its options to allow all Select Reserve members to purchase health coverage. Three plans are now available: TIER 1, the original plan for member and their families who are eligible due to a recent deployment; TIER 2, for members who are unemployed, self employed or have no coverage with their civilian employer; or TIER 3, for any members who not qualify for TIER 1 or

TIER 2 coverage but are interested in purchasing Tricare. Certain requirements must be met and the premium for each plan varies. The initial enrollment for TIER 2 and TIER 3 is Oct.1. Applications must be submitted to the appropriate office with the first month's payment no later than **Sept. 25**, to be eligible for coverage from Oct. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007. Applications postmarked after Sept. 25 will have coverage beginning Jan. 1 2007. For more information, visit the 111FW MPF, review information on HogNet or visit the TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>.

# Family Readiness news and events

By **Jean Moretti**

111FW Family Program Coordinator

As we head into the fall things are starting to gear up on the Family Program agenda. In August, the FRG held elections. The following were appointed and will take office in October:

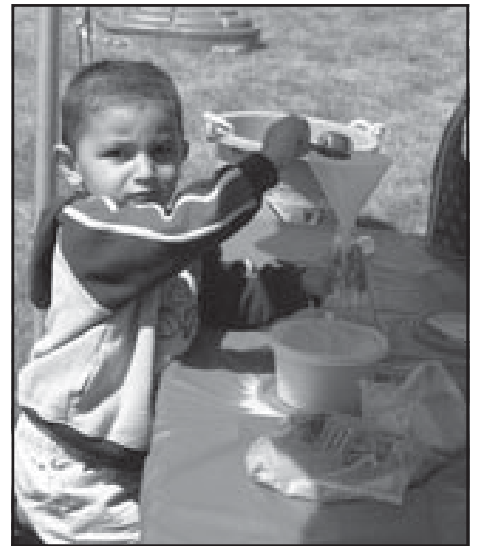
**President:** Sarah Blank  
**Vice President:** MSGT McNevin  
**Co-Vice President:** Ruth Brady  
**Treasurer:** Lorraine McNevin  
**Secretary:** Kris Doyle

The FRG office has been busy over the last few weeks with deployments. The unit has had a wonderful outpouring of

support from the USO and VFW from Bellmawr, NJ. These organizations are very generous with providing care packages for our deploying members. The volunteers of the USO provided drinks and snacks to welcome home our returning guard members.

One of the local businesses donated over 100 backpacks to school age children of our guard members.

This summer, the American Camp Association sponsored free weeks for at least 24 children at various local camps. I received positive feedback from parents and many of the children are looking forward to attending next year.



*A junior member of the 111th creates sand art at the wing family day here in June.*

## Kicking off the Mid-Summer Classic



**Above: Lt. Col. Mike Shenk, Lt. Col. Ed Fink, Carrie Underwood, Lt. Col. Bill Griffin and Lt. Col. Chip Eissler at the 2006 Major League Baseball All Star Game, Jul. 11 at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

**The four 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron pilots helped kick-off the game with an A-10 four-ship flyover at the conclusion of the national anthem, sung by American Idol winner Carrie Underwood.**

## Upcoming events

**Book Fair Fund Raiser** - Nov. 18, 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. The inventory is right on hand – no need to wait for orders to be filled. There will be a variety of hardcover books from bestsellers, children's books, cookbooks, and sports to health, crafts, nature and reference books.

**Fire Prevention Poster Contest** - Watch for details. Contest will start in October. The judging will be held in November and the prizes awarded at the Holiday Party in December.

**FRG Holiday Party** - Sunday, Dec. 10. The event will kick-off with a Benefit Session starting at 9:00 a.m. and Holiday Party at 10:30 a.m.

**Benefit Session** – Guests available to answer your benefits questions, including visitors from the Veterans Administration, USAA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Officer's Association, USO, March of Dimes and American Legion.

The VA will speak with veterans and their families about eligibility for VA healthcare. They'll also discuss some common readjustment themes the VA is seeing with returning vets.



# October uniform changes

For senior noncommissioned officers, Oct. 1 is the implementation date for the **deletion of shoulder boards** from the blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters.

Oct. 1 also marks the **mandatory wear of physical training gear**. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts.

