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The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organization sponsored a two day résumé writing course on Mar. 17-18 at the 56th Stryker Brigade Headquarters, at Horsham Air Guard Station. Approximately 30 military members and spouses from the 111th Fighter Wing, 56th Stryker Brigade and the Army Reserve Center attended the workshop. Experts in the human resources field were on-hand to assist each potential job seeker with refining their résumé and practicing positive interview techniques. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum.



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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

Can't you see it's raining?

By 1st Lt. Paul Snyder
111th FW Chaplains' Office

How does God prove his love and goodness to people in times of great sadness? God does so in many ways, but here's one example of how he proved it to me.

It was a somewhat rainy, dreary day as I made my way to work that Friday. My grandmother had passed away two nights before, and I had spent the previous evening making travel arrangements for the funeral. And so it was that I was thinking somewhat somber thoughts about the brevity of life and the reality of death. My grandfather had died only 5 months before. Death had finally come to my world, to my family. I realized that the sadness of death would eventually come to all of us. And I wondered how God could make his love evident in these somber circumstances. And then I saw the rain. That is, I really saw it for what it was--the self-revelation of God in nature.

Matthew 5:45b says that, out of love, God "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Paul and Barnabas echo this thought in Acts 14:17 saying that God "did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

The rain is part of God's General Revelation. That is, God has revealed his glorious, divine nature in the heavens (Ps 19:1) and in the variegated complexities of nature (Rom 1:20). Rain is God's love and God's goodness revealed. Throughout Scripture withholding rain is judgment and giving rain is blessing (Deut 11:11-17; 1 King 8:35-36, etc.). Let's not kid ourselves. Rain is needed just as much today as it was back then. No amount of irrigation can overcome a lack of it.

Thus, the correct way to view the rain is opposite to how we normally do. It is not the gray, foreboding, and frowning providence of God that aptly frames a death in the family (funeral scenes in movies notwithstanding). Rightly interpreted, it is just the opposite. It is contrast, a counterpoint to suffering and sadness. The sending of rain is part of God's providential, loving care of his creation and of me as part of his creation. It's his goodness and love displayed to all people.

It was the second stanza of an older hymn which set me on the right path that morning. It framed my grief with hope and helped me to see God's overarching goodness surrounding these dark circumstances. I hope it will for you as well in days of painful grief. I invite you to come by faith and see with new eyes, to interpret correctly God's bountiful care in distilled form--the rain.

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

So, how will you interpret the rain?



1st Lt. Paul Snyder

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Accepting personal responsibility

By Master Sgt. Rebekah Hewes
111th Medical Group

The definition of responsible is: “the ability to choose for oneself between right and wrong, the ability to answer for one’s conduct and obligations.” When someone fulfills these qualities, it is powerful.

Accepting personal responsibility is taking ownership of every decision we make in our lives, both right and wrong. It’s holding ourselves accountable for the choices we make, the words we speak, and the actions we take. It is what defines who we are, as individuals and as Airman.

It is a difficult task yet rewarding to have the boldness of character to believe in ourselves, the decisions we made, to speak our thoughts and ideas, and to act upon our decisions. It is essential we maintain confidence in ourselves: to standby those decisions, words and

actions. If those decisions were flawed, we must be prepared to provide a sincere, humble response.

“All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you.”

Wayne Dyer, professor and self-help advocate

It is too easy to make excuses, display a lack of personal accountability, or express blame. These actions only expose a lack of integrity. Accepting personal responsibility for mistakes exemplifies boldness of character and humility. Nurture your character with self confidence; be proud of your thoughts and ideas. Be your biggest cheerleader in your strive for accepting personal responsibility.



Master Sgt. Rebekah Hewes

“If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.”

— Les Brown, motivational speaker

PA State Command Chief Perspective: “Guardian of Freedom”

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

What does *The Airman’s Creed* mean to you? Hopefully you have seen it or heard it recited. This is the third of a four part piece on what The Airman’s Creed means to me.

The third part of The Airman’s Creed reads:

I am an American Airman,
Guardian of Freedom and Justice,
My Nation’s Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger.
I defend my Country with my life.

