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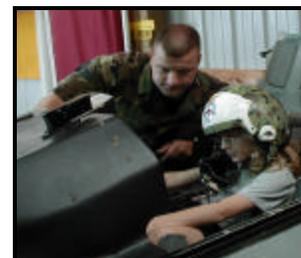
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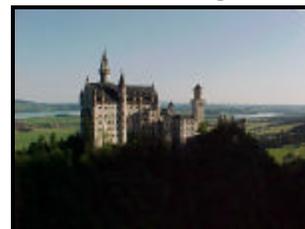
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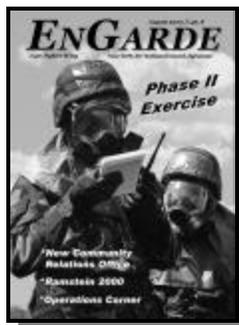
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About The Cover

In preparation for the September Phase II Inspection, 174th personnel practice donning their chemical warfare ensemble in response to a simulated chemical/biological attack on base.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Focus On Today, Focus On The Future

The one thing about being a member of the 174th Wing that you can count on is that things will never be dull. Take this month, for example. The August drill is our final preparation for next month's Phase 2 ORI. Base-wide you will see people conducting training in Chem gear, sweeping buildings for UXOs, generating, turning and flying F-16s, and in general 'fine tuning' their sections for the upcoming inspections. We have finally received approval from the Commander of Air Combat Command for our proposed scenario, we are being inundated with visitor requests from other Guard and Reserve units who want to see how the new, streamlined ORI will work, and the final details for the conduct of the in-

spection are quickly falling into place. While all of this preparation comes together for our immediate future, other events have happened that will ensure a bright future for this wing in the coming years.

I am writing this column literally minutes after receiving a press release from Congressman Walsh's office announcing that the 174th will be receiving Block 30 F-16s to replace our Block 25s, and that we will be receiving the first of the next generation Advanced Targeting Pods in the ANG; and in fact, we will be the first unit in the entire Air Force to be equipped with this capability to detect and precisely target. Yes, it means that we will be going through

another conversion within the next three years, but this one will be less difficult than the last, and should be quicker. As



Col. Robert Knauff
174th FW, Commander

we do not know the exact dates, at this time we cannot be sure of any possible impact on next year's AEF deployment, and until we know otherwise, we should continue to plan on deploying as scheduled in August. Overall, these changes here at Hancock help assure the longevity and stability of the wing, and help bridge our current generation of fighter aircraft to the next.

And regarding the ORI next month; remember, this drill is our last opportunity to ask questions and figure out our problems before the inspectors show up. Let's make this one count.

174th Fighter Wing Pays Tribute To A Fallen Airman



Staff Sergeant Kristopher Heim died Tuesday July 4th as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was a guardsmen in the Avionics Intermediate Shop (AIS). Kris came to the 174th FW from the active duty Air Force where he spent four years as a Avionics Test Station Journeyman on the F-15 aircraft. He graduated in May 2000 with high honors from SUNY Brockport with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education. He planned a teaching career starting in September. Kris was a strong team player, and demonstrated a positive "can do" attitude.

He will be missed!



Just the FAQs on the 174th Community Relations Office

By Master Sgt. Al Nall, 174th FW, Human Resource Advisor

Where is the Community Relations office?

The office is located at 2221 South Salina Street, about two miles from downtown Syracuse.

Is that a bad neighborhood?

It is an economically depressed area but it is slated for major improvements by various governmental agencies. The office is strategically located in the heart of a redevelopment project called Gateway. A post office, library, bank and two churches are within a few hundred feet of the office. Many caring and supportive people live and work in the area and are pleased to see the office open.

Why do we need a Community Relations Office?

The Air National Guard national diversity strategy implemented by Maj. Gen. Paul Weaver encourages units to open storefront offices in diverse neighborhoods. The 174th FW was one of the first units in the ANG to accomplish this goal. Our first office was closed and relocated to the current location because of poor visibility and limited access to the community.

Why did we choose the current location?

Several local community leaders and elected representatives approached us



L to R: Maj. Charles Everett of the 174 FW and Maj. Jim Edmonds of the Civil Air Patrol.

and asked if we would consider relocating to the area. They felt our programs are needed and will benefit the community.

Is this really just a recruiting office?

The office is a vehicle to market the Air National Guard and its programs to the community. While our primary goal is to attract new members into the unit, we also sponsor a GED program for high school dropouts, a neighborhood Civil Air Patrol unit, and various programs in elementary schools.

When did the office open?

