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111th Fighter Wing Willow Grove Air Reserve Station Pa Air National Guard

March 2012



UTA Going-ons

UPCOMING WING EVENTS

March UTA

Saturday

10 a.m. Wing Assumption of Command Ceremony Bldg. 203 HQ Auditorium

* EFAC Wing Eating Contest has been rescheduled to Saturday of April UTA. More details to follow. *

Sunday

3 p.m. Wing Annual Retirement Ceremony Bldg. 203 HQ Auditorium

June UTA

Sunday

Hometown Heroes Salute Awards Ceremony & Family Day (Locations TBD)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday of March UTA, Protestant worship will be held at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 203, upstairs in Rm. 203. Roman Catholic worship



will not be available during March and April UTA. Mass is available at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church (Rt. 611 & County Line Rd.) on Sunday at 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Chaplain's Office is located in Headquarters Bldg. 203, upstairs in Rm. 204-205. During UTA, they can be reached at: (215) 323-7128.

UTA MENU AT THE DINING FACILITY

Saturday Spaghetti w/ Marinara Sauce, Pork Chops w/ Mushroom Gravy, Chicken Parmesean, Rice, Green Beans, California Blend, Chicken Noodle Soup

Sunday Baked Ham, BBQ Chicken, Cabbage, Baked Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli, Minestrone Soup

Compliments: Fresh Salad Bar, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cold & Hot Beverages, Assorted Desserts

Meal

Alternative Selection: Stuffed Shells

Cover photo:

Color guard members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 6493 from Warminster post the colors at the start of a military salute program held Jan. 30 at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic School, in North Wales, Pa. See full story on page 7. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum.

REMINDER: 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.

Commander's Corner

We walk together forever

By Lt. Col. Joseph Mezzatesta 111th Mission Support Group

The holidays are behind us and we should now be focusing forward to the new challenges and opportunities that await us in the upcoming year. We don't necessarily want to forget this past year, even though I know a few of you flushed those memories away a couple of months ago (yes, I am looking at you, RED HORSE). We had some tremendous successes and well as some difficult times. But through it all, we worked all together to successfully face these daunting challenges. The most obvious event that comes to mind is the 201st **RED HORSE Operational** Readiness Inspection. Many, many months of preparation and hard work were expended getting the unit ready to prove to the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and the entire RED HORSE community, that they were fully mission ready. The great majority

of this work was obviously done by the RED HORSE

Squadron, but in my opinion, they would not have been as successful without the help of many people throughout the Wing.

This is true testament as to what teamwork can accomplish and overcome. We all learned early in our military careers we should never focus on the first person to cross the finish line, or the last person to cross the finish line. What matters most is that EVERY unit member crosses the finish line. It resonates to one of the three core values we all learned in basic training, the Academy of Military Science and in our professional military education training: "Service before self." Plain and simple, we must help each other succeed. We must get everyone to pull together and function as a team, instead



will be tested again this year with multiple inspections, culminating in

December with the unit compliance inspection, health services inspection, and an information assurance awareness program review. We will have the natural tendency to "clean up our own houses," which is extremely important. But, we must also remember to assist other units, by helping with self-inspections or lending any other type of expertise needed to support them.

Another extremely important way to individually support the team is to show up for every scheduled training activity and medical appointment. To some, they may seem small or inconsequential. But to the team, they are crucial to the overall success of the Wing.

I'd like to use a quote from the great Fred Shero,



Lt. Col. Joseph Mezzatesta

coach of the Philadelphia Flyers during the 1974 and 1975 championship seasons. Coach Shero use to jot down sayings on the blackboard in the locker room to motivate his team. Before game six of the 1974 Stanley Cup finals, he wrote his most famous quote, "Win together today and we walk together forever." Three hours later, the Flyers won the first of two consecutive Stanley Cup Championships. The key word in that quote: "TOGETHER." The Wing will most definitely succeed, but only if we are one team, working together toward a common goal.



Save these dates!

Chamber of Commerce "Hiring our Heroes" Job Fair - Friday, Mar. 2 from 9

am-12 pm at the Philadelphia Independence Seaport Museum. See flyer for more information: www.111fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120208-099.pdf.

Chamber of Commerce & Recruit Military (Veterans Only) Philadelphia Job Fair/Opportunity Expo - Thursday, Mar. 29 from 11 am-3 pm at Lincoln Financial Field. For more information or to register, click visit: https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/philadelphia-opportunity-expo-march-29-2012.

ESGR Resume Workshop - Saturday. Mar. 17 - Sunday Mar. 18, 2012 from 8 am-5 pm at the 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

For more information, please visit the ESGR website at: **www.jointservicessupport.org**, call our local ESGR representative at: (215) 323-7435, or **email**.

Chief's Corner

Staying on track, as Guard changes course

By Chief Master Sgt. Marian Livesay 111th Medical Group

President Obama announced that the military will refocus its efforts on the Asia-Pacific region and on cyber warfare. With this information, I hope you will go out, research, and review the new defense strategy. Many changes are coming. Some changes involve how the military operates at home and abroad. Other changes are driven by current budget constraints facing the entire nation, including a \$487 billion dollar cut to defense spending over the next decade.

