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274th ASOS



Section Spotlight



"Year of the Family"



New AF Symbol



## About The Cover

**F**amily Readiness and Support announce the celebration of the "Year of The Family" for the year 2000.

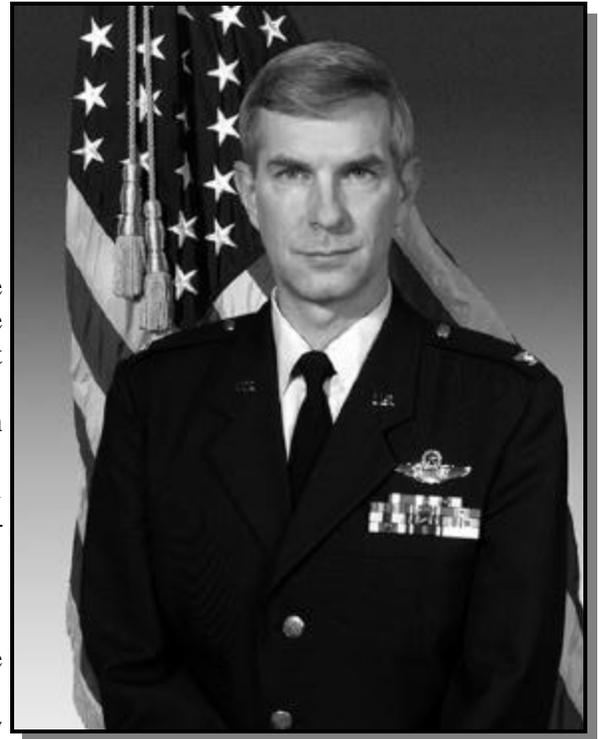
# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

## *When it Rains, it Pours*

Some of you may be old enough to recognize the slogan of a famous salt company. With the amount of rain we've had this Spring, and with the activities ongoing, planned and possible over the next year we may want to consider adopting that phrase as our own. There are a number of important issues that are of great interest to the 174<sup>th</sup> that I would like to share with you.

First, and most immediately, this drill will be the dress rehearsal for our scheduled Phase II of the ORI in September. I can't emphasize enough the importance of this UTA. What you see in June should be a near identical replication of the September inspection, and that means that there won't be a lot of time to learn the basics of ability to survive and operate (ATSO) procedures when you arrive Saturday morning. We all need to arrive with our gear ready, the knowledge of how to use it properly, and a clear idea of what the tasks at hand are. July and August drills will be used to clean up deficiencies noted in June, and September we do it for the Inspector General.

As important as the Phase II is to the 174<sup>th</sup>, there have been several very recent developments with the potential to have an even bigger impact on the future of the wing. Less than two weeks ago we were notified via a press release that Congressional language in the House of Representatives was being included in the year 2001 Defense bill that would seek to have newer aircraft sent to the 174<sup>th</sup>. If this language makes its way all the way to being part of the 2001 budget, it would mean that aircraft with the potential for significantly longer life spans and enhanced capabilities could be on their way within the next two or three years. We will watch developments closely and with great interest. Finally, the outlook for a year 2001 military construction (MILCON) project to add a small arms range and a new weapons release facility is excellent, having made it through several committees in Congress. As with the aircraft replacement, we will be watching closely. By the end of the summer we should have



COL. ROBERT A. KNAUFF,  
174th FW, Wing Commander

a good knowledge of how these two issues that are vital to this organization will fare. In the meantime, let's work on preparing to show the IG that not only do we know what we're doing, but that we are the model that all other Guard units will want to duplicate.

***Three months to go!***

### 174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



#### **Vision Statement**

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

#### **Mission Statement**

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

#### **Key Results Area**

Readiness: Equipment-Training-People  
Effective use of People and Resources  
Environmental and Compliance Awareness



# 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS) Update

by Tech. Sgt Gary Illingworth, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, History Office

The 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron, (ASOS), is the newest unit to join our cluster of superb Air National Guard fighting organizations here at Hancock Field in Syracuse. Moving up to Central New York from Long Island, they form a strong link between the Air Force and the Army. The unit contains a total of about 45 positions, of which 12 are full time. The active duty local equivalent for this organization is the 20<sup>th</sup> ASOS, located at Ft. Drum, NY.