The unit hosted a dedication ceremony on 16 June that was well attended by both military and civilian leaders. The guests included New York Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Archie Berberian, Wing Commander, Col. Robert Knauff; Maj.Gen. Paul Shempp (Ret); former 174th FW Commanders Brig. Gen. Curtis Irwin (Ret); and US Naval Reserve Center Commander LCDR Greg Tieman; Syracuse 4th District Common Councilor Mike Atkins and US Dept of Housing and Urban Development Community Builder Amatullah Yamini.



Community Relations Satellite Office Open For Business: June marked the opening of a new Community Relations Satellite Office for the 174th Fighter Wing. The Satellite Office will serve as a site for various meetings, special events and recruiting functions for the 174th. It is located at 2221 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: L to R: Common Councilor, Mike Atkins, Col. Robert A. Knauff and Maj. Gen. Archie Berberian.

How long is a shift in the office?

Any member wishing to participate as an augmente should expect to spend half a day in the office and out in the community.

What is the duty uniform for the office?

Members are authorized to wear the 174th Fighter Wing polo shirt to promote the unit brand. This method is frequently used by other services and is proving to be effective for approaching civilians and potential recruits. Dress Shoes and other appropriate clothing should be worn. Jeans are not authorized.

How can I volunteer to help?

To get involved you can contact the office at 391-1356 after you have obtained approval from your supervisor.



What are the hours of operation?

Initially the office will be open in the afternoons from 1400-1600. It is likely the office will be staffed at other times, but those are the only set office hours at this time.

Who will work in the office?

A liaison from the unit will be assigned to the office and any interested personnel can sign up for augmente duty. Unit personnel are encouraged to be a part of this initiative.

What type of duties will be performed in the office?

Expect to receive visitors, answer phone inquiries, distribute literature and perform light administrative duties as well. Outside of the posted hours personnel will be expected to visit various agencies and other locations in the community.



Other attendees at the dedication ceremony included (L to R): Rev. Sherman Dunmore, People's Ame Zion, Church, Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Senior, HQ NYANG, Mike Atkins, Syracuse 4th District Common Councilor, and Tech. Sgt. Peter Alberti.

Snowball Journeys Abroad

By Amanda Garcia



My name is Amanda Garcia. I am the daughter of Staff Sgt. Pat Garcia of the 174th Fighter Wing and a 6th grade student at Ray Middle School in Baldwinsville N.Y. Recently my teacher had us do a project called travel mates. This is where you send a stuffed animal around the world having people pass the animal off to as many people as you can. The stuffed animal picks up things from each country or place it visits. Then the teacher talks to us about the places the travel mate went.

My teacher, Miss Formosa, asked if we knew anyone leaving on a trip who could get the travel mates started on their trip. The class was able to find someone to take all the travel mates except for one. They needed to find a traveler willing to take a big fluffy white teddy bear that the class named Snowball.

I told my teacher that my Dad is a member of the 174th Fighter Wing. I know the Air Guard sends people on trips all the time. When I asked my Dad he said he would try to help us. He went to work and started to ask some of the people who were going on a trip to Saudi Arabia if they could

take Snowball with them. Major Kate Vaughan, who my Dad says works public relations on the base, found someone willing to take Snowball to Saudi. One of the maintenance offi-



cers, Lt. Lotito, took Snowball with him.

It was great. He sent us a picture from Saudi and while he was there he passed him off to Lt Col. John Murray. He was able to get Snowball up in the cockpit of the plane coming

back from Saudi and he stopped in Ireland and Norway on the way back with the bear.

Our class was thankful to the 174th Fighter Wing for their help with our project. The only thing left for us was to get the bear back to our school. Lt. Col. Murray asked my Dad if it was ok if he could take the bear back to school and talk to us about Snowball's adventures. My Dad called Miss Formosa and they set a time for them to bring Snowball back.

The whole class enjoyed having Lt. Col. Murray come in and talk to us. He told us what it was like in Saudi Arabia for our soldiers, which was what I really wanted to know because my Dad may have to go there soon. When he was finished talking he asked us if we had any questions. We asked him a bunch of questions and he took his time to answer them all. We had a great time. My Dad's unit really helped us out. We had fun and learned a lot.

Thank you 174th Fighter Wing, from Amanda Garcia and everyone in Miss Formosa's 6th grade class at Ray Middle School.