What are the cuts and where will they occur? Will there be growth and where will it happen? Will the 111th Fighter Wing be affected? All of us are waiting for those answers. We hope to hear something in the next six months, but for now we need to remain operational readiness inspection. We

proficient and stay focused on the future. No one knows what the future will bring. The war overseas is drawing down. The number of Guardsmen needed for each AEF cycle is decreasing as well.

Does our imminent future lie in Homeland Defense? The number of Air and Army National Guardsmen being state activated is increasing. In our communities, guardsmen are responding to a variety of natural disasters. They provide additional support to the government and first responders during hurricanes, tornadoes, snow and ice storms, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Our Guardsmen keep the streets of America safe, at times standing by at large events such as the Presidential Inauguration.

RED HORSE just completed an



are within 10 months of a unit compliance inspection (UCI), health service inspection



Chief Master Sgt. **Marian Livesay**

(HSI) and an information assurance awareness program (IAAP) review, all slated for December of this year. The UCI involves all Wing members, while the HSI and IAAP focus on medical and communications. We have our specific checklists, so start reviewing the material now. Ensure we are compliant, so the inspection will be a breeze.

PA State Command Chief Perspective: "Being Faithful"

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

What does The Airman's Creed mean to you? This is the second part of a four part series on what *The Airman's* Creed means to me. The second part of The Airman's Creed reads:

I am an American Airman. My mission is to Fly, Fight and Win. I am faithful to a Proud Heritage, A Tradition of Honor, And a Legacy of Valor.

I am an American Airman. This is what the creed in its entirety defines; what it means to be an American Airman.

My mission is to Fly, Fight and Win. Flying is much of what the Air National Guard and the Air Force are all about. But that isn't to say that everyone flies or is directly in the fight, for that matter. The majority of us support the flying mission and the fight in various ways. Whether in an administrative, services, medical, support, security, weather, air traffic control, civil engineering, supply, aero port, communications, maintenance or operations function; we all support the mission and the fight, in our own important way.

I am faithful to a Proud Heritage, a Tradition of

Honor and a Legacy of Valor. Heritage, tradition and legacy, these words pay tribute to all the Airmen who came before us. We should take pride and satisfaction in what they built and left in our charge. A heritage of freedom and perseverance as well as time honored beliefs, customs, and practices.

Pride, honor, and valor describe the mettle, courage, determination and fortitude of these Airmen, especially,

those who served in times of war. Some of them gave the ultimate sacrifice in doing so.

Pa. State Command Chief Master Sqt. Victor H. Guerra

Being faithful to a Proud Heritage, a Tradition of Honor and a Legacy of Valor, we should not only pay tribute to those that came before us, but endeavor to continue the fight ourselves. Continue to maintain and build upon the values and the foundation that has been entrusted to us, by the Airmen who have come before us. And do so, wherever our duty takes us. Whether serving here at home or while deployed, be faithful.

Around the Nation

Air Force proposes ANG force structure, mission changes

Air National Guard Bureau Report

The Air Force announced on Feb. 3 force structure plans to retire, not acquire or transfer 191 Air National Guard aircraft and add 65 aircraft to the Air National Guard fleet. The changes announced today will impact Air Guard units in 27 states and territories over the next few years, according to Pentagon officials here today.

The manpower realignment plan built by the Reserve Component will significantly affect additional units in all 54 states and territories. We will be able to provide manpower adjustments by installation and state in the coming weeks.

Through the Air Force's proposed force structure realignment plan, the Air Force plans to retire 286 aircraft as part of the president's new defense strategy and the Budget Control Act's requirements to cut \$487 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years. The Air Force's share is about \$50 billion.

"Gen. Schwartz has said that the Air Force is going to get smaller, and all of the components, Active, Guard and Reserve, are going to get smaller. It's now becoming a reality," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, Air National Guard director.

"The Air National Guard has been here before," Wyatt added. "We need to continue to work with our active duty and Reserve counterparts to ensure we have the best Air Force possible. America's security depends upon us getting this force mix correct."

"We participated in the Air Force corporate process along with the Air Force Reserves to find efficiencies and mitigate effects of reductions," Wyatt said. "The experience and capabilities of our personnel are at its highest levels due to being an operational reserve fighting alongside active duty since Desert Storm. We need to maintain this capability in order to meet any future contingencies."

The Air Force is scheduled to announce manpower changes caused by these structure changes in the next few weeks. In order for the planned reductions to take effect, they must be approved by Congress and signed into law by the president.

"Although the associated manpower changes are not available, the Air National Guard is putting together programs to retain as many Airmen as possible," Wyatt added. "We need to continue to adapt to meet today's mission, while looking ahead at tomorrow's challenges."

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Air Force Base, Alaska - Retire four C-130 Hercules military transport aircraft.

Dannelly Airfield, Ala. - Retire one RC-26 Metroliner military transport aircraft (planned in the 2015 FY).

Ft. Smith, Ark. -Retire 20 A-10 Thunderbolt jet aircraft; Add one MQ-1/9 Reaper Remote Split Operations unit.

Little Rock, Ark. - Retire one C-130H2 (planned in the 2017 FY). Sky Harbor AGS, Ariz. - Retire one KC-135 Stratotanker military transport aircraft.

Tucson, Ariz. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned in the 2015 FY). Fresno ANG Base, Calif. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft.

Bradley ANGB, Conn. - C-27J Spartan military transport aircraft squadron will not open (loss of four future aircraft); add nine to 11 MC-12W Liberty aircraft (planned for the 2014 FY).

