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## UPCOMING WING EVENTS

### June UTA

#### Sunday

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



**HOMETOWN  
HEROES  
&  
BASE FAMILY DAY**

**JUNE 24, 2012**

**111th Fighter Wing/ 56th SBCT/ Army Reserve**  
**1051 Fairchild Street Horsham, PA 19044**

Join us and celebrate our Hometown Heroes & Family Day with food, games, raffles, entertainment, and etc. For details call the Family Program Office at 215-323-7132 \*\*\*RAIN OR SHINE\*\*\*  
**\*\*\* Time: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. \*\*\***

### Cover photo:

Members of the 111th Fighter Wing, Team “111th Air Guard Argonauts,” train on the Schuylkill River May 8 in preparation for the upcoming Dragon boat races scheduled for Jun. 2. The event will feature head-to-head competition between various military organizations to include: the 111th, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and local Navy and Marine components. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum.



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The deadline for submissions to the June issue of the Sandy Hog Gazette is May 30. E-mail articles and photos for consideration to: [pa.111fw@ang.af.mil](mailto:pa.111fw@ang.af.mil).

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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.



## Aviation history solidly rooted at Horsham Air Guard Station

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

On April 25, former dedicated service member to the 111th Fighter Wing “A-10A aircraft 76-0516” made what is presumed to be its final move onto the grounds of the Delaware Valley Historic Aircraft Association (DVHAA) Museum. Relocated by a team of aviation enthusiasts and wing members, the aircraft transitioned from its familiar runways and tarmac, across roadways, and freshly cut lawns to its new home on the slab of cement, perfect for securing and proudly displaying the aircraft.

Aircraft 516 began its service with the 111th in 1992. The aircraft was designated as a weapons load trainer. It served as a training platform for countless aircraft maintenance technicians in honing their skills, increasing their proficiency and developing troubleshooting techniques. Now owned by the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, it has been officially designated as a GA-10A, the aircraft is now on loan to the museum for display purposes.

Joseph Meyers, 12 year volunteer and current director of operations with the museum lead the relocation effort for the aircraft. “The A-10 is certain to be a premiere addition and attraction to the expanding organization,” he said.

“The museum has its origins dating back to the 1940’s, but our expansions have really developed within the last 20 years,” he added. “We’re now up to 19 aircraft in work or available for display and plan on several additional aircraft in the near future. In early summer, we’ll be relocating the P-3 Orion submarine finder from the other side, of what was formally known as the Willow Grove Naval Air Station to its former display area near the museum. Other acquisitions in the works include a 1929 Pitcairn Mailwing and a Vietnam era F-4 Phantom drone which is

currently located in California.”

The museum is operated and maintained by an all-volunteer force. “In the aircraft restoration area alone, we have upwards of 50 passionate members contributing whatever time they can afford to prepare, preserve and maintain the public display aircraft,” said Myers.

“The museum is currently visited by about 1,000 people per month. Our overall operations are funded primarily by charitable donations. Contributing to the operating funds, our gift shop has recently gone to on-line sales in an effort to increase our revenues. Currently, we are restructuring our organizational board to explore additional avenues of revenues such as grants,” Meyers explained. Continuing, he said, “Our overall goal is to keep the local aviation history thriving. We hope to someday have an example of each type of aircraft that served here at Willow Grove.”

Plans for the museum’s real estate expansion and permanent location are still in the confirmation stages with local township leadership and planning commission authorities with Horsham Township.



**A-10 aircraft 76-0516 is moved Apr. 25 from the base onto the grounds of the Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association Museum.**



**Volunteers pose next to Aircraft 76-0516 on Apr. 25, after moving the A-10 aircraft. Shown (back row, left to right) are: Jeff Markley, Joe Meyers, Ron Wagner, John Muhlig, Nick Weremeychick, Chief Master Sgt. Jim Tobolski, and (front row, kneeling left to right) Dick Steinle and Mark Hurwitz.**

The Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association Museum is located a mere tenth of a mile outside of the base and is well worth a visit by anyone interested in aviation or military history. The museum is open from Weds. through Fri. 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule a group tour, visit their web site at [www.wingsoffreedommuseum.org](http://www.wingsoffreedommuseum.org).