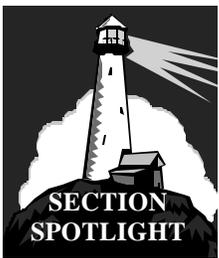
Lena Horne Community Service Youth Award

It is my pleasure to announce the Lena Horne Youth Award—a scholarship and recognition program awarding a \$5,000 college scholarship to ten young New Yorkers for outstanding achievements in community service. To be nominated students must:

- Be currently enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade
- Have performed a minimum of 40 hours of community service work in the past school year
- Have maintained a 3.0 or 'B' average or better in school in the current school year

To obtain a nomination form, guidelines, and selection criteria, call Mrs. Donna Tuttle at (518) 786-4483. The suspense for submissions is 1 Sep





OPS CONTROLLER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF TUITION BENEFIT

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, 174th FW, Public Affairs Officer

When Senior Airman Jennifer Winters is not pre-flight briefing pilots regarding bird hazard conditions and plane maintenance issues on drill weekends, she is working full-time towards her degree in accounting and business administration at the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY Albany).

Winters, a 23-year-old Liverpool native and sophomore at SUNY Albany, is one of many traditional guardsmen in the 174th taking advantage of the Guard's free tuition benefit, in exchange for working one weekend per month and two weeks per year.

"If it wasn't for the Air National Guard's tuition benefit, I probably wouldn't be able to attend college full-time," said Winters. "It's a great opportunity for me look to the future, but at the same time continue doing a job I truly enjoy."



occurred during her tour at Dover was when a C-5 Galaxy, one of the largest planes in the world, lost two wheels while practicing takeoffs and landings. The plane was able to land safely and the airport was immediately shut down. Winters and other Air Field Management staff spent the next five hours collecting some 400 metal objects from the airfield.

In her current job as SOC controller, Winters is responsible for briefing pilots on weapons configurations on their assigned jets, any outstanding maintenance issues and taxiway/runway conditions. She is also in charge of providing weather advisories and conducting Crash Net checks.

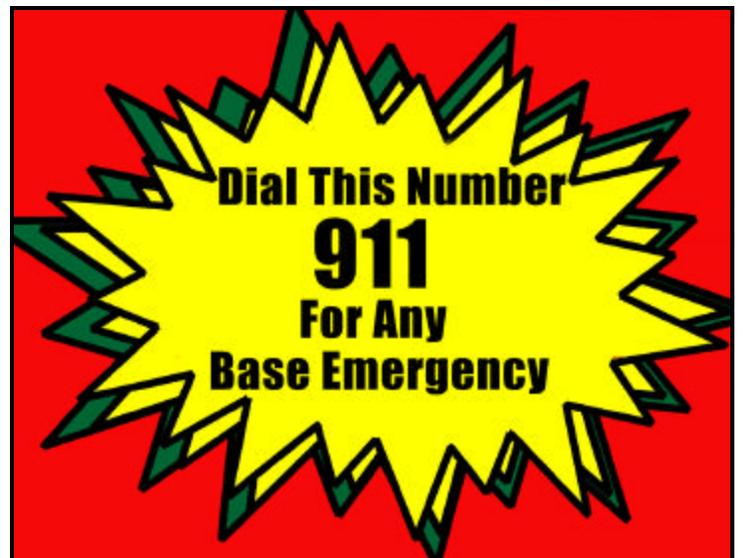
Reflecting on her time in the Air Force, Winters is very pleased with her decision to join the Guard. "The Air Guard in general, and the 174th in particular, are very family-oriented organizations," according to Winters.

Prior to joining the 174th as a Squadron Operations Center (SOC) controller in 1999, Winters was in the active-duty Air Force. She was assigned to the Air Field Management section at Dover Air Force Base, DE. One of her main responsibilities was to ensure that Dover's runways and taxiways were free of Foreign Object Debris (FOD). Winters recalls one of the more interesting FOD events that

"I feel much closer to the people at the 174th than I ever did to the people in the Air Force, and I have much more positive interaction with the pilots and support personnel. I look forward to serving in the 174th for a long time to come."

911, 911, 911

The Base Emergency number is 911 and must be used to report all personal injuries on base. Recently there was an injury in building 610 and the 911 system was not used. This resulted in key areas (Medical, Security, and Fire Dept.) not being aware that someone needed help. This situation turned out okay for the injured but if this was a life threatening injury, valuable time would have been lost trying to get the required information because 911 was not called initially. The SP's were later asked to call for an ambulance and had no information to the extent or cause of the injury. Using 911 on any base phone automatically calls Base Fire, Medical, and Security. This saves time and allows us to serve you better.