Jacksonville, Fla. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY).

Savannah, Ga. - Retire eight C-130H2 aircraft (planned for the 2016 FY); add eight C-130H3 (planned for the 2016 FY).

Robins, Ga. - Retire one E-8 Joint STARS battle management aircraft. **Des Moines, Iowa** - Retire 21 F-16 Fighting Falcon jet aircraft; add one MQ-1/9 RSO unit.

Sioux City AGS, Iowa - Retire one KC-135 aircraft.

Ft Wayne, Ind. - Retire 20 A-10 aircraft; add nine to 11 MC-12W aircraft (planned for the 2014 FY).

Louisville, Ky. - Transfer one C-130H2.5 aircraft.

Warfield AGS, Martin State, Md.

- C-27J squadron will not open (loss of four future aircraft); add ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) Group and expand Net Warfare Squadron.

Selfridge, Mich. - Retire 21 A-10 aircraft; add four KC-135Rs.

Kellogg AGS, Mich. - Retire four C-27J aircraft; add one MQ-1/9 RSO unit.

Meridian, Miss. - Retire six C-27J aircraft; retire one RC-26 aircraft

(planned for the 2015 FY); add nine to 11 MC-12W aircraft (planned for the 2014 FY).

Rosecrans AGS, Mo. - Retire eight C-130H2.5s; transfer two C-130H2.5s aircraft; add eight C-130H3s (planned for the 2014 FY).

Great Falls, Mont. - C-27J squadron will not open (loss of four future aircraft); add eight C-130sH2 (planned in the 2014 FY).

Charlotte, N.C. - Transfer two C-130 (planned for the 2017 FY).

Fargo, N.D. - C-27J squadron will not open (loss of four future aircraft).

Kirtland AFB, N.M. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY).

Stratton AGS, Schenectady, N.Y. - Retire four C-130H2 aircraft.

Hancock Field AGS, Syracuse, N.Y. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned in the 2015 FY).

Mansfield, Ohio - Retire four C-27J aircraft.

Rickenbacker, Ohio - Retire six KC-135 aircraft.

Pittsburgh, Pa. - Retire four KC-135 aircraft.

Willow Grove, Pa. - Add one MQ-1/9 RSO unit.

McGhee-Tyson, Tenn. - Transfer two KC-135 aircraft.

Carswell, Texas - Transfer eight C-130H2 (planned for the 2014 FY); add nine to 11 MC-12W aircraft (planned for the 2014 FY).

Ellington Field JRB, Texas - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY).

Fairchild AFB, Wash. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned for FY15).

Shepherd Field AGS, Martinsburg, W. Va. - Retire 11

C-5A Galaxy military transport aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY); add eight C-17 aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY).

Charleston, W. Va. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft (planned for the 2015 FY); transfer one C-130.

Truax AGS, Wisc. - Retire one RC-26 aircraft.

Gen Mitchell, Wisc. - Transfer two KC-135 aircraft.

Cheyenne, Wyo. - Transfer one C-130H2.5; Add one C-130H3.

Around the State

PA National Guard awards Catto medal to first recipients for community service

By Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum, 111th FW Public Affairs

On Feb. 25, the Pa. National Guard and the Octavius V. Catto Society re-established a tribute to one of Philadelphia's citizen soldiers, with a ceremony hosted by the Union League of Philadelphia. Air National Guard Chaplain Maj. Jonathan Bell, 171st Air Refueling Wing, and Army 1st Sgt. Kevin Bittenbender, 55th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Alpha Company, were selected as this year's recipients of the award.

The award is given to Pa. National Guardsmen judged to be the most dedicated, brave and efficient in their duties. This year marks the first time, since Catto was murdered in 1871, that the "Catto Medal" will be awarded by the Pennsylvania National Guard. The Medal recognizes two exemplary members of the Pa. National Guard through their public service and community support.

Major Bell is a Methodist pastor of a church with a congregation of over 300 members. He also became a collecting agent for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. He contributed greatly when the 171st was deployed in support of Operation ODYSSEY DAWN. the NATO enforcement of the Libyan no-fly zone. He quickly stood up religious support for the deployed members and their families. Locally, Bell organized a refurbishment program of vandalized homes. He helped replace broken windows with higher-efficiency casements, bought with personal funds. He also volunteered his time instructing with the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunter/ Trapper Education program, mentoring the Youth Hunter Education program. In July,

he deployed overseas as the senior Protestant Chaplain.
Over the summer, Major Bell served as liaison with the United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group, ensuring special escort leave for a fallen SEAL Team member of the recent Chinook crash in Afghanistan. He was the prime point of contact with SEAL leadership and family members for the escort.

Sergeant Bittenbender provided a bond between his local community and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Since August of 2010, he has served as a Board Member on the Lewisburg Fourth of July Committee. For three years, he has also served as a shooting coach for the US Paralympics Biathlon Team. He opened his home to training Paralympics athletes for the duration of the training events he aided in organizing. Bittenbender has been active in the recruitment of injured Soldiers into the program, through visits to Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. As an accomplished musician and bugler, he also donates time playing "Taps" at veteran funerals and other commemorative events such as Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

"Catto was not a revolutionary man, he was an evolutionary man. He is worthy of our commemoration, admiration and emulation," said speaker, Dr. Andrew Waskie, Civil War historian and consultant.