I am an American Airman. What that means is defined throughout the creed.

Guardian of Freedom and Justice. One who protects and preserves our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as well as the right to be treated justly with equity and fairness. It’s what we stand for, especially as Guardsmen, and is ingrained in our sense of duty and

honor.

My Nation’s Sword and Shield.

These are symbols of our ability to strike and defend. The sword is a symbol of military power and authority, our willingness to fight to protect and preserve freedom and justice wherever it is threatened. The shield symbolizes our willingness to protect and defend our nation against all aggressors.

Its Sentry and Avenger. As our nation’s sentry, we stand guard in defense of our nation during a time of peace as a sentinel. A line from “A Few Good Men” comes to mind that paints a picture of what this means to me: “...nothing is going to hurt you tonight, not on my watch.” As our nation’s avenger, we are vindicators, taking vengeance on those who have done us or our allies wrong, doing so here at home or overseas in some small corner of the world.



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

I defend my Country with my life. One’s willing to do whatever is needed at any time, even making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our families, our friends, and our County.

Standing for what is right and having the courage to do so is what being a guardian of freedom is all about.

Letters from Abroad

Greetings Willow Grove,

Sorry this letter may seem a bit late and I apologize for that, but our trip has taken us to some trying and interesting places. Some of these places were a bit short on communication so again we apologize for the tardiness of this update.

Currently, it looks like we will be gearing up to relocate and I'm sure we're all really excited about that. The C-Team, comprised of 270th Electronic Installation Squadron (EIS) members along with a few additions from the 243rd EIS from Maine, has completed all of the projects it was sent out here to do ahead of schedule, and with extreme

professionalism.

We continue to pick up additional work in support of some pretty important missions. The engineering and installation community, has without a doubt, proven its worth throughout the various military services and has quite a bit of frequent flyer miles under its belt to prove it.

In the business of forward operating base hopping, we have flown in more helicopters, eaten more meals-ready-to-eat, and taken far fewer showers than any of us could possibly want. For anyone still browsing on Facebook at home, you can find various pictures of Chief Agnew and the fusion cell working hard every day.

Senior Master Sgt. Moyer and various engineering teams have been touring the country side looking for more work for our team while also formulating projects for our brother and sister units on the next rotation. So far, no one has been seriously injured in anyway, so you've got to chalk that up as a successful tour.

Our engineering department has been working on a very large project throughout the country while the 212th EIS from Massachusetts have been doing the installations. They all seem to be doing very well. We've also had some mingling with our AEF counterparts throughout various parts of the country and they

appear to be in high spirits and are putting their nose to the grindstone, providing communications where ever they are needed.

Every one of the three units, currently deployed, are working together seamlessly like one big squadron. Aside from the travel, sleeping arrangements, work and weather, everything is going great.

This has been a wonderful experience thus far, and all parties involved hope and foresee our relationship with the Army to continue. Hope things are going as well at home and hope to see you all soon.

*For the 270th C-Team,
Staff Sgt. Dakota Kauffman*



270th EIS C-Team Members (shown lt. to rt.) are: Maj. Andrew Kalie (kneeling), Tech. Sgt. Darryl Oliver, Master Sgt. Chris Fusco, and Tech. Sgt. Marinko Lemut (kneeling).

Pennsylvania now enforcing **texting while driving** ban

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

On March 8, Pennsylvania began enforcing a statewide law banning the practice of texting while driving. As a primary offense, typing and or reading a text message and web surfing are now grounds for law enforcement authorities to pull you over, and issue you a \$50 fine. Pennsylvania became the 35th state to have such a law in place.

“Drivers that are texting or surfing the web often exhibit many of the same dangerous driving indicators that a person who’s under the influence of drugs or alcohol would display,” said Tech. Sgt. Matthew Crenko, 19 year veteran patrol officer with the City of Bethlehem Police Department and a traditional guardsman with the 111th Security Forces Squadron.

“Swerving, inattentiveness to stopped or slowing traffic conditions, and large speed fluctuations, all are tell-tale signs of an impaired or distracted driver,” he explained. “The distraction factor may have an even greater impact on the young, less experienced driver.”