September 2000 Operational Readiness Inspection Will Not Be A Walk In The Park

By Lt. Col. John Murray, 174th FW, IG

A number of people have asked me how I feel we did in the June Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE). My answer, "We did OK!" During the course of those conversations, the same people indicated that they feel the ORE was significantly less challenging than we might have had in the past. They're right! Our goal was to focus on events and the demonstration of skill competencies rather than chaos.



UXO sighting is called in.

Some people also feel we might not be as ready for the upcoming September Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) as we would have been if we practiced for the ORI the way we have in previous years. Right again, but this is not 1986 or 1994. It is the year 2000, and our operational responsibilities and commitments have changed.

As we move forward toward the ORI, take a moment to look back at what we have accomplished in the last 12 months. Start with the completion of a conversion and the fantastic job our

logistics folks did bringing our "new" Block 25 F-16 aircraft up to our standards. While you are doing that, keep in mind what has happened and what is on the horizon for the Wing:

- *Aircraft Conversion (officially completed on 1 Oct 99)*
- *LANTIRN (air-to-ground targeting system) training, Aug 99*
- *Aerospace Expeditionary Force (EAF) Red Flag/Weapons School Support, Nov 99*
- *NVG Training, Nov 99*
- *AEF 5, Feb – Jun 00*
- *Medical Squadron deployed to Ramstein, Germany for theatre support, Jun 00*
- *CEF to Pope, Curacao*
- *Civil Engineering Squadron to Norway, RRR Training, Jun 00*
- *STANEVAL Visit, July 00*
- *ORI Phase II, Sep 00*
- *Silver Flag Training (CE, SVC, SFS), Sep 00*
- *OTIS ANGB, DACT, Fall 00*
- *Sentry Aloha, Early 2001*
- *AEF 5 Act II, Aug 2001*



Senior Airmen Powell responds to MOPP levels while taping off an identified UXO area

I believe you will agree that the operational landscape today is more intense and mission focused, and as a result our operations tempo is just a tad higher than it was a few years ago. Can you imagine what it would have been like to complete three or four full-blown Phase II OREs in addition to the list above?



174 members practice Self Aid and Buddy Care at the Casualty Collection Point (CCP)

Add to all of the above the uncertainty, confusion and lack of clear guidance that exists within the USAF inspection process. Couple that with the drive and commitment of the Air National Guard to support the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept of operation, and you will see that the path that we are traveling as an operational team member of the United States Air Force today is one that is littered with pot holes.

The really important question that needs to be asked by everyone is,



Self Aid and Buddy Care plays a vital role when responding to enemy attacks. Staff Sgt. Benton (center) applies a splint to fellow guard member before transporting to the CCP area.

minute of the first day of the war (ORI). You need to complete the ORI preparatory training that started during the July UTA and will be completed in August. This training and your participation in it will strengthen our program. Finally, have your act together and be ready to go. This means bringing that “can do, will do” attitude out of your war chest, polishing it up and connecting it to your demonstrated “sense of urgency.”

tougher and more intense that our June ORE. The inspectors will expect you to know and competently demonstrate your job and war skill knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA). We will succeed if YOU know your job, effectively demonstrate those KSAs, keep your cool, focus on each problem as it arises, effectively communicate and work as a functional member of the 174th Fighter Wing team.

The September 2000 ORI will not be a walk in the park. It will be longer,



Guard members police surrounding areas in response to enemy bomb attacks in MOPP level Four



Master Sgt. Steele (right) checks personnel for chemical contamination in the designated CC Area

“What can I do to insure our success in September?” The answer to that question should be rote for us.

Everyone should be totally familiar with the rules of engagement for the ORI. You should know and understand our concept of operations for the inspection. Supervisors should be reviewing the Base “X” Plan and approved operational waivers, simulations and deviations that impact their section’s operation with everyone in the section. You need to have your Individual Protective Equipment (IPE) and Chemical/Biological Defense Equipment (C/BWDE) readily available and ready to be used on the first



Family and Friends Invited to Oktoberfest Celebration

By Maj. Kate Vaughan, 174th FW, Community Relations Manager

There is a time to work hard, and then there is a time to join together and celebrate. This fall we will gather to celebrate another successful year with our families and friends on Saturday, the 14th of October. The theme (courtesy of Command Chief Master Sgt. Mosley) will be "Oktoberfest" and promises to build on previous similar events.

For those folks who have not had the pleasure of touring Germany, I would like to explain how "Oktoberfest" was created. The famed Oktoberfest began with a royal Bavarian wedding in 1810. The groom, King Ludwig I, wanted to celebrate his marriage to Maria Teresa by proclaiming a state fair in Munich. The festival was dedicated to the fall harvest and to the region's most famous product, beer. Tradesman and merchants came throughout Germany in Oktober (the

German spelling for October) to join in the merry-making. They examine the crops, sang songs, danced and sampled the first beer of the season. The celebration was such a success



that Ludwig issued a royal decree making the month of Oktober festival time in Munich.