Adjutant General of Pennsylvania Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig presided over the event. In attendance were: Pa. Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley, Rear Adm. (ret.) Joseph Hare, and Rear. Adm. (ret.) Tom Lynch.





Adjutant General of Pa. Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig applaudes the first recipients of the Maj. Octavius V. Catto medal for community support and public service: Chaplain Maj. Jonathan Bell of the 171st Air Refueling Wing and Army 1st Sgt. Kevin Bittenbender of the 55th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Alpha Company.

Photo by Army Sgt. Matt Jones.

The award namesake, Octavius V. Catto, was born in Charleston, S.C. in 1839, and moved to Philadelphia in 1848. He was the son of William Catto, a minister and an anti-slavery activist, who would later join up with Frederick Douglass, Henry Garnet, Robert Purvis, and Charles Redmond.



Source: Library of Congress

Octavius became an advocate for the passage of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed freedom to vote regardless of race, color, or previous servitude status. He was invited to join the Pennsylvania National Guard's 5th Brigade, promoted to the rank of Major, and assigned as the brigade's Inspector General.

During a controversial election day in Oct. 1871, while walking through a disputed district to his home to retrieve his uniform and equipment, Catto was accosted by a hired assassin and known associate of the political opposition. He was shot first in the back, then shot again at close range. He fell dead a few steps from his home on South Street.

In the Local Community

Retired Gen. Pace accepts 2012 Atlas Award, on behalf of U.S. troops

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

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia held the 2012 Atlas Awards ceremony on Feb. 6 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Receiving the award on behalf of the Iraq and Afghanistan U.S. troops was retired Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Pace is the



Chairman for the Wall Street Warfighters Foundation. The Philadelphia based, nonprofit organization is committed to educating, developing

and assisting disabled veterans into careers within the financial services industry. Nearly 550 people attended the event, which was sponsored by a broad spectrum of regional corporations and

individuals.

At the beginning of the event, quietly on screens at either side of main stage, scrolled the names of servicemen and women from Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania that gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The evening's events were focused on the tri-state area military contributions and sacrifices paid, not only by the member, but the military families. "It is our families that keep us strong. Our families are the ones standing in the background as we receive awards and decorations, pretending they had nothing to do with the brave acts," said General Pace mildly. "Truth is, they had everything to do with it."

Two large displays re-illuminated just as General Pace closed out his speech. On the screens were Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Agnew and Tech. Sgt. Charlie Lau, both with the 270th Electronics Installation Squadron, Skyped live into the event. Although the video and audio were less than ideal, Chief Agnew was able to see and



speak to his son, Senior Airman Stephen Agnew, also with the 270th EIS, and daughter Lindsay.

"One thing is for certain, your dinner is going to be much better than mine," Chief Agnew said jokingly. The emotions on his children's faces ran high and nervous laughs were evident as Agnew thanked the audience for their support of him, his deployed unit members and his family during this tour of duty.

Colonel (ret.) Jack Jacobs, Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient, author and broadcast military analyst for MSNBC, closed the night's event with his story of extraordinary heroism during the Vietnam War and light-hearted conversation.



School's contributions to military recognized at Catholic Schools Week kick-off event

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

Approximately 800 students at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic School in North Wales, Pa. attended a 'military salute,' an event to kick-off Catholic Schools Week, beginning on Jan 30. Acting 111th Fighter Wing Commander Col. James Blaydon and several Wing members attended the event.

Colonel Blaydon presented a letter of appreciation to the school for their contributions, in assisting with a variety of school projects that directly aided the local military. Volunteers from the school could be seen throughout the Wing's Holiday Party in December at Happy Tymes Family Entertainment

Center in Horsham.

Pennsylvania State Representatives Todd Stephens (Rep. - 151st) and Thomas Murt (Rep. - 152nd) were also in attendance.

Color guard members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 6493 from Warminster retired the colors, at the closing of the program.

Computer Security

New malicious software, viruses discovered within Facebook

By Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum

111th FW Public Affairs

The ongoing threat to your identity, computer security and financial information protection evolves on a daily basis. Not only does the 111th Communications Flight work constantly on thwarting these electronic threats internally, but they also provide awareness to our network users about potential attacks right in your own homes.

Preventative advisories are posted or e-mailed to network users on an as necessary basis. A collection of past advisories are also linked to the 111th FW Intranet homepage, in the upper left menu bar, titled "Cyber Notices." Familiarize yourself with these threats beforehand, not while you are repairing the damage to your computer—to be forewarned, is to be forearmed.

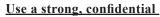
With the popularity of social media venues and the onslaught of must-have, hand-held mobile web devices, it is not surprising to see an increase in attempts to exploit this arena. Two recent advisories regarding Facebook accounts deserve your attention.

A new malware threat is targeting Facebook users by taking over their machines and extorting cash. Hackers trick users into opening PDFs and Excel documents loaded with malicious code. The malware is the embedded information designed to steal account information and harvest credentials from your e-mail and social-networking sites. It attempts to replace any Facebook page the user navigates to with a fake page notifying them that their Facebook account is temporarily locked-out. The page asks the victim for their first and last name, e-mail address, date of birth, password and a 20 euro (\$25) Ukash voucher number to unlock the account.