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## Tuition assistance increased for full and part-time students

Good News for EAP recipients. On July 7, Governor Edward Rendell signed legislation that will increase EAP funding for part-time students that do not have a bachelor's degree. Part-time tuition costs could be paid 100% for some members based on the number of credits they are taking. Also, the State Board of Governors increased the tuition costs for the state schools, which is EAP funding base, so the EAP full-time funding cap increased 2.7% to \$2,519 per semester. The funding levels are listed below:

- **Full-time Grants (12 or more credits per semester)** – 100% of the tuition charged or \$2,519.00 **whichever is less** per semester.
- **Part-time Grants (3 – 11 credits per semester) for members that do not possess a bachelor's degree** – 100% of the tuition or \$1639.00 **whichever is less** per semester. (Part-time students must be taking 3 to 11 credits per semester)
- **Part-time Grants (3 – 11 credits per semester) for members possessing a bachelor's degree** – One half of the tuition or \$839.00, **whichever is less** per semester.

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## Reserve income replacement begins

The Reserve Income Replacement Program became effective Aug. 1, and the first RIRP payments for eligible service members start Sept. 1.

The RIRP was developed to provide specific payments to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve who are involuntarily serving on active duty and who are experiencing a monthly active duty income differential of more than \$50, as determined by the member's service secretary.

RIRP payments will be made to an eligible member on a monthly basis. RIRP payments may not exceed \$3,000 per month. For more information, contact the Reserve Personnel Contact Center at 800-525-0102.

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## Submit and monitor retirement application online

All eligible members of the Air Force Reserve can now submit retirement applications electronically via the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve, a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week customer service Web portal operated by the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

This new Web-enabled service is available at any time from anywhere in the world and will give Airmen the ability to monitor the status of their application from start to finish. Reservists can log on to the vPC-GR at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp> to begin the process

# Spangdahlem success for 111MDG

By TSgt Timothy Knight  
111th Medical Group

More than 30 111th Medical Group personnel deployed to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany for a two week active duty tour, which was deemed an overwhelming success by the vast majority of members.

Col Michael Hajatian, 111MDG commander, spoke to the deploying members. He asked the group to remember who they are and what they represent. He stated: "At all times be professional, remember that you are Guardsmen and act like it."

Upon arrival, medical group members appreciated the warm welcome they received at the hands of the active duty personnel. They were dispersed to duty stations according to their Air Force Specialty Coder (AFSC). Once e at their sections, a program of AFSC-specific training began. Airmen adapted well and blended seamlessly alongside their active duty counterparts.

Many new skills were acquired, semi-used skills were polished up and members became even more proficient in their career skills. The deployment proved to be a tremendous success in the fact that so much beneficial training was provided. Hats off to our deployment hosts!

Once back at home station the plane disgorged many tired but satisfied guardsmen. They certainly were appreciative of the opportunity they were afforded.



**Left: Maj. Gen. James Skiff, Deputy Adjutant General for Air and Commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, presents a plaque commemorating Chief Jasinski's induction into the Hall of Fame to his wife Vickie and son, SMSgt. Mark Ericson. A duplicate of the plaque will be placed in the Hall of Fame at the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Headquarters.**

*Photo by SSgt Marie Harmon*

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Jazinski was inducted posthumously, with his wife Vickie and son, Senior Master Sgt. Mark Ericson, accepting the honor on his behalf.

“If my father was here he’d want to thank the families,” Ericson said as he accepted the honor. Remembering and recognizing families was a recurring theme throughout the day. Lyon said that as he looked out over the military formation from the stage, it wasn’t his career or experiences he was thinking about, it was the families. “I know how hard it is for the families – my family never had a vacation for years. The two weeks vacation I got was used for ‘summer camp’ (annual training). And I think it must be even more challenging for families today,” he added.

### ***Heroism honored***

Another highlight of the event was the presentation of the Bronze Star to Col. Frank Sullivan, 557<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron commander. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest honor award to members of the armed services.

Sullivan received the award for his leadership in ground operations against the enemy as Commander of the 732<sup>nd</sup> Mission Support Group of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq from August 2005 to June 2006.

Sullivan is credited with inspiring 1200 airmen to provide unparalleled, combat-essential support to for critical missions at 58 locations across Iraq. His efforts directly impacted the defeat of improvised explosive devices, execution of missions to rescue coalition casualties and flawless management of 2.9 million dollars in projects to restore the Iraqi Infrastructure.

Senior Master Sgt. George R. Flick, 201<sup>st</sup> Red Horse Squadron, was also recognized for being awarded the Bronze Star, however he was not able to attend the ceremony.

### ***A career celebrated***

This year’s Flight of Freedom ceremony also marked the end of a long and distinguished military career. Brig. Gen. Stanley J. Jaworski, Director of Joint Staff, Joint Forces Headquarters for Pennsylvania, received the Distinguished Service Medal and was promoted to the rank of Major General before retiring from service. As a senior member of the National Guard Bureau’s Domestic Operations Advisory Board, his leadership helped target issues and national strategy essential to homeland defense and counter drug missions.