We hope you will come examine the base, sing songs, dance and sample some German fare. Our celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with an awards formation outside the main hangar.

Following the opening we will host kid's games and several displays. German dancing demonstrations will start around 3:00 p.m. and a German band will play from 4:00 p.m. until late into the evening. At 4:30 p.m., we will start serving German food (and a few American options) and beverages.

I encourage you to mark your calendar for Saturday, 14 October and come join in the fun! For additional details or to volunteer to help with this effort, please contact Major Kate Vaughan at 454-6139 or Command Chief Master Sgt. Mosley 454-6459.

- Oktoberfest 14 October 2000**
- 1400 Awards Formation**
- 1430 Children's Games**
- 1500 German Dance Demo**
- 1600 German Band**
- 1630 Food & Beverages**

The 174th Recruiters were fortunate to have TSgt Brian Eveleigh's and SSgt Lyle Sharkey's help with this year's Oswego County Fair, held 1 July through 8 July. TSgt Eveleigh, Structural Repair Supervisor and SSgt Sharkey, who also works in Structural Repair, ensured the Recruiters had a prime location for a recruit-



Lena Presley, Exhibit Coordinator for the Oswego County Fair, really gets "into" checking out the exhibits on display!

RECRUITING



TSgt Heidi Diaz and SSgt Lyle Sharkey show an interested prospect the benefits and opportunities available in our unit.



ing booth. They also did all the coordinating, loading, delivery, and set-up of special attractions such as the F-16 Simulator and the battery powered F-16 (which they specially painted with the 174 FW fin flash!). Thanks to their efforts, the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard, made a positive impression on the staff and the attendees of the Oswego County Fair.



Future 174FW pilot: SSgt Lyle Sharkey explains the F-16 simulator to his daughter, Brittani.

Master Sgt. William Peele 454-6822, Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz 454-6532, Tech. Sgt. Richard Doctor 454-6158, Staff Sgt. Brad Addison 454-6241

Ramstein 2000

By Tech. Sgt. Jane Miller, 174th FW, Medical Squadron

The 174th Medical Squadron deployed 45 members to the 86th Medical Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, from 28 May – 10 June 2000, for their annual training tour. This was the Squadron's first overseas tour since 1987. The tour enabled unit members to work with their active duty counterparts and afforded a unique opportunity to provide hands-on patient services in a health care setting. This is the truest reflection of Mirror Force – a seamless, ready Air Force Health Service through the combined efforts of Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard troops.

As the Enlisted Training Manager for the Squadron, I worked with my active duty counterpart and accompanied him on a staff assistance visit to the Medical Equipment Repair Section. I was able to look at how training programs are set up at an active duty base and obtained many ideas on how to do my job better. I was amazed at the amount of personnel (over 300) that the Training Manager was responsible for and the amount of work it takes to keep up with those programs.

Senior Airman Eric Rife, a Medical Laboratory Craftsman and new

to the squadron added these comments, "The deployment to Germany was of great advantage to me and the New York Air National Guard. I received invaluable training in my AFSC that I could not have otherwise acquired, one of the highlights being



Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria.

the mobile blood drive we deployed on with the Army from nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The training and cultural experiences allowed me to take great strides in the bonding process with my fellow Guardsmen. Knowledge, strength, respect and friendships were gained, these are some of the most important things needed for medical readiness."

Master Sergeant John Rittell, a member of the Guard for 31 years but only with the Medical Squadron for about a year and half, described his experiences "Working with the people at Ramstein gave me a greater appreciation for the fine job they do on a day-to-day basis. They maintain medical records for active duty personnel, their dependants, and for retirees living in the local area. The sheer volume is staggering. Here at

Hancock we handle 1,200 records. At Ramstein they handle twenty times that amount."

Major Brian Cramer, Medical Readiness Officer at the 86th, noted that the Mirror Force Concept was evident as 174th personnel integrated flawlessly into Flight Medicine, Family Practice,

Dental, Optometry, Medical Logistics, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Health and Wellness, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Public Health, and several health services sections at Ramstein and Landstuhl.

Fortunately, the trip also afforded unit personnel a chance to do some sightseeing while deployed. The middle weekend found personnel scattered to cities throughout Europe to include Munich, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, and Trier, the oldest Roman Empire city in

Germany. Several groups headed out toward Paris, Amsterdam and Venice as well.