Historical research conducted by the Wing history office reveals that the 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS was first activated on 1 December 1942 and constituted as the 313<sup>th</sup> Signal Company Wing. The 274<sup>th</sup> saw service first in North Africa, arriving on 4 September 1943. From there the unit traveled to Italy and participated in both the battle for Naples-Foggia and for Rome-Arno, for which the unit received battle credits. At the close of WWII, the unit was assigned to the NYANG as the 102<sup>nd</sup> Communications Squadron Wing; Federal Recognition was extended to the unit on 29 March, 1948. The 102<sup>nd</sup> was redesignated as the 274<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron on 1 July, 1952.

For some specific information on this unit's arrival in Syracuse, I interviewed Major Matthew Modleski, who until he retires in June of this year, is the Air Force Advisor for the 174<sup>th</sup> FW. I asked him how the unit was selected to become an Air Support Operations Squadron. He said: "Most of the combat communications units were selected to either re-role or disband, so the fact they were selected to become an ASOS is a good thing; otherwise they would have been out of a mission." I asked him how

the ASOS mission is split up within the Guard: "We used to have just four ASOS's in the Guard. Now we're going to have ten. The ASOS mission is a combat mission – meaning that we're putting bombs on target, and those folks' primary mission is calling in airstrikes. They go out with the Army, and provide Air expertise to those Army forces on the ground in combat. They find and control air assets, that is, direct fighters to bomb

(NYARNG) that the unit supports. They also need a place to train, both with Army and Air assets, because air is essentially a tool for the ASOS. It makes sense to have the 274<sup>th</sup> collocated here with a fighter wing, with access to the Ft. Drum ranges, with access to the 10th Mountain Division, as well as the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Finally, the 20<sup>th</sup> ASOS will be a tremendous source of information. It's a great location!"

I asked Maj. Modleski how many personnel chose to remain with the 274<sup>th</sup> as it moves upstate: "We're not sure yet, but it doesn't look like very many. It's a big change for a Guard unit and a Guard member – to have to make the choice to move from Long Island to Central New York."

I noted to him that in manning this unit there will then be some additional job opportunities for Central New Yorkers. He said: "Sure, the ads are out, and we're starting to hire people already. Wherever we get the people from, we'll fill the squadron up, hiring the very best people we can find, and be ready to roll by October 2002, which is our

charter."

I asked him about the planned new building that will house both the 152<sup>nd</sup> Air Operations Group and the 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS: "They're going to build it east of the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Headquarters Training Facility. Temporarily, for now they'll be located in the building 604, formerly used to house the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Security Police."



targets on the ground. So it's a good mission, and it's good to have ten of them now in the Guard."

I asked him whether the active duty 20<sup>th</sup> ASOS played in the decision to move the 274<sup>th</sup> upstate: "I think from a training standpoint, if you look at what an ASOS needs to stay current and combat ready, it needs an Army Brigade/Division to support. In this case it's going to be the 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade

## SECTION SPOTLIGHT

# Ex-Marine Finds Home in Munitions

By 2nd. Lt. Jeff Brown, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs Officer

*Author's Note: This is the first in a series of monthly articles which will focus on individual Wing members and their duty sections. It is designed to give EnGarde readers a better understanding of the variety of functions carried on at the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.*

Early Saturday morning after arriving at the base, SSgt Roger Burhans begins loading AIM-9 Sidewinder and AGM-65 Maverick missiles onto trailers to be transported to the flight line. As he does so, he is careful not to damage the highly sensitive guidance systems located in the missiles' nose cones. His next job is to do a receiving inspection on some cartridge activated devices (CAD) and propellant activated devices (PAD). CAD/PADs are explosive items that cause the canopy to separate from the aircraft and allows the pilot to eject, seat and all from the plane. After the inspection is completed he stores the items in the correct storage magazine. Each munition item must be carefully stored according to its compatibility group and net explosive weight otherwise a potentially explosive hazard could occur.