If you need to urgently send out a text message while driving in your car, Crenko suggests you lean on the side of safety.

Parents should talk to their young driving children about their concerns of distracted driving, ground rules, and the law governing cell phone usage while operating a vehicle. Practicing safe texting just makes good sense.



**Tech. Sgt. Matthew Crenko,
19 year veteran patrol officer,
City of Bethlehem Police Dept.**



Deployed 270th EIS members recognized

By Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs

In January, the 966th Air Expeditionary Squadron in Afghanistan recognized 11 team members of the 270th Electronic Installation Squadron (EIS) for their outstanding achievement while working in a combat zone.

“The average family here lacks a computer, phone, electricity and even running water, but inside the wire, a complicated network of fiber optic cables offers a stiff contrast to the rest of the country,” wrote deployed engineer with the 270th, Maj. Andrew Kalie. “We are working in support of the Army 335th Signal Brigade to install over 60,000 feet of conductor to bolster the fixed communications infrastructure,” he explained.

Some of the many projects the members of the squadron are tackling include: forming and enhancing terrorism detection systems, establishing communication capabilities for control and intelligence gathering data of unmanned aircraft and assisting German coalition forces with their specific and unique communication needs.

Photo by Tech. Sgt Alvin Farrow



Wing recognizes 2011 military retirees

By Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs

On Sunday Mar. 4, the 111th Fighter Wing held their annual Retirement Ceremony recognizing members of the unit that retired within the last year. This year's ceremony recognized 54 unit members with a combined total of 1,500 years of state and federal government service.

Nineteen members attended the event accompanied by their spouses, children, parents and friends. Many current Wing members came out to congratulate former colleagues and families, filling the auditorium to near capacity.

Colonel Howard Eissler, commander of the 111th Fighter Wing, spoke at the engagement and presented tokens of appreciation to the former members and their families. He thanked each of them for their commitments over their many years of service and reminded the gathering about the depth of sacrifice the family endures to allow each unit member, past, present and future, to foster their loved ones ability to serve.

"I'll finally have my weekends back," said now retired Master Sgt. Marc Alexander, formerly an A-10 phase inspection technician with the 111th Maintenance Group. "I'm able to spend more time with my family, continue building my personal business, and have more time to focus on my education. I will however miss the team project achievement environment and all the great people I've worked with over the years."

Sergeant Alexander completed his 22 year military career last December. He continues his service to the federal government working as a quality assurance inspector with the Defense Contract Management Agency, verifying strict manufacturing conformance on a broad spectrum of government procured components.

"The training, guidance and experience I've been so accustomed to working in the aircraft maintenance field translated well into my new career," said Alexander.

Colonel Howard "Skip" Eissler, 111th FW Commander, (shown fourth from the left) poses with last year's retirees: SSgt Conal McBride 201st RHS, MSgt Jesse Mains 111th MSG, SMSgt. William Diaz 201st RHS, SMSgt James Gray 201st RHS, SMSgt Phillip Brumback 111th LRS, TSgt Robert Fisher 111th MXG, MSgt Joseph Scheid 111th FW, SMSgt Nicole Fulton 111th FW, MSgt David Pritts 111th MXG, TSgt Charles Flynn 111th FSS, LtCol Michael Kierod 270th EIS, MSgt Todd Greiser 111th MXG, MSgt Marc Alexander 111th MXG, SMSgt Charles Carroll 270th EIS, TSgt George Rowland 111th MXG, MSgt Scott Geshel 111th FW, MSgt Mary Murphy 111th MXG, MSgt Phillip Wedgie 111th MXG and MSgt Patrick Cashin 111th FW.

Photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum



Annual Retiree Dinner

Every year on the first Monday in April, Wing members and retirees come together for a dinner, where they enjoy good food, laughter, reflect, and pay tribute to former and fallen members.

This year's dinner was held on April 2 at the La Casa Di Lucias Restaurant in Northeast Philadelphia, Pa. Over 100 former members attended the event with the most senior retired member, Tech. Sgt. William Myers, age 93, having retired from the unit in 1979.