The unique opportunities and experiences gained during this trip will be remembered by all. More importantly, the training we received provided us with the skills needed to better support the members of the 174th



L to R: Tech. Sgt. Lawrence E Brown Jr, Staff Sgt. Carol J Baris, and Senior Airmen Eric Rife.



Physician's Assistant Major Michael Bahlatzis is conducting a patient exam.

“Under the Pipper”

by Capt. Ed “Hertz” Vaughan

SOF/SOC Program

All US Air Force missions and our daily routines involve risk,” according to Lt. Col. Kim “K-Bob” Hunter, Operations Group Commander. In an Operational Risk Assessment (ORM) policy letter, he explains, “the goal of ORM is to enhance mission effectiveness at all levels, while preserving assets and safeguarding health and welfare.” A key element of this risk mitigation plan is the Squadron Operations Center (SOC), staffed by an NCO Controller and the Supervisor of Flying (SOF).

The SOC, or Ops Desk as many refer to it, is the nerve center for all flying operations. Detailed daily flying schedules are posted on large boards here. Anytime 174th aircraft are flying, the SOC must be staffed. Master Sgt. Jim “Cadillac” Kadlecik, among his other duties, is responsible for training and scheduling the NCO Controllers, and equipping the Ops Desk. Standard equipment include computers for weather and airfield notices, redundant UHF and VHF radios for communications with aircraft, and hotline phones to the fire chief, maintenance, and air traffic controllers.

NCO Controllers serve long daily tours in the SOC as an additional duty. Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wright describes the NCO Controller as “the focal point for all information flow affecting flying operations.” NCOs are selected for SOC duty based on their ops experience and must undergo an extensive training program before they are certified as Controllers. Throughout the flying day, the NCO Controller interacts with pilots, refuel-

ing tanker units, FAA representatives, off-base airspace managers, and on-base support functions. During aircraft emergencies, the Controller initiates the base response and handles all other communications, allowing the SOF to assist the airborne pilot with critical actions.

The SOF works alongside the Controller as the officer-in-charge of daily flying activity. The SOF is the Operations Group Commander’s direct representative and makes final decisions on weather recall, takeoff and landing times, or schedule changes. The SOF



must be an experienced fighter pilot fully qualified in the Block-25 F-16 and specifically trained and certified for SOF duty. Under normal conditions, the SOF briefs the pilots on weather, notices, and aircraft status prior to flying. However, according to Master Sgt. Kadlecik, the SOF’s most important job is to provide one-on-one support to pilots during emergencies. Aircraft checklists, technical orders, and even a 24-hour hotline to Lockheed engineers are available for his use when contingencies arise.

Next time you’re in the Ops building, stop by the Squadron Operations Center located at the Ops Desk. You’ll see the 174th’s best line of defense in the on-going business of risk assessment.

Recent Flybys

The 174th received over 50 flyby re-

quests for Memorial Day-related parades and celebrations. Along with Independence Day, Veterans Day, POW/MIA Day, and Armed Forces Day, that day in May is one of the federally designated holidays that does not require special USAF approval to conduct flybys. Based on scheduling and weather concerns we were able to support 33 of those requests with four-ship flybys.

The flybys were covered by two four-ships, one led by 138th Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Kevin “Omar” Bradley and with was Operations Support Flight Commander, Lt. Col. Rich “Grich” Goodwin (**this was Lt. Col. Goodwin's fini-flight, which marked the culmination of his 20 year career flying fighter aircraft**), Maj. Mark “Harley” Razzone and Lt. Col. John “Snorkel” Evans. The second 4-ship team was led by Col. Tony “Squawk” Basile, Maj. Ted “Limpy” Limpert, Capt. Tim “Elmer” Lunderman, and Maj. Sean “Gator” McQuaid.

Master Sgt. John Fox, 174th maintainer and community event planner, said the flyby at his local veteran’s event in Stittville was outstanding. “After a moving tribute to those Americans who had fallen in battle, Taps was played. Just as the last note of Taps sounded on the bugle, four Syracuse F-16s thundered overhead. It was just great!”

In an off-holiday flyby on June 25th, the Secretary of the Air Force gave special approval for the 174th to flyby the national auto racing event at Watkins Glen. Led by Major Scott “Pop” Poppleton, the four-ship made two passes over the racing event, while several 174th members hosted a recruiting and public relations booth on the racetrack grounds.

Espirt de Corps Competition

The All Services Club is sponsoring an inter-squadron competition. By the end of the year, the squadron with the highest percentage of current club members by assigned strength will win a holiday party! Which squadron has the best Espirt de Corps? To join or renew your membership, call Master Sgt Scheirer at x606.