After lunch he heads down to the munitions production section where he helps load thousands of rounds of 20 millimeter ammunition into the Universal Ammunition Loading System, a UALS. Line Delivery will transport the UALS to the flight line where the Weapons Loaders will upload the 20-millimeter bullets into the gun of the aircraft. Towards the end of the day, SSgt Burhans assists other munitions specialists in one of their most delicate jobs, loading highly ignitable chaff and flare into canisters. Such is the life of SSgt Burhans, a

member of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's Munitions Element since 1992, during a typical drill weekend.

Like many members of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, SSgt Burhans did not begin his military career with the Air National Guard. After growing up in Moravia, New York, he joined the U.S. Marines Corp. Between his numerous deployments, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California where he worked on helicopters as a Flight Control Technician.



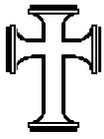
Staff Sgt. Roger Burhans, Munitions Shop

"While I value the time I spent in the Marine Corps, I am much happier since joining the 174<sup>th</sup>," said SSgt Burhans. First and foremost, Burhans enjoys what he does in Munitions. The element is housed in a relatively new building built in 1993 that is set back from the rest of the base for

safety reasons. Like himself, SSgt Burhans' co-workers are self-motivated individuals committed to the section's mission of maintaining, controlling and delivering munitions. This commitment was no more evident than during the section's extended deployment to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Storm. During their deployment, section members worked long hours on a remote mobile assembly line building bombs. Video images of their work were recently incorporated into a training CD-ROM that has been distributed Air Force wide.

Another aspect of service in the Air National Guard, in general, and the 174<sup>th</sup>, in particular, that Burhans likes is the degree of flexibility it gives him to attend to his full-time business. He helps run a family-owned trucking business, called Bur-Trans, with his father and two brothers in Moravia. Burhans wears many hats, including cross-country driver, mechanic and new account salesman, requiring him to be on the road a great deal. As such, Burhans occasionally cannot attend a UTA. Fortunately for him, he is able to make up these occasional missed drills when his schedule permits.

A final, but equally important, reason why Burhans feels at home in the 174<sup>th</sup> is the unit's sensitivity to family issues. "I am particularly happy with how the Wing understands and addresses family issues. For example, the unit goes out of its way to educate and offer support to family members during deployments." Family support is particularly important to SSgt Burhans, as he is raising two young daughters, Nicole and Jessica.



# Chaplain's Corner



By Lt. Col. R. Paul Mathis, 174th FW, Chaplain

## Be Proud of Your Flag

On June 14th we'll celebrate Flag Day, a holiday that doesn't get much attention these days. The first known celebration of Flag Day was held in 1885. B.J. Cigrand, a Wisconsin school-teacher, came up with the idea to mark the anniversary of the official adoption of our "Stars and Stripes." The idea of Flag Day slowly caught on in other communities and finally, President Wilson officially established Flag Day in 1916. In 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress to declare a national Flag Day.

Just as many of us don't know the history of Flag Day, I'm sure few of us realize all that our flag symbolizes. What follows below is part of an article that I read and want to share with you. It explains not only the patriotic significance of our flag, but its religious symbolism as well.

The flag and the folding ceremony represent the religious principles upon which our country was founded. The thirteen stripes represent the original thirteen colonies.

The red stripes proclaim the fearless courage, integrity, self-sacrifice and devotion of American men and women. The white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all. The field of blue containing the stars denotes honor. The fifty stars represent the states from which our veterans in uniform serve. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right, and is inverted only when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

At the ceremony of retreat in the Armed Forces of the

United States, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold, and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our Nation's honored dead. At the ceremony of reveille the following morning, the flag is brought out and run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is the symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran, departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature,



for peace as American citizens trusting in a God. It is to our God we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Steven Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong." The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America; and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice

for all. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and



our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or outside of the boundaries of our Republic. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered the Valley of the Shadow of Death, that we might see the light of day. It is also to honor Mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devo-

tion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. The tenth fold is a tribute to fathers, for they too have given of their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of the Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes,

the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity, and glorifies in their eyes, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The thirteenth and final fold pays tribute to the original thirteen colonies, and to the men and women who had the strength and courage to create the greatest nation on Earth.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our National motto, "In God We Trust."