More of a threat to your home or personal security, Facebook has a geo-

location tracking feature called Share Where You Are. When enabled, it allows your friends and possibly everyone to see exactly where you are, who you are with, and the time you arrived. This

feature is turned on by default and must be manually disabled by the user. Here are some important considerations to be aware of when setting up, managing and posting to you social network platforms:



password: Sure, we all know the pain keeping track of our user names and passwords for the many programs, web application and accounts necessary for our day to day jobs, financial tracking and social mingling. Avoid casually divulging your access information to anyone. Remember, it's your security and reputation you'll be putting on the line.

Full Birth Date: Posting your full date of birth makes you a much easier target for identity theft. Combine that with information of where you live, and a casual mention of your mother's name in a friendly post, and you've all but given the keys to applying for a new credit card to someone else.

Setting up your privacy

preferences: There are many control

settings at your fingertips to suppress the random seeker of information. Allowing only trusted people into your site and controlling what images they see are just a few features you're in charge of Certainly never place contact

charge of. Certainly never place contact information directly into an unprotected site such as phone numbers or your street address.

We're away posting or icons: Now, you've really done it. You may just as

well leave your wallet or purse on the front door step and the vacation money tucked inside of it. Knowing when you are out of town or heading out on a work trip posses a critical treat on the security of your home, spouse, children and belongings. Avoid specifics such as dates or length of your absence.

Search engine settings: To help prevent strangers from accessing a profile, go to the Search section of Facebook's privacy controls and select "Only Friends for Facebook" search results. Be sure the box for Public Search isn't checked.

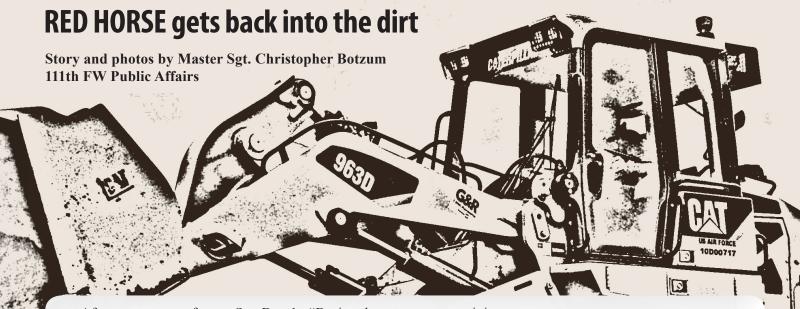
Security isn't just for your work computer: Guard the information as you would from your work computer. Posts about your activities, operations, capabilities, and potential weaknesses, while deployed to a sensitive area or overseas location, chip away at security measures in place, potentially threatening mission success.

Supervise children's activities:

The youth have ever-growingly migrated to an electronic medium for communication. Parents of teenagers are more likely to receive a casual text message from their children rather than the phone call to convey a message. The information they post in a social platform may innocently release sensitive information or entice unsavory characters. Talk to your children about your concerns, limits, and restriction to make them aware of potential threats and the possible ramifications.



POST ORI



After over a year of pain-staking preparation of each individual for the special needs of the Operational Readiness Exercise completed in Nov. of 2011, the wheels of the heavy equipment section aggressively changed gears to a focus of qualifying and increasing the proficiency of their members on the new earth movers, trucks, and front loaders.

"Almost half of our assigned members are new to the career field," said Master Sgt. Robert Ipri, airfield superintendent for the 201st RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1. "During the ORI spin-up months, a number of our equipment and task qualification items took a back burner because of frequent trips to Fort Indiantown Gap, weapons and computer based training, and personal preparedness."

February's drill weekend saw 'wheels in motion' on over twenty pieces of heavy equipment. Skilled, experienced members within the work center served as core trainers and instructed the new trainees.

"It's been nearly a

year and a half since I've operated the wheel loader," said Airman 1st Class Kelsie Trago, heavy equipment operator with the 201st (shown left).

"We've developed a temporary

remote training site out on the former flight line," said Ipri. "Until a permanent location is identified, we will be able to utilize the large mound of soil time and again to qualify operators on the many pieces of equipment we need to support local, state or federal tasks."

Several tractor-trailers and large dump trucks have recently been seen driving around on base. "We've received a number of new units recently," Ipri explained. "These new vehicles are powered by a 13 gear manual transmission and split axles. Many of our older units had automatic transmissions—press the accelerator and go."

During February's drill, teams drove the vehicles on base around the

twists and frequent stops, familiarizing the operator with smooth gear selection with and without loads.

"It will take some time to have everyone cycle through and qualify on the various pieces of equipment. Our hope is to not only pursue time in the seat, but to give each person the opportunity to master skills, that will speed any earth moving project thrown our way," Ipri concluded.





Around the Wing



Meet the Member: Senior Airman Sergio Diggs

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

A very recent cross-trainee within the 111th Air Operations Group (AOG), Senior Airman Sergio Diggs is excited about the new possibilities a photojournalism career with AFFOR will bring. As a public affairs representative within the unit, he will provide guidance for mission planning, advise location specific groups on regional operations, and serve as a lateral voice between the military and the community.

Senior Airman Diggs grew up in Philadelphia and attended high school at West Philadelphia Automotive Academy. During his earlier years, he developed a deep interest in robotics and electronics. After graduating in 2003, he enlisted active duty in the U.S. Air Force. Completing technical school soon thereafter, he was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., working as an avionics technician on the F-117 Stealth Fighter.