LASIK and PRK laser eye surgery

Is LASIK or PRK laser eye surgery disqualifying for the Air National Guard? Current ANG members who undergo these procedures are no longer required to undergo a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB). This operative procedure must be annotated on your annual AF Form 895 when it is due. New applicants into the ANG may be accessed with a waiver.

Lt. Col Blansett Retires

I am pleased (and equally saddened) to announce Lt. Col. Dick Blansett's retirement dinner will be **Friday, 11 August 2000** at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool (directly across from the Electronics Parkway thruway exit). "The Retirement of an Honest Broker" will begin at **1800 hours**. The cost is \$25 per plate. Please make reservations and payment arrangements with Senior Master Sgt. Judy VanWie or Master Sgt. Jim Nowlin at x484 or x427. Additionally please indicate if you will be making a presentation during the evening. Lt. Col. Blansett has served the 174FW, exclusively, for 33 years. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there to honor Lt. Col. Blansett.

Pay Date for June Drill is 19 June 00



July Drill dates 8-9 July 00

DINING HALL MENU



John H. Knobel

SATURDAY

Steak
Potatoes
Broccoli
Fast food
Salad Bar

SUNDAY

Spaghetti w/meatballs
Garlic Bread
Assorted Veggies
Fast Food
Salad Bar

Menu Subject to Change
Meal Counters: Report at 1000
Saturday LG Sunday SG



174th FW All Services Club Members

August Drill Saturday is Member Appreciation Night! All members are encouraged to stop up and enjoy some complementary food, musical entertainment, and a chance to win a door prize or two!!

Join now so your squadron will win the "Inter-Squadron Competition"! The squadron with the highest percentage of club members by the end of the year wins a Holiday Party!

Carol says Thank you!

Thank you everyone who sent cards to me during my hospital stay of May/June time frame. It helped me get through my final treatment and I looked forward to receiving my morning mail from the nurses. I don't know how to thank you enough for all you've done for me over the past months. God Bless and thanks again.

Master Sgt. Carolyn Campbell



Recruiting a Slogan

Once again the Marketing Team is soliciting your assistance. We want to find the most creative, catchy, and most effective slogan for the base's recruiting campaign. Submissions can be any length. Remember that our recruiting area of responsibility includes the 174th, 152nd, and 274th here at Hancock Field, as well as NEADS in Rome

and two detachments at Fort Drum. Contest winners will be announced at the Wing's Oktoberfest celebration. Please submit by, e-mail, fax, shout, or sky-write your submissions no later than 30 September to Capt. Hutson in the Financial Management Office.

Have an idea for the the EnGarde?
Contact the Public Affairs Office @ 454-6651, or
Email: jeff.brown@nysyra.ang.af.mil

Join the Fight for New Jets!

by Capt Ed "Hertz" Vaughan, 174th FW, Central New York NGAUS/MANY Representative

The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) is your voice in Washington, D.C. The Militia Association of New York (MANY) is your voice in Albany. They are the equivalent of the Air Force Association (AFA) for the Guard. NGAUS and MANY work together on behalf of Air and Army National Guard units to push through important legislation affecting pay, benefits, force structure, and even new aircraft. With Congressman Walsh's recent announcement of potential new jets for the 174th, we all need to pitch in and do our part to help. Joining NGAUS (or ENGAUS for the enlisted force) is an important first step.



have our Block 30s now. Sioux City, IA, reported low membership numbers and sent no delegates to last year's conference—now they are losing their F-16s!!

Coincidence, you say?

Do the math!! Ask your commander if he or she is a member.

Our numbers are improving every day. We had 25 new members join up from the 174th, 152nd, and NEADS in June. Don't be left out. If you're not a member, join NGAUS and MANY before September 1st so we'll have the maximum votes at this

year's national conference. Retirees are eligible and highly encouraged to join as well. We need your wisdom and support.

Does my Membership Matter?

South Carolina ANG continually reports 100% officer membership at NGAUS's annual conference. They have new Block-52 jets. Texas ANG makes the same claim and boasts a strong showing at the annual conference. They

If you're already a member or just thinking of joining and want to learn more, visit the NGAUS website at www.ngaus.org. If you have any questions or want to join, please contact me at 454-6230 or email at ed.vaughan@nysyra.ang.af.mil.