# 174<sup>th</sup> Celebrates ‘Year of the Family’

by Tech. Sgt. Gary Illingworth, 174th FW, History Office



Each year, the National Guard Bureau in Washington sets aside a theme based on a topic important to retention and the quality of life of our members. This year the Bureau and Major General Weaver have chosen to celebrate Army and Air National Guard families.

Here at the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, the person in charge of our “Year of the Family” initiative is Major Kate Vaughan, Community Manager. I interviewed Major Vaughan about her vision for the “Year of the Family” implementation here in Syracuse: “My vision is to put together a family readiness team – made up of primarily volunteers (spouses and family members of our Guardsmen and full-time staff) to strengthen our family support. There are some programs that we’ve been doing for many years that are very successful and there are some new ones that we’re looking to add this year.”

I asked her what events were planned for the year: “The first that comes to mind is the ‘Oktoberfest’ that we’re going to have this fall.” Because of AEF 5, and the Phase Two Operational Readiness Inspection planned for September, the customary ‘Family Day’ picnic this year has been moved to October. Major Vaughan continued: “The Oktoberfest is going to be a picnic for families, a ‘Welcome Home’ celebration for AEF returnees and a thank goodness its over for everyone involved in our

ACC Operational Readiness Inspections. The idea for Oktoberfest came from Command Chief Master Sergeant Mosley and will involve our family readiness team in addition to many of our base councils. Another event I believe is headed in the right direction is the pre-deployment briefing we offered this year to folks before the AEF rotation. We had roughly thirty family members take advantage of Colonel Knauff’s informative briefing, and I have received a great deal of positive feedback from the attendees. The program was designed to provide direct

family member come to terms with our military way of life is a success. A main focus of our family readiness team is to improve communication between 174<sup>th</sup> family and deployed members. Programs such as ‘GI Mail’ (a free service operated through Air Mobility Command) enables deployed members to email using basic Internet access. Another useful method of communication is our base 1-800 number which allowed family members to check on return flights and planned family activities. All of these tools served to establish a link

that helped alleviate the sense of isolation family members can feel when their loved ones deploy.”

“One of our family initiatives was to host an organized ‘Take Your Child to Work day,’ on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. All too often we open up our base for groups tours and overlook sharing our military programs with the children of our unit members. I am convinced that providing our families with knowledge is a very important link for retention, quality of life and community relations.”

“Another really unique family opportunity in conjunction with our AEF deployment was the introduc-

tion of ‘Snowball.’ Staff Sergeant Garcia approached me about taking a teddy bear from his daughter’s elementary class over to Saudi Arabia. Lieutenant Lotito was kind enough to make room for Snowball during his trip to Saudi. Once in Saudi, Snowball found a home with Colonel



From Left: Colonel Anthony Basile (174th FW Vice Commander), his daughter Jordan and BG (Ret.) Curtis Irwin (former 174th FW Commander) exchange greetings while attending a reception for base personnel returning from the AEF5 deployment.

answers to questions such as “Where exactly is my loved one going? How can I stay in touch with him or her while they are deployed? Who do I call if questions develop while he or she is deployed?”

Major Vaughan continues: “I believe any program that helps a single



Tech. Sgt. Vic Francis and his wife exchange loving embraces upon his return from Kuwait.

their families. This seems like the right way to establish positive lines of communication and encourage our families to network.”

Something else that’s new this year is our “Family” webpages, viewable from the 174<sup>th</sup> FW public website, (<http://www.174fw.af.mil/>). Major Vaughan: “I’ve had at least three people pull me aside and say that they took the time to look at our web page and indicate that the information is useful. We have only begun to scratch the surface of potential of our web site, and I welcome suggestions. Some of our links, to the ANG Family page for instance, have become reciprocal and will lead other interested parties to our information. The fact that the Guard Bureau has selected this Family theme for 2000 helps us learn from successful family support programs throughout the United States,” said Major Vaughan.