In 2006, Diggs transferred to the 111th Fighter Wing where he was assigned to the 111th Maintenance Squadron, now working as an avionics technician on the A-10 Warthog. "I left active duty to join the Guard," Diggs explained. "I really missed my family back in Philly and the flying tempo at Holloman made it extremely difficult to attend college."

Diggs returned home and completed an associate degree in criminal justice at the Community College of Philadelphia. Since 2008, he has been working for the Philadelphia Police Department in the 12th Precinct as a narcotics officer. "The Department is so supportive of officers who are also members of the local military," Diggs said. "Supervisors and managers there are Guard friendly and always manipulate schedules to accommodate my obligation with the 111th."

Senior Airman Diggs is looking forward to the fundamental technical training for his new career. He hopes to further his civilian education by attending law school locally in the very near future. "Right now, my immediate focus is spending a lot of time with my daughter, Ashliyon and the rest of my family," Diggs added.

Space heater safety

By Lt. Col. Scott "Spartacus" Hreso 111th FW Safety Chief of Safety

With the cost of heating continually on the rise, many consumers are investing in portable heaters to help lower their energy bills. While portable heaters



can be both efficient and economical, they also introduce a number of important safety concerns that we cannot afford to overlook.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 residential fires, 300 deaths, and 6,000 burn injuries each year are associated with the use of portable space heaters. While you can achieve substantial energy cost-savings, by running a portable heater in frequently used rooms throughout the day and limiting your use of a central heating system, you also greatly increase the risk of dangerous indoor pollutants, fires, and burn injuries. Home and fire safety experts agree that consumers need to build awareness of safe practices when using these appliances.

To help you choose a portable heater wisely and use it safely during the upcoming winter season, we offer these nine tips for space heater safety:

- Select the correct sized heater for the space you're heating.
- Opt for heaters with tip-over and overheat protection.
- Shop for a heater with a safety certification.
- Use portable gas heaters only with proper ventilation.
- Give heaters their space.
- Plug the heater directly into an outlet.
- Inspect and clean the heater regularly.
- Shut off and unplug the heater when leaving it unattended.
- Keep the heater away from water and out of damp locations.

Educating yourself about the safety hazards that come with the improper use of portable heaters will help you achieve better peace of mind, as you keep your home warm, comfortable, and fire hazard-free this winter.

Winter Safety



Protect loved ones by keeping fireplace area clean, safe

By Lt. Col. Scott "Spartacus" Hreso 111th FW Safety Chief of Safety

Enjoying a warm, cozy fire requires a clean, safe fireplace. Here are some tips for keeping it that way:

- Fireplaces should not be used as furnaces.
 Use a fireplace for a short-duration fire no longer than five hours.
- Keep the glass open to allow air to be drawn up to cool the chimney, but keep the screen closed to prevent sparks from jumping onto the carpeting.
- Never leave a fire unattended when children are in the house. Adults, even if

- close by, should never allow children to play near or with fire tools and equipment.
- Open a window when using a fireplace to prevent the room from becoming smoky. The air coming in from the window will go up the chimney.
- Before making a fire, open glass doors, pull aside screen curtains, and place kindling, newspaper, and logs inside. Next, open the damper and a window. A window needs to be open only a few inches. You can check to make sure the smoke

- will go up the chimney properly by lighting a match, quickly blowing it out, and watching the smoke to see whether it's going up and out.
- Keep a nonflammable rug (available at fireplace-supply stores) in front of the fireplace so that sparks won't melt or otherwise damage your carpeting.
- Use fireplace tools to handle burning logs.
 Never use your bare hands.
- Use a chimney cap to prevent water damage, to keep animals from nesting, and to keep debris from blocking the chimney, causing carbon monoxide to flow into the house. Use a spark arrester to help prevent sparks from flying out, which could start a fire on the roof or grass.
- Glass doors may produce tough stains from flames and heat. To clean them, make sure the glass doors are cool, then scrape off any thick gunk deposits with a razor blade. Add a squirt of liquid dishwashing detergent to a bucket of warm water, or add a cup of vinegar to a gallon of water. Spray or sponge the cleaner on, and then wipe it away with newspaper (which is lint-free). Another option is to buy glass cleaner at a fireplace
- Fireplace coals can

- remain hot enough to start a fire for up to three days, so always wait at least that long before removing the ashes. At that point, open the damper so that the airborne ash will be drawn up the chimney instead of into the room. Be sure to wear a dust mask and open a window in the same room as the fireplace to prevent negative air pressure. Use a shovel to scoop the ashes into a metal container. Store the container far from combustibles, combustible surfaces, and wood floors.
- Never use a vacuum to clean up ashes, because live coals may remain in those ashes.
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the chimney when necessary. Have him show you how to check it yourself, too. The chimney should be checked at least once a year or after about 80
- Clean the firebox (the area where the logs burn) at least once a week during the months you use it, when ash builds up. Leave about an inch of ash because it acts as insulation, allowing the coals to heat faster and retain the heat easier. Keep the firebox completely clean during the months when the fireplace is not in use.