T-Float

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley, 174TH FW

The Director of the Air National Guard has announced the authorization of a new program called Temporary Floating Chief Master Sgt. (T-Float) This will be a 3-year test program that offers expanded flexibility in the use of Chief Master Sgt. allocations throughout the Air National Guard. This program applies to those functional areas that do not have allocated career progression opportunities to Chief Master Sgt. on the Unit Manning Document. No more than 15% of the authorized Chief Master Sgt. may be floated at any given time. Promotions may not exceed 100% of Chief Master Sgt. authorizations and are managed by each state headquarters. Traditional Guardsmen, Technicians, and AGR members are eligible to participate in this program. Personnel promoted under T-Float will



remain in Senior Master Sgt. positions.

On 29 June the Command Chiefs from each unit in New York met with Maj. Gen. Berberian, Chief of Staff, NYANG, the 105th Director of Personnel and

Director of Personnel New York State Headquarters. Each Command Chief had their Unit-Manning Document. Careful consideration was given to each AFSC that didn't have a clear path to Chief Master Sgt. The proposed implementation will be briefed to the Commanders of each unit in August and reviewed quarterly by the Command Chiefs.

What does all this mean? It is a good deal for the enlisted force. All the more reason to never assume that you can't get promoted to the top of the enlisted force. Get your Professional Military Education (PME) done in a timely manner and be ready.

Alumni News

By Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Jim Monroe, 174th Alumni News Editor

Election of Officers

As required by our constitution and by laws, we will be holding our annual election of officers this coming September. There will be five officer and three board member positions that need to be filled.

We are anticipating that some current officers and board members will decline reelection, so new members will be needed. The term of office is one year for officers and two years for board members.

In the past, there have been very few individuals that have stepped forward to fill a vacancy on the board. We need new blood to keep this organization going, so I strongly encourage any member that feels he or she would like to run for office to contact either Mel Denny, our Election Committee Chairman, at (315) 687-6005, or Jim Monroe at (315) 635-5402, and they will add your name to the ballot, or answer any questions you may have.

Alumni Golf Tournament

From every indication, this year's Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was a huge success. Details of the tournament will be forthcoming in next month's EnGarde

Memorial Day Service

Last month we failed to mention that on the 26th of May, the Base Honor Guard, under the combined direction of Major Catherine Vaughan and Lt. Edward Cook Jr., performed a Memorial Day Service honoring the deceased members that served with the

unit since its inception some 53 years ago. It was a solemn occasion, with members of the unit and family members in attendance. We can't thank the 174th enough for this show of remembrance of those who served with honor and distinction, their unit, their state and their nation.

Taps

William T. Ferazzoli Jr., died on the 6th of June, 2000, at the age of 65. Bill was assigned to the 138th Fighter

back in the late 40s and stayed with the unit for over 20 years serving as a flight chief in the Fighter Squadron, until he realized there was greener pastures on the other side of the base with the Syracuse Airport fire department. After many years as Fire Chief, Charlie decided to retire and still maintains residence in Syracuse.

Dick and Agnes Forger of Solvay celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently. Dick joined the unit in 1949 and served both in the Motor Pool and the Refueling sections until 1955. Dick was the first person to identify the unknown person in last month's issue of the Alumni News. (For those of you who are still wondering who that person is, his name was Jim Wright. Unfortunately, Jim passed away a couple of years ago and is no longer with us.)

Fifty years ago this month, from August 13th to the 27th, the unit was at Griffiss AFB transitioning from the P-47 "Jug" to the F-84B "Thunderjet". They were

in the middle of their field training at the time but also on a 30 day alert for call-up for the Korean War. Fortunately, the call-up was canceled and only the F-84s went to war. If you can't remember what a F-84B looks like, stop out at the Base and just inside the main gate there is one on static display.

Next Meetings.

Thursday, August 17th, 7:00 p.m. in the Base All Services Club. Snacks and drink will be served. Hope you can join us.



Squadron in the administration section from 1957 until 1960.

Sick Call

John Sage and Bill Raymond

New/Reinstated Members

Al Burfeindt, Thad Clark, Michael Reith, John Reitz, and Kathleen Stenner.

More News & Trivia

We have added one more life member, Charlie Poehlman, to the membership rolls. Charlie joined the 138th

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COMREL

Community Relations Luncheon

August COMREL speaker

Dr. Stephen Jones will be our August Comrel speaker. Dr. Jones is the Superintendent of the Syracuse School District. He will be speaking Wednesday August 30th. Doors open at 11:30...Lunch served at 12:00. Don't miss it!

Upcoming Speakers:

September 27th :Deputy Adjutant General, NY State Army National Guard, Brigadier General William Martin
October 25th: NY State Air Surgeon, NYANG, Brigadier General Ravindra Shah, M.D.

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