# *In the Local Community*



Members of the 111th Air Guard Argonauts (shown left to right) are: Master Sgt. Rebekah Hewes, Senior Master Sgt. Rick Lake, Airman 1st Class Jolene Lauer, Airman 1st Class Kelsie Trago, Lt. Col. Scott Hreso, Tech. Sgt. Talita Carmona, Tech. Sgt. David Cossaboon, Master Sgt. Timothy Knight, 2nd Lt. Charese Baston, Master Sgt. Andrew Raup, Senior Master Sgt. John Finchen, Senior Airman James Derbyshire, and Senior Airman David DiGiuseppe.



## **111th Air Guard 'Argonauts' train for upcoming Dragon boat race**

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

On the heels of the Dad Vail Regatta held in Philadelphia in mid-May, the 111th Fighter Wing assembled volunteers to participate in this year's Dragon boat races scheduled for Jun. 2 along the shores of the Schuylkill River.

The event will feature head-to-head

competition between various military organizations to include: the 111th, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and local Navy and Marine components.

Currently, the 111th Fighter Wing's team is comprised of 22 volunteers from various work centers and squadrons practicing weekly in order to prepare for the competition.

The self-adopted name, the 111th Air Guard Argonauts, is led by team leader

and chief of safety, Lt. Col. Scott Hreso.

"Although not everyone can make practice on each scheduled evening, everyone will have had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals and rhythm necessary to make us a serious threat," said Hreso.

The all-day race by Boat House Row in June will pit a total of 60 teams against one another, in a variety of classes.



## Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Week

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

April 22 marked the start of the first ever national Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Week. Brought about by the outbreak of hundreds of devastating tornados spawned during this week one year ago, being prepared for the realistic threat could be essential for your survival.

### **Make a plan:**

Here at the Horsham Air Guard Station, experts at the emergency response office are dedicated to formulating response actions to a broad spectrum of potential threats, natural or man-made.

During that week, the 111th Communications Flight exercised their joint incident sight communication capability kit or simply

JISCC. The self-contained, portable communications hub offers rapidly deployed and quick establishment as a communications switchboard. Capable of a vast array of communications options, the unit can be setup near a disaster area to provide cell phone relay, patching of hand-held radio transmissions to phone or live feed video via satellite.

Do you have a plan in place for your family? A rapidly approaching tornado towards your town leaves little time to gather essential items such as critical documents, necessary medications or to develop a family member meet-up point. Identify a designed safe area in or near your home and know where the local evacuation and sheltering buildings are in your neighborhood.

Having essential information for each member of your family at your fingertips such as dates of birth, social security numbers and medication information may aid first aid or medical professionals in identification and treatment of injuries.

If you have school aged children, become familiar with their school's particular emergency plans. You should have contact names and phone numbers at a minimum. If no plan exists for your school or other frequently visited places such as your church, volunteer

to help develop a course of action.

### **Be ready for the**

**long haul:** Last fall, the south central part of Pa. encountered devastating floods. Two rapidly moving storm events within days of each other left many towns virtually under water. As you drive through the Harrisburg area even today, reconstruction projects are still in work. It can happen here and it can happen to you.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends having a three day supply of food and water available. A battery operated or hand generated radio and flash lights are a must. Remember, these items will need maintenance and replacement even though they are in storage. Batteries and food items expire over time and will require replacement.

Don't take nature and your family security for granted. Within moments things can turn from bad to devastating. Two great resources to help you develop your plan are the FEMA website, online at: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and calling the 111th Emergency Management (EM) Office at: (215) 323-8233. The EM office frequently gathers important information, and develops newsletters and quick reference items, that could potentially save a life.



**Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Urbach, radio frequency transmission technician, and Senior Airman Pareshkumar Brahmbhatt, infrastructure technician, both with the 111th Communications Flight, carefully position a telescopic antenna base to prepare for the JISCC telecommunications exercises. The team assembles, extends, and secures the nearly 40 foot temporary radio tower to enhance radio and satellite reception.**



## Earth Day

**Recognized annually, practiced daily**

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



April 22, 2012 marked the 42nd year of the origins of Earth Day. The day is dedicated to the awareness and appreciation of our environment. The Air Force and Air National Guard, in concert with federal, state and community proclamations, are committed to environmental compliance, conservation, pollution-prevention and restoration efforts.