To volunteer to help or attend next year's event, contact Senior Master Sgt. (ret.) Vincent Celenza at (215) 728-6008 or visit the Air Force Retiree Office located in building 203.

The mission of your Wing Equal Opportunity Office

By 2nd Lt. Belitza Hernandez
111th FW Equal Opportunity Office

The mission of the 111th Fighter Wing (FW) Equal Opportunity (EO) Office is to improve overall mission effectiveness by assisting commanders, at all levels, in supplying methods to promote an atmosphere that is free from personal, social or institutional obstacles. Enduring these potential obstructions could possibly prevent members from reaching levels of their highest possible achievement and responsibility.

During drill weekends, the 111th FW EO Office is staffed by 2nd Lt. Belitza Hernandez and Master Sgt. Carolyn Debuque. Lieutenant Hernandez and Sergeant Debuque may be seen performing “out & about” greetings in your squadron: promoting messages, benefits, and concerns of the 111th EO mission. If you have any questions regarding Equal Opportunity, please stop by and visit us in building 203, room 226 or call: (215) 323-7171.

Drug & Alcohol Program – Alarming Trend

In recent years there has been an alarming rise of Airmen using synthetic marijuana called Spice, Legal Phunk or K2. Spice is a new designer drug which produces paranoia, hallucinations, increases suicidal tendencies and can cause long bouts of psychosis among other symptoms. The drug is legal in some states resulting in easy access and a perception that the use of the drug is lawful. Recently, the federal government banned a number of the chemicals that are used in the manufacture of K2.

Spice is banned in the state of Pennsylvania and doesn't show up in some current drug testing methods. The makers of Spice are constantly changing the chemical compound, making it difficult to adapt drug testing methods. While Spice may not currently be screened for during the drug testing process, the current Air Force policy is

to treat Airmen found with Spice in their possession as a positive drug test result. The usage of such products is subject to Uniform Code of Military Justice punishment. The Air Force has pursued prosecution of approximately 500 Airmen last year alone.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

In March of 2011, the DEA enacted its emergency scheduling authority to control several chemicals used to make synthetic marijuana products. Similar to other control substances, the chemicals used to produce synthetic marijuana products are now under federal control and regulation, making possessing and selling these chemicals or the products that contain them illegal in the United States. DEA officials felt this action was necessary to prevent an imminent threat to public health and safety. According to a DEA press release: “Emergency room physicians report that individuals that use these types of products experience serious side effects which include: convulsions, anxiety attacks, dangerously elevated heart rates, increased blood pressure, vomiting, and disorientation.”

Published reports on the DEA website: www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm cite that spice contains HU-210, a synthetic cannabinoid hundreds of times more potent than THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the main psychoactive substance in marijuana. DEA studies also showed spice to contain a high quantity of other synthetic chemicals, indicating a user may not realize what is being introduced into the body.

Photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum



2nd Lt. Belitza Hernandez and Master Sgt. Carolyn Debuque, 111th FW Equal Opportunity Office

U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense (DOD)

Both the Air Force and DOD have a zero tolerance policy regarding illegal substance use or possession, and Airmen are subject to Uniform Code of Military Justice punishment. In January of 2011, Air Force officials updated Air Force Instruction (AFI) 44-120, Military Drug Demand Reduction Program (www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-120.pdf). Three months later, they issued an updated guidance memorandum for AFI 44-121 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-121.pdf). The revisions prohibit the ingestion and possession of any substance, other than alcohol or tobacco, for the purpose of altering mood or function.



Photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum

Meet the Member: Retired Master Sgt. John Tow Shanton

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

In 1975 at the age of 35, new recruit John Tow Shanton enlisted in the Pa. Air National Guard. Shanton joined the 111th Tactical Air Support Group, 103rd Tactical Air Support Squadron, as a reconnaissance, observation, mark, and destroy (ROMAD) member. His job was being the 'eyes and ears on the ground' for forward air control and attack aircraft, calling in air strikes on enemy positions.