Warm welcomes were in hand for returning 174th members after supporting the recent Air Expeditionary Force contingency.

Murray. Yesterday I got the opportunity to see the Warrior Snowball, complete with BDU cap in desert camouflage resting comfortably in a hand-made backpack. Colonel Murray filled me in on a few of Snowball’s journeys including an F-16 ride with Colonel Basile.

The 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing team of guardians sent postcards and e-mails back to school from places around the world. It’s amazing to see that an effort to help an elementary school class ended up building morale for our unit.”

Major Vaughan continues: “I also want to mention that four of our dedicated team members attended ‘Family Readiness Basic Training’ hosted by the New York Air National

Guard Headquarters in Latham, NY. Apparently it was a very informative course and positively highlighted the efforts of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Senior Airman Cassandra Johnson, came away with many program ideas, including developing a newcomer’s briefing for family members. We currently give a briefing to all military personnel who join the unit but not to



In response to efforts of the Family Support Team, 174th members and their children share a few laughs during a tour of the base fire department. The tour was part of the “Take Your Child To Work Day” during the month of April.

Not only was providing accurate deployment information important, but also allowing families to come together and “Welcome Home,” their loved one. “When our men and women returned from deployment, we hosted a gathering with movies and refreshments in our wing conference room. The welcome home effort was supported by several people, including

our Chaplains, First Sergeant Schmidt, and Senior Master Sergeant Damon. Master Sergeant Rose Murray volunteered her time to organize support for our last large group. The last aircraft arrived at two o’clock in the morning and I am proud to say

that no-one batted an eye at the thought of working such a late hour. It was wonderful to see the family members with their children, waiting to welcome their loved ones with balloons and flowers. This was a change from having the families reunite in the hangar, and I think using the conference room provided a VIP touch and comfort.”

Major Vaughan wishes to extend another offer to family members and friends of our unit to join the new Family Readiness Team. Please call (315) 454-6139 for additional details.



# RECRUITING

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

**S**ome of the AFSCs we are recruiting:

1C3X1 Command and Control  
1C4X1 Tactical Air Command and Control  
1C5X1 Aerospace Control and Warning Systems  
2A0X1B Avionics Test Station  
2A1X1 Avionics Sensors  
2A3X2 F16 Avionics Systems  
2A3X3B Tactical Aircraft Maintenance  
2A6X1A Jet Engine  
2A6X2 AGE  
2A6X3 ACFT Egress  
2A6X4 ACFT Fuels  
2A6X5 ACFT Hydraulics  
2A6X6 ACFT Elec/Env.  
2E1X0 COMM Systems  
2E1X1 Satellite/Wideband  
2E2X1 Electronic Comp & Switching  
2G0X1 Logistics Plans  
2S0X1 Supply  
2W0X1 Munitions Systems  
2W1X1 Aircraft Armament Systems  
3A0X1 Information Management  
3M0X1 Services  
3S0X1 Personnel

*\*To find out which AFSCs are Bonus Check with the Recruiting Office*

**Enlistments for the month of APRIL:**

Welcome to the 174<sup>th</sup> FW!



SSG Robert King, MAI  
SSG David Beitz, MDS  
SSG Christopher Robison, AGS  
SSG Jerod Schoonmaker, MDS  
SSG Scott Bogan, SFS  
SSG Chad Roberts, DET 1  
SRA Gary Black, MSF  
SRA Justin Baker, CF  
SRA Tammy Rector, LGS  
SRA Ronald Wareham, CES  
SRA Andrea Styvesant, MDS  
A1C Alan French, STU Flight  
A1C Eric Grosso, STU Flight

**Volunteers Needed for the following Recruiting Events!!**

June - 17th, Display at Juneteenth Celebration  
South West Community Center  
July 2-8th, Oswego County Fair  
July 27-29th, Harbor Fest in Oswego