Captain Seth Foulkes, environmental manager for the 111th Fighter Wing, has the lead role locally for ensuring regulatory compliance and educating all base personnel and installation leadership on programs and progress concerning base environmental impact issues.

"The Air Force theme for this year's Earth Day event is conserve today, preserve tomorrow by focusing on pollution prevention," said Foulkes. "We are making great strides in doing our part. Last quarter, over 30% of our solid waste collected was diverted from a landfill into a recycling stream. In the last six months, we've managed to redirect over 25 tons of trash material into a process for reuse. That's recycling."

"We have additional waste streams for recycling aside from the typical dumpster trash such as used motor oil, waste fuels and lead-acid batteries. In the second quarter of this fiscal year, we turned in 3,500 pounds of lead-acid batteries. Recycling these, mainly automotive or equipment

batteries, prevents toxic metals from contaminating the soil and our waterways."

Foulkes reminds us to be cautious about what we throw into our blue recycling baskets in our office areas and the green dumpster located around the base. "Some of the common items found in the bins that are not recycled here on the base are Styrofoam packing material and cups, wax coated cardboard and soiled food containers such as pizza boxes." Certainly, no materials such as dry cell batteries, florescent light tubes, or hazardous material/waste should be disposed of in either type dumpster. Capt Foulkes says that if you are in doubt, please give him a call before you discard any questionable material in one of the dumpsters.

What are some of the things you can do at home to foster an earth friendly approach to recycling and environmental protection? Check your local township and county's web sites to see if they offer special collection days. Many locations will promote days that household items such as unused paints, flammables and corrosive cleaner will be accepted. Be aware that many of the outdated, broken or unwanted electronics we dispose of contain lead or batteries. Sitting in a landfill, these contaminates over time will transfer to the groundwater. Several large electronics stores offer collection of televisions, stereos, computers and monitors every day.

## Spring clean-up reflects the pride we have for our base

**By Col. Howard Eissler, 111th FW Commander**

The first base clean-up day this year was a great success! The strictly volunteer participation program helped to correct winter weather damages, landscaping improvements and trash removal. While the name of the event is base clean up, it really is an analogy of what we need to be doing as a unit. Our (federal) mission here at the 111th is to produce the best operational unit(s) possible for the Air Force. To do that, we need to continually look for areas of improvement. There is not a job or process on this base that cannot be improved upon - we just need to work together as a team to implement improvement. So, the base clean-up is just that, a metaphor.

It is very visible to every member of this base, as well to our tenants and visitors, that we have many areas that can be improved upon. By bringing the talent of the 111th members together, as a team, we can see immediate improvements. I feel the same can be done in every other area as well, from support to operations, everything can be improved. Once we embrace the mindset that our job is to make these continual improvements, our unit will do nothing but excel.

All members can contribute to this effort. While the manual labor is important, it is just as important to know that the leadership of the 111th will listen to ideas of every member and will attempt to implement any and every good idea out there. Everyone in the unit should feel empowered to bring suggestions (with solutions) to problems they see on this base, and together, as a team, we can make this a better place to come to work every day. We are starting with ideas for what flowers go in the flower pots and I expect that mindset to progress to how we can better do 2096s, how we can better work deployments, how we can better provide medical service, and ultimately how we can better provide full up rounds for the Air Force in times of need.

One of the worst ruts a unit can get stuck in is relying on the ole "we've always done it that way." Base clean-up is our time to embrace a new attitude to tackle challenges, to work together, and to improve this unit. If you have any ideas to make your work area a better place, talk them over with your coworkers and supervisor. From the youngest airman to most senior of officers, you are an integral part of this installation. Your ideas are the result of the pride and care you take in your work and your environment.



## Energy conservation

**By Chief Master Sgt. Christian Haas**  
**111th FW Facilities Management Superintendent**

How would you like to save \$1,800 a month? The 111th Fighter Wing's average electric bill for a month is \$43,121 and the average Natural Gas bill for a month is \$15,899. The ANG goal is to reduce 3% of our energy consumption annually. We conduct random daily facility inspections. We have unoccupied buildings with lights on and heat going full bore. Then, the occupied buildings have the heat up to 80 degrees or the air conditioning down to 65 degrees. REALLY! I know there are thermostat issues out there, which we are working on, but there are precious few reasons where the thermostats are functioning properly.