Force Development

NCO Academy Distance Learning Course released Feb. 1, replaces former 'Course 9'

Courtesy of National Guard Bureau

On Feb. 1, the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Education released a brand new Course 00015, NCO Academy Distance Learning Course (NCOADLC). This course replaces Course 00009, the NCO Academy Correspondence Course. It consists of two sets of sub-courses; the first set includes Course Introduction, Military Professional, and Operational Airman volumes, the second sub-course consists of the Managerial Communicator and Unit Manager volumes.

The major differences between Course 00009 and the NCOADLC 00015 are a new design, current and relevant content, higher levels of learning, and two different types of media. The new college textbook design departs significantly from the CDC format, and offers the student a new visual experience by incorporating colorful graphics and thought-provoking activities. The NCOADLC is equivalent to the current resident NCO Academy program, in terms of content and required learning levels. Students will be challenged to explore cognitive (thinking) and affective (feeling) aspects of the curriculum. The level of learning is at a higher level of comprehension than Course 00009; hence the exams test to this higher level of learning. When enrolling, students may select between two types of media: hardcopy books mailed to them or electronic softcopy (Adobe PDF) files available for immediate download. However, some exercises may still need to be printed locally from the PDF files.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Until funding is available for hardcopy printing, the NCOADLC will only be available via electronic softcopies. While the course includes all the material necessary to meet the developmental educational objectives, critical thinking is required to comprehend the material and pass the exams. A cursory reading of the material will not prepare students for the exams. In preparation for subcourse exams, each chapter takes the student through various exercises and assignments.

Each sub-course has a closed book exam that will be administered at the designated authorized test control facility. Successful completion of the NCOADLC requires a minimum passing score of 70 percent. Students who fail their initial exam with a score of 69 or below are authorized to retest after 72 hours.

Students will have 12 months to complete the course. The 12 month enrollment period is inclusive of requested materials delivery time, as well as the time required to order, schedule, and submit exams for scoring/posting. Student may request an automatic four month extension prior to the end of the initial 12 months of enrollment. However, any other subsequent extension is considered an exception to policy and must be approved by the Thomas N. Barnes Center for Enlisted Professional Military Education, Academic Affairs, Operations Directorate.

This is a <u>challenging</u> course. Potential students should plan to devote time and serious effort toward successful completion of this course. The more students apply themselves to the study of the NCO Academy Distance Learning Course, the more they will learn to prepare themselves to be effective Air Force managers, supervisors and leaders.

Enrollment for the NCO Academy Distance Learning Course is longer accomplished through the local base education office, but rather online via self registration through the Air University Student Information System (AUSIS) website at: https://ausis.maxwell.af.mil/SIS/app.



How to create an NCOADLC account:

- Move cursor over and select "Create Account." Select "NCOA DL Program." This will send the enrollee to the AU Portal to create a student account.
- 2. From the right menu select the "None of the above" option under "New User Account then select "Create New Account" (ensure input is supplied for all bolded fields) select create account.
- 3. Once the account is created (screen message will confirm creation), select login to the AU portal.
- Using left menu fill in "User name" and "Password" and select "Log in – Ok."
- 5. Under "Select a Program to Enroll In," choose NCOADL (Course 00015) (eligibility to enroll in the course will be confirmed click ok) read and check/accept all 3 statements of understanding and select enroll.
- 6. Below the enrollment button is an option to change the Test Control Facility (TCF) Note: 111FW TCF: 190905300-2 that the student will use to test for Course 00015. Students may use this option if they will be away from their home station due to deployment or TDY.
- 7. Media selection upon registration, students will have the option to choose from one of two forms of media: hardcopy books or softcopy, electronic files. If the hardcopy is ordered, it will take a few weeks for the printed materials to be mailed.
- 8. The electronic version will be available for immediate download in PDF format. Due to a software glitch, the student must log out and log back in to see the downloadable files. Click on the "Course Materials" tab to begin downloading the files. There is no difference in the course content between the hardcopy and the PDFs.

Recruiting

Recruit Airmen, reap awards with new ANG Referral Rewards Program

By Tech. Sgt. Kevin Watson 111th FW Recruiting Office

Unit members can now receive some pretty amazing items for "Telling their Guard story" and referring prospective applicants who join the Guard. Some of these items include iPods, flat screen televisions, game consoles, and more.

Individuals referred from unit members' family, friends, and professional circles tend to be of the same quality we're looking for in our future Airmen. Many of our past accessions have been unit referrals. So why not capitalize on what many of us have been doing all along!

Who is eligible? All current or retired ANG unit members are eligible regardless of full-time or part-time status. One of the exclusions is those members currently working in recruiting or retention.

How do you get started? Visit the ANG Referral Rewards Program website

- 1. Sign Up. We recommend that all members register. Why? Even if you currently do not have a referral lead, you may have one in the future.
- 2. Receive Your Welcome Kit. Within two weeks of signing-up, you will receive a Referral Rewards Welcome Kit in the mail. This kit has everything participants need to get started, including their own Referral Rewards Program Code. This four digit code is unique to each member and is what the referred lead will need to give to the recruiter, when they begin accession process.
- 3. Refer Leads. Program participants can start referring leads simply by handing out their personalized business cards from their welcome kits. The welcome kit also includes tips on finding qualified applicants.
- **4.** Choose a Reward. Rewards are redeemed using a tiered system. After a participant's first recruit joins, they choose a reward from the first tier. When their second recruit joins, they pick from the second tier, and so on. The more new airmen a participants finds, the more valuable the reward.