## It's Time to Apply

By Master Sgt Dave Klasen, 174th FW, Retention Office Manager

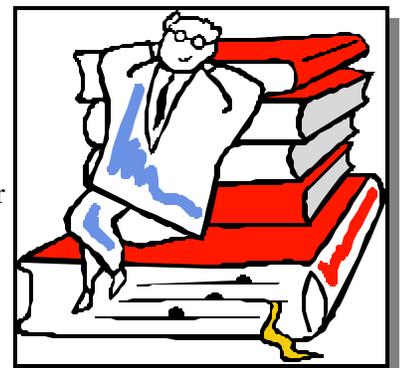
**A**nyone wishing to use the New York State Education Incentive Program for the FALL 2000 semester must fill out an application in the Retention Office during the June UTA.

**As a reminder:**

You must fill out an application each semester  
You must be accepted or currently enrolled in a participating school  
You must have completed Basic Training  
You must be in "good standing" in the NYANG  
You must be a legal resident of New York State (180 days)  
You must carry a minimum six (6) semester hours  
You must be matriculated in a degree-producing program

You must apply for all available non-debt producing financial aid (TAP/PELL). Proof of acceptance or denial of TAP and PELL must be submitted with your application.

If you have any questions please call Master Sgt. Dave Klasen at ext. 161.



**ARE WE GETTING AN ATM ON BASE?**

Probably not, but we've been working on it. ATMs from commercial banks are cost prohibitive, while credit unions appear to be a possibility. Now, we have to find an interested credit union. Our search continues.

**VETERANS' TAX BENEFITS EXTENDED:**

In the past, many NY municipalities offered combat veterans real property tax exemption benefits. These benefits normally came in the form of a 15-25% reduction in the state portion of property taxes. Originally, the exemption was available to veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. armed services during the Persian Gulf Conflict; Vietnam War; Korean War; World War I and II, etc.

On 30 November 1999, Governor George E. Pataki signed into law legislation extending the veterans' real property tax exemption to expeditionary medal recipients who placed their lives in harms way while serving in various undeclared military operations.

In most cases, a copy of the DD Form 214 or proof of award for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal can evidence benefit eligibility. Eligible veterans must file an application with their local tax assessor. Filing deadlines vary and remember; not all municipalities participate in the program. Check with your local tax assessor. Questions concerning this tax benefit can be directed to the Division of Veterans' Affairs at (888) VETS NYS or their web site [www.orps.state.ny.us](http://www.orps.state.ny.us).

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**DECORATIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL & MAY*****THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO:***

TSG IRENE DALEY, SVF  
MSG KATHLEEN STEENER, MSF  
MSG RALPH BROWN, MSF

***THE AF COMMENDATION MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO:***

CPT CHARLES HUTSON, FW  
2LT EDWARD COOK, FW  
MSG MARK GRAHAM, MAI  
MSG TRACY SARGENT, LGS

***THE AF ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO:***

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SRA LISA MORGAN, LGS  
SRA TIMOTHY MARTIN, LGS  
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TO MAJ:  
CATHERINE VAUGHAN, FW  
TO MSGT:  
MICHAEL WIGGINS, DET 1

TO TSGT:  
WILLIAM SULLIVAN, MDS  
FRANCIS BECK, 138 FS  
MARC YERTON, SFS  
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# *Air Force Rolls Out New Symbol and Ad Campaign*

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, 174th FW Public Affairs Officer and Maj. Catherine Vaughan, 174th FW, Community Manager



**W**e recently attended an Air Force Public Affairs Conference during which officials introduced and explained the new Air Force symbol. The symbol consists of stylized wings with sharp angles divided into six sections to represent our core competencies—aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support. The lower half of the symbol includes a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. The three diamonds represent our core values—integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

It is safe to say that many in the audience were initially skeptical about altering our long tradition of using the Hap Arnold Army Air Corps wings to symbolize the service's proud heritage. But after hearing Air Force Chief of Staff, General Michael Ryan, and others speak about why the change is necessary and why the chosen symbol was selected, these two writers came away committed to making the new identity campaign a reality.

It is perhaps helpful to start by explaining what this new campaign does not involve: It does not involve changing the name of the Air Force. Gen. Ryan made that point very clearly and unequivocally.