We all need improve on conserving energy. We can start by just following a few easy steps: Keep the thermostat set at

68 degrees for heating and 78 degrees for air conditioning. This is an Air Combat Command and Air National Guard policy. Use fewer lights in your area. Turn lights out when you leave for extended periods of time. When you leave an unoccupied area, turn the lights off. These are just some simple things that go a long way for energy reduction.

You will notice more energy conserving products being installed around the base. We plan to install more of the motion sensors to turn lights on and off after a certain period in time. Additionally, you will start seeing more light emitting diode lighting (LED) units. These LED bulbs are even more efficient than standard fluorescent and compact fluorescent lighting. You have



**Chief Master Sgt. Christian Haas**

likely seen these advertised at your local home center. Higher efficient boilers are coming and will be installed starting this year.

Energy conserving plans include direct digital control systems to vary the heating and cooling of your facility and even lighting from a central computer. There is no input from the user. This will be all controlled from Base Civil Engineering. There will be high efficient heating and cooling units installed without using environmentally harmful cooling chemicals -- not only energy efficient but environmentally friendly!

How would you like to see a solar panel field on the flight line area someday or maybe some wind mills? Think about it; the less we consume the more we save. Let's use these savings to our advantage and get off the electrical grid so the electric company will pay us. I need everyone to take a personal attack on energy waste and be proactive with conservation. It is your tax dollars being wasted or saved.

If you have any innovated ideas please contact me. I need some "out of the box" thinking. Remember, this is about you and your tax dollars.



### **First Lady Obama, Dr. Biden visit UPenn**

On April 12, the University of Pennsylvania hosted First Lady, Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joseph Biden, to introduce a program geared towards improving medical care for service members.

Members of the 111th Medical Group were on hand and applauded the enhancements proposed to aid nurses and other medical professionals in the recognition and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, post-deployment depression and traumatic brain injury.

# Around the Wing



## Meet the Member: Tech. Sgt. Jason Renner

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

A longtime member of the Pa. Air Guard, Tech. Sgt. Jason Renner transferred in 2010 to the 270th Electronic Installation Squadron (EIS) as a traditional Guardsman. Having served 16 years as a member of the 211th EIS, based out of Fort Indiantown Gap, he has since become a full-time member of the 111th.

Renner, a life-long resident in the Levittown area, has been interested in the electronics field since his high school days. Before joining the National Guard, he attended several training schools in his chosen vocation to include Pennco Technical and Training School and the Cleveland Institute of Electronics. Outside of his military

profession as a project coordinator within the 270th, one of his hobbies includes diagnostics and repair of a variety of home electronics.

Prior to his full-time employment with the unit, Renner worked with a diverse list of consumer electronics firms such as Sony, DaySequerra and Sirius XM. "I wore many hats in my previous

positions; from product manufacturing to engineering technician and production manager," said Renner.

"At my previous position, my job became a casualty of corporate mergers and consolidation of departments during a time of economic down-turn. My association with the 270th yielded an opportunity I could not resist. I fit in just right here".

Last year, Renner was recognized by the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) as a project Team Leader of the year. DISA is responsible for the Department of Defense's communication, integration, enhancement and upgrade worldwide. Working within DISA, he coordinates with other agencies for these improvements or needs in a start to finish concept.

"You're really family here", he said. "I have a true sense of the differences between my civilian positions and my new found job here. Not only is the task at hand well laid out for you here, but the continual support you receive from supervisors and leadership brings a camaraderie not often found in the corporate world. It's the people and the support network within the Wing that makes the difference."



The "Minuteman Report" highlights news, current events and items of significance within the National Guard.



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# Higher Education

## THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNOUNCES ITS 2012 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

THE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLANS TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION. TWO WILL BE \$2,000 EACH, ONE WILL BE \$1,500, ONE WILL BE \$1,000, FOUR WILL BE \$500 AND AS MANY ADDITIONAL \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any member of the Pennsylvania Army or Air National Guard, or child of a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard who died or was permanently disabled while on National Guard duty, is eligible for a Scholarship Fund grant. Grants are made without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Enlistment of the Guard member must be valid and in effect during the academic term for which the Scholarship is awarded. If necessary to meet this requirement, Reenlistment or Extension of Enlistment may be arranged through Guard member's commander. Officers must continue membership in the Pennsylvania National Guard during the academic term for which the Grant was made.