"Putting off joining the military until the age of 35 made basic training a true challenge," Shanton explained. "It was a now or never decision as the age cut-off for enlisting was rapidly approaching."

Shanton retired from the 111th in 2000, after 25 years of service, but continues to serve the Wing. As a volunteer, Shanton comes in regularly to help Master Sgt. (ret.) Jim Waibel with preserving the history of the Wing. And like the Wing, Shanton too has a rich history and story to tell.

Shanton was born in Singapore during World War II at the onset of Japan's conquest across the Pacific region. His family migrated to the

countryside to avoid summary justice (a swift trial or other judicial action without due process resulting in arbitrary and unfair judgment). Summary justice is frequently imposed upon people by the occupying régime.

"As martial law was imposed and the country settled in during the occupation, my father was able to quickly learn the Japanese language," said Shanton. "He became an asset as a translator for the new court system."

"After the Japanese were defeated in 1945, my father and I left Singapore to return to my father's country of China," Shanton explained. "Unfortunately, the onset of Communism forced us to leave shortly thereafter. I remember us being late for the steam ship out of the country back to Singapore. As the ship rolled out, we were able to jump onto a launch boat, chase down the steamer and climb the gangplank onto the ship."

After high school, Shanton left Singapore and immigrated to the United States. He attended Shelton College and graduated with a bachelor degree in education. He attended seminary for a period of time, and later was hired by Univac, a large computer firm.

"It was my Air Force electronics training that landed



Master Sgts. (ret.) Jim Waibel and John Tow Shanton

me the job," Shanton said. "The Air Force teaches you respect, to follow orders and how to get things done. A successful supervisor should always be a responsive mentor to your people. I eventually became the regional senior field service engineer and worked with the company for 19 years before I decided to leave."

Shanton is now an owner of a small janitorial business in the Baltimore area. He is a six time published author on a variety of subjects to include: high-efficiency cars, business methods, and rare watches. He is working on a seventh book about well-built 3-wheel high-efficiency cars. He's also an accomplished model builder, primarily aircraft, all built from scratch. His dream was to learn to fly, but his eyesight and personal finances prevented him from doing so.

Reflecting on his military career, Shanton said "It was an honor to be of service to the state and country. Being part of this organization makes me proud. I have always regarded my stepping up to the plate with all who are red, white and true blue in the defense of our great country to be one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. I'm excited to be working in the Wing History Office. Our unit is a truly wonderful group, rich in history, and so worthy of preservation."





Image courtesy of U.S. Army Reserves website

We are citizen soldiers, both on and off duty

By Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum
111th FW Public Affairs



Terroristic threats on our communities, state, nation and abroad are just as real today as they were on 9/11. Simply shredding off our uniform after drill weekend does not remove our obligation to “protect and defend.”

Law enforcement entities cannot be everywhere, see everything, or detect suspicious activity continually. Each of us should be there to assist them.

Terrorists attempt to have their way through illegal intimidation measures. Some of the numerous motivators may be to overthrow political beliefs, religious freedoms or ethnic equalities. Typically, the terrorist is strongly driven by the unyielding belief that their actions will make the world a better place by forcing the morals of their organization or faction upon us all.

Are potential terrorists in your neighborhood? Is Pennsburg, Pa. close enough? Colleen LaRosa, also known as Jihad Jane, was arrested in 2009 and later pleaded guilty to several charges

to include: actively recruiting terrorists, conspiracy to support terrorist activity and plotting to murder a Swedish artist for his drawing of the Prophet Muhammad’s head on the body of a dog.

The military base may not be the only location susceptible to a terroristic act. Your malls, movie theaters, workplaces and worship centers may in fact be just the right soft target for an attack. Terrorists have and do live among us. For that reason, each of us must remain vigilant for the potential warning signs and at times follow our inner “spidee-sense” that something just doesn’t seem right. Some of the things we can do to protect against the potential of these activities may be:

Avoid stereotyping

Had you seen any pictures of Timothy McVeigh, 1995 bomber of the federal building in Oklahoma wearing an Afghani turban (traditional Islamic male headwear)? Doubtful. Terrorists can come from any country, nationality, religion, ethnicity or political environment.