Around the Wing

HERSHEY PARK 'SPECIAL DAY-SPECIAL PEOPLE'

Sunday, Apr. 22, 2012 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 each (ages 3+)

This is a semi-private event—not open to the general public. (Military and other selected groups only.)

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Have you seen this man?

Father Winter



Two years ago, he spent several days accumulating with record snow totals at Philadelphia International Airport: Feb. 5-6, 2010: 28 1/2 inches Feb. 9-10, 2010: 18 inches

This winter, he was briefly seen in Oct. 2011 and Feb. 2012. If you have any information or have seen Father Winter, please contact the 111th Fighter Wing.



FLASHBACK

On Feb. 7, 2010, 49 members of the 111th Medical Group and several support personnel were finally able to depart for medical readiness skills verification training on Oahu, Hawaii.

They were scheduled to leave on Feb. 5, but were delayed two days after the first Nor'easter snow storm hit. They were in Hawaii for the second snow storm, but made it home in time for the third.

First Sergeant Opening







All applicants must:

- Have three years retain ability
- Be a Master Sgt. or Tech. Sgt. eligible for promotion
- Have Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores of at least 41 in administrative and at least 62 in general
- Possess a 7 skill level in your
- Be able to attend the Air Force First Sergeant Academy within 12 months of assignment

Packages must include the following items:

- Resume
- Letter of Intent containing the following statement: "I agree to attend the USAF First Sergeant Academy within 12 months of my assignment. Failure to complete this requirement will result in my removal from the first sergeant position."
- Recent PT test results

Applicants will be required to PT prior to the board interview.

Please refer to the eligibility criteria in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2113, Chapter 7, Page 16, to ensure you are eligible, prior to applying for the position.

If you have any questions, please call (215) 323-8552.

Moving Up, Moving In, Moving Out

RE-ENLISTMENTS

Senior Airman Justin Robbins	201st RHS, Det. 1
Senior Airman Clifton White	111th CF
Senior Airman Tyler Wardenski	111th CF
Staff Sgt. Daniel Dawson	201st RHS, Det. 1
Staff Sgt. Albert Franco	270th EIS
Staff Sgt. William Griffin	201st RHS, Det. 1
Staff Sgt. James Kelly III	201st RHS, Det.1
Staff Sgt. Jared Manbeck	111th SFS
Staff Sgt. Jesse Schuch	111th SFS
Staff Sgt. Brian Soto	111th SFS
Staff Sgt. Charles Young	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Terry Branthaver	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Pamela Ellis	111th LRS
Tech. Sgt. Harry Graham	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Kochanski	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Hugo Murillo	270th EIS
Tech. Sgt. Travis Nelson	201st RHS, Det. 1
Tech. Sgt. Philip Pascoe	111th SFS
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Patrone	111th LRS
Master Sgt. John Hoke	111th CF
Master Sgt. Aileen Letterlough	111th FW
Senior Master Sgt. John Felice	111th AOG
Senior Master Sgt. Steven Labarre	111th FW
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Maund	111th SFS
Chief Master Sgt. Paul Frisco	111th FW

EXTENSIONS

Senior Airman Robert Brown	270th EIS	
Senior Airman Jerome Robbins	111th MDG	
Tech. Sgt. Justin Shellhammer	201st RHS, Det. 1	
Tech. Sgt. Abraham Wheeler	111th MXG	
Master Sgt. Kevin Egan	111th LRS	
Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Junk	111th CF	

RETIREMENTS

111th MDG	23 years
111th MXS	24 years
111th MXS	27 years
111th MXS	22 years
111th LRS	32 years
111th MXS	24 years
111th MXS	29 years
111th MXS	25 years
111th MXS	37 years
201st RHS, Det. 1	32 years
111th FW	23 years
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Register, request absentee ballots for November primaries

Courtesy of Federal Voting Assistance Program

Primary elections to decide who will be on the November 2012 ballots



are underway. Now is the time to submit your registration and ballot request using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). You can also use it to update your email or mailing address, which is crucial in ensuring you receive your ballots. Since many Uniformed Service members are highly mobile, you and your family members should submit a new FPCA whenever you move or are transferred, as well as when you deploy and return from a deployment.

The FPCA and instructions on how to submit it for all states is available online at: www.fvap.gov/map.html. Click on your state, and follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot. Some states allow submitting the FPCA by fax or email, in lieu of regular mail.

For more information about the Federal Voting Assistance Program, call toll-free (800) 438-8683, DSN: 425-1584, email: wote@fvap.gov, or online at: www.fvap.gov, or online at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. To sign-up for state specific election information, visit: www.fvap.gov/contact/subscription.html.

State and Presidential Primaries for 2012

February: Arizona, Michigan

March: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia

April: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Wisconsin

May: Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, West Virginia

June: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina,

South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia

July: North Carolina, Georgia

August: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont,

Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

September: Delaware, Guam, Massachusetts New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Virgin Islands

Congratulations!



to Master Sgt. Andrew Raup,
111th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office,
and his wife Brooke on the
birth of their daughter,
Ryan Nicole Raup,
born Jan. 5 at 9:08 p.m.
weighing 9 lbs. 8 oz.,
21 inches long.





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