### ***Awards and Remembrance***

Although the ceremony only lasted a little more than an hour, many others were recognized and remembered before the event closed with a 21-gun salute and A-10 four-ship flyover. Those honored include:

### **Pennsylvania Air National Guard Airmen of the Year**

Pennsylvania’s AOY will represent the state in the Air National Guard’s AOY competition. If selected, they will go to compete at Air Force level.

- **Senior Noncommissioned Officer** –Senior Master Sgt. Brian D. Schaub, 171st Maintenance Squadron
- **Noncommissioned Officer** – Tech. Sgt. James D. Dunn, Jr., 111th Maintenance Squadron



*Photo by MSgt Pat Cashin*

*A member of the Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic, PaANG performs during the ceremony.*

- **Airmen** – Senior Airman Jared B. Davis, 193rd Logistics Readiness Squadron
- **First Sergeant** – Master Sgt Robert J. Shartle, 193rd Civil Engineering Squadron
- **Base Honor Guard Program Manager** – Senior Master Sergeant Cheryl A. Guandolo, 171th Medical Group
- **Honor Guard Member** – Master Sgt. Kristofer H. Gacano, 193rd Civil Engineering Squadron

#### Unit Awards

- **PaANG HQ** – 2006 Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- **171st Air Refueling Wing** – Air Force Association Outstanding Flying Unit; National Guard Association of the United States Outstanding Flying Unit; National Guard Bureau Outstanding Flying Unit; NGAUS States Distinguished Flying Unit
- **193rd Special Operations Wing** – Meritorious Unit Award and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for 2005; Air Force Association Outstanding Flying Unit; NGAUS Outstanding Flying Unit; NGB Outstanding Flying Unit and NGAUS Distinguished

#### Individual Awards

Staff Sgt. Frank T. Hines, 171st Civil Engineering Squadron, was posthumously awarded the 2006 Valley Forge Cross for Heroism for his actions responding to a hit and run accident. A bystander to the accident, Hines was fatally injured while alerting and protecting others from dangerous street conditions.

Lt. Col. Timothy R. O'Toole, 103rd Fighter Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Ward, 171st Logistics Readiness Squadron were each awarded the 2006 Valley Forge Certificate for Heroism.

# Memorial Roll

**1st Lt. Benjamin R. Vaill**  
171st Maintenance Squadron

**Chief Master Sgt. Tomas Deffley**  
193rd Maintenance Squadron

**Master Sgt. John C. Cass**  
111th Communications Flight

**Tech. Sgt. Donald H. Sluyter**  
193rd Special Operations Squadron

**Tech. Sgt. Sabrina Skinner**  
111th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Frank T. Hines**  
171st Civil Engineering Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Williams**  
171st Maintenance Squadron

**SrA Barry A. Goslin Jr.**  
ANG Band of the Mid-Atlantic

**SrA Kevin J. Jesteadt**  
171st Maintenance Squadron

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# Rules of engagement

By SrA Ricardo Cruz  
111FW Public Affairs

Let the race begin! Get the picket signs and the rally caps ready. But Wait! Let's not get ahead of ourselves, as service men and woman there are certain guidelines we must follow before we wrap ourselves up in the political hype. After speaking with some airman of the wing, they seemed somewhat knowledgeable of AFI 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force. Still, here's a quick refresher for everyone to get caught up on our military political ethics since the primary elections are being held in some states and the general elections are right around the corner.

Now down to business ladies and gentlemen. We as airman, or even as military personnel in general, represent

our branches when we put our uniform on, whether it's everyday or one weekend a month. That's why, when it comes to political activities, we must stand clear of making speeches, writing articles, or engaging in any campaign activities when our uniform is on. To keep things simple, as long as the uniform is on we must remain neutral.

You may make contributions to the campaign of the certain candidate you're favoring, and write letters of opinions to a newspaper without using your official authority.

DOD civilians have more freedom when it comes to their political participation.

DOD civilians who are not involved with the Senior Executive Service and act in a private capacity are permitted to

manage political campaigns and speak at political rallies on behalf of any candidate they choose. DOD civilians may also endorse or oppose a candidate in a political advertisement. However, no one is allowed to engage in political activities in federal buildings or military installations.

If we all follow these simple rules we will find ourselves free from punishment under the USMJ, Article 92 Failure to Obey a Lawful Regulation.

Remember what we do now paves the way for our future. We have to put our foot forward and make the decisions that will ultimately improve our youth, our future, and most importantly ourselves.

For more information see AFI 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force.



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