### -TWO STUDENT CATEGORIES-

Category I - Individuals entering an institution of higher education as a full-time (12 credit hours) student for the first time.

Category II - Individuals presently attending college or vocational school as a full-time (12 credit hours) student. **(Graduate students are not eligible for this program)**

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING SCHOLARSHIP....LEADERSHIP....CITIZENSHIP

The applicants receiving the two highest ratings will each be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. The third highest rating will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and the fourth highest rating will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The next three highest Division Soldiers will receive a \$500 grant and a \$500 USAA Grant will be awarded to the next highest rating. Additional awards (number to be determined by the Board of Directors) based on highest rated submissions will each receive a \$500 scholarship. The grants are provided through the generosity of the Pennsylvania National Guard Associations, the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, USAA, and individual contributors.

The military rank of the applicant or his or her family members will not be a selection consideration.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR APPLICATION FORMS, CONTACT:

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## EAP APPLICATION



**Fall 2012**  
**Spring 2013**  
**Summer 2013**

Applications are located outside our office in  
**Bldg 203 Room 105**

**All first time users see either  
MSgt Parker or TSgt Carmona**

*First time user of the program will receive different EAP package!*



**Deadline to submit  
to Retention Office  
June UTA (23-24)**

You can also find application on the  
Y:drive

(Y:\111fw Shared\Retention\Information  
Hand-outs\EAP\Applications)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday of May 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

Chicken or Beef  
Fajitas, Refried  
Beans w/ Cheese,  
Mexican Style  
Corn, Taco Bowl,  
Nacho Bar, Chili  
Con Carne Soup

### Sunday

Fetticini w/ Meat,  
Marinara or  
Alfredo Sauce,  
Chicken Parmesan,  
Broccoli, Carrots,  
Garlic Bread, Bean  
w/ Bacon Soup

**Alternative  
Selection:**  
Stuffed Shells

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



# ***Moving Up, Moving In, Moving Out***

## **PROMOTIONS**

### **To Airman 1st Class**

Zackery Ellingsworth                      201st RHS, Det. 1

### **To Senior Airman**

James Derbyshire Jr.                      201st RHS, Det. 1  
Jacklyn Perrie                              201st RHS, Det. 1  
Brandon Richettakinnaman                201st RHS, Det. 1  
Tyler Schroy                                201st RHS, Det. 1  
Ibn Spence                                  201st RHS, Det. 1

### **To Staff Sergeant**

Jessica Berger                              111th MDG  
Anthony Fleming                            111th SFS  
Jeremy Leboon                              201st RHS, Det. 1

### **To Technical Sergeant**

Scott Trago                                 270th EIS

### **To Master Sergeant**

Darryl Oliver                                270th EIS

### **To Senior Master Sergeant**

Richard Egges                              111th FSS  
Christopher Fusco                         270th EIS

## **RETIREMENTS**

Staff Sgt. Charles Young    23 years    201st RHS, Det. 1  
Maj. Byron McMillan        29 years    111th FSS

## **RE-ENLISTMENTS**

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Watson                      111th FSS  
Master Sgt. Roberto Brabham                111th MDG

## **EXTENSIONS**

Tech. Sgt. Randy Barlip                      201st RHS, Det. 1



### **Statewide News:**

View newsletters of our sister units:

193rd Special Operations Wing  
"The Scope"

[www.193sow.af.mil](http://www.193sow.af.mil)

171st Air Refueling Wing  
"Tanker Times"

[www.171arw.af.mil](http://www.171arw.af.mil)

Pa. Guardians Magazine  
[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public\\_affairs\\_office/13469](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_affairs_office/13469)

### **National News:**

On Guard Magazine  
Published every Jan., April, July,  
Oct. <http://www.ng.mil/features/onguard-mag/default.aspx>

Airman Magazine  
Published bi-monthly and  
now available online: [www.airmanonline.af.mil](http://www.airmanonline.af.mil)

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