Stay alert for abnormal activity:

Being aware of the normalcies in your community does not mean you need

to be the peering out your front window like Gladys Kravitz from *Bewitched*. Simply taking notice of the day-to-day workings of your neighborhood and community would provide you with clues if something may be amiss. Has there been an up-tic in vandalism at your nearby synagogue? Are seemingly large quantities of fertilizer being delivered to the modest size home down the road? Stay informed of local news items. Be cautious however, not always putting two and two together makes four. Let commonsense, judgment and experience be your guide.

While at work, have you been receiving unusual access requests at your place of work or a series of questions regarding the schedule of senior members of your firm? When examining employee identification cards for access, have you noticed the possibility of tampering or possible counterfeiting efforts. These situations may trigger some degree of concern.

Report suspicious activity with accurate and timely information:

There are two essential elements to reporting your concerns and insights to a potential threat of violence: accuracy and timeliness. Report what you witnessed. Avoid adding juicy embellishments to the report. Pay close attention to the details such as a solid description of the person or individuals: hair color, height, body type and any distinguishing tattoos or scars. Taking note of the vehicle types, notable damage to the body or marking such as signs or bumper stickers, licenses plate numbers and times would be of great value to law enforcement agencies. Make an evaluation. Is this an emergency or potentially a crisis situation? If so, immediately dial 911 from on base or off. The contact number for Security Forces dispatch is (215) 323-8600.

Maybe you have a suspicion but it may not need immediate reporting. You can pass that information along to authorities using local crime tip lines. Two resources for reporting your concerns are:

Pennsylvania State Police

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David R. MacLean
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Moving Up, Moving In, Moving Out

RE-ENLISTMENTS

Senior Airman Daryl White	270th EIS
Staff Sgt. Jehon Bendokas	111th MDG
Staff Sgt. Matthew Dechant	111th CF
Staff Sgt. Rosemarie Perry	111th MDG
Tech. Sgt. James Mehlberger Jr.	111th AOG
Tech. Sgt. William Price	201st RHS, Det. 1
Senior Master Sgt. Gary Lake	111th LRS

PROMOTIONS

To Senior Airman

Samantha Cash	201st RHS, Det. 1
Brandon Mowers	270th EIS
Nickolas Perez	201st RHS, Det. 1

To Staff Sergeant

Dimitrus Alston	270th EIS
Scott Davis	111th AOG
Scott Mesko	201st RHS, Det. 1
Reinaldo Peluzzo III	111th SFS
Justin Robbins	201st RHS, Det. 1
Patrick Salmon	111th CPTF
Keith Schuch	111th SFS
Kevin Schuch	111th FSS
Stephen Scull	111th SFS
Derrick Smith	111th SFS

PROMOTIONS (Continued)

To Technical Sergeant

Gretchen Bentler	201st RHS, Det. 1
Alexander Gamble	111th SFS
Sean Matraszek	111th SFS
Jeffrey Schurr	111th SFS

To Master Sergeant

Roberto Brabham	111th MDG
Marie Chernes	270th EIS
Christopher Coyne	201st RHS, Det. 1
Anthony Henderson	111th FSS
Benjamin Long	270th EIS
Troy Martin	111th AOG
Dana McCue	111th AOG
Joshua Nichols	111th AOG

To Senior Master Sergeant

Robert Ipri	201st RHS, Det. 1
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To First Lieutenant

Joann Kennedy	111th MDG
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To Major

Matthew Perry	111th AOG
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Congratulations!

*to Master Sgt. Joshua Nichols,
111th Air Operations Group,
wife Cortney and daughter
Lexi on the birth of
Clara Marie Nichols,
born Mar. 1 at 8:12 a.m.
weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz.,
20 inches long.*



Congratulations!



to Staff Sgt. Christopher Irwin,
111th Air Operations Group,
and his wife Nicole
on the birth of their
first child, a son,
Zackary Ryan Irwin,
born Feb. 29 at 4:08 a.m.
(Leap Year Day)
weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz.,
21 1/4 inches long.



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