The new symbol is not a done deal. It is currently in a test phase. Only after comments have been received and analyzed will a final decision on adopting the symbol be made.

A new tag line (to replace "Aim High") has not been agreed upon. Consultants proposed the phrase "World Ready", but that was not adopted (at least not yet!) out of concern that it does not include a call to action, nor does it inspire.

What the symbol and campaign hopefully will do is allow the Air Force to create a more consistent corporate brand and attract young recruits. There is little question that members of the Air Force know who we are and what we stand for, but the general public is less sure. To them, there is no consistency in how we present ourselves. In order for the public to know, associate with and support our Air Force, a clear, com-

pellent and consistent symbol is being proposed.

During the test phase, the symbol can be used in outreach communication and advertising, to promote recruiting, retention and general public awareness of the Air Force and its value to the nation. It should not be applied at this time to "nonperishable" uses such as aircraft, vehicles, buildings and base entrance gates. The symbol is designed to allow individual unit emblems (shields or patches) to be placed inside the wings.

Along with the new symbol comes an aggressive advertising campaign. For the first time ever, the Air Force intends to advertise during prime time. Three new television advertisements are due out by July. One potential advertisement was shown during the seminar and it looked very compelling. The service intends to spend \$50 million per year on television advertising alone.

Comments and feedback on the symbol can be e-mailed to Air Force officials at [afstory@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afstory@pentagon.af.mil).

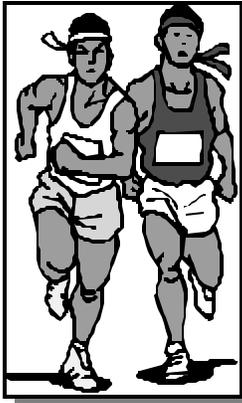
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## **“Wait till I tell you what happened to me”**

By Tech Sgt. Jim Mirra, 174th FW, Propulsion Shop

**D**oes this line sound familiar as said by late night talk show host David Letterman? I don't have the gift or the art of being funny or the ability of making light of something so serious as open-heart surgery. I guess being funny is his job. Well that's what happened to me. I had open-heart surgery in August of 1999 after suffering a stroke. This came as such an incredible shock to me, my family, and well, I guess to everyone who knows me knows how physically fit I try to keep myself. They tell me the cause of this I have had since birth, and there are many people that live with it on a daily basis. Some luck huh!!

“Why me?” One thing that all of the doctors shared with me and that I am so thankful for is “That my strong physical condition is why I fared so well and recovered so quickly from all of the symptoms the stroke left me to deal with.” Why me? Well I guess the answer to that I will never know. One thing I do know is how lucky I am to have all of the friends and extended family at the 174<sup>th</sup>. There were so many people that sent all of their well wishes and reached out to help in any way they could. I can't tell you all what this meant to me. I want to take this time to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.



## CHASE CORPORATE CHALLENGE FOOT RACE

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2000 AT  
1825 hrs. (6:25 PM)  
GRIFFIN FIELD, ONONDAGA  
PARKWAY.

For more information contact:  
Tech. Sgt. Jim Mirra X657 or 656;  
or Master Sgt. Mark Shearer  
X817; or Master Sgt. Chris  
McDonald X403

## DINING HALL MENU

Meal counters report at 1000 hours  
Saturday: MDS Sunday: LGD



Master Sgt.  
Irene Daley

Saturday  
Baked Ham  
Rice  
Assorted Vegetables  
Fast Food Items

Sunday  
BBQ Chicken  
Potatoes  
Assorted Vegetables  
Fast Food Items

## Article Submission Deadlines

In order to actively involve our traditional Guardsmen in the EnGarde publishing process articles must be submitted one-week prior to the preceding UTA. This allows traditional guardsmen the opportunity to participate in the following months issue. The deadlines are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July	2 June 2000 (Friday)
August	30 June 2000 (Friday)
September	28 July 2000 (Friday)
October	8 September 2000 (Friday)
November	6 October 2000 (Friday)
December	27 October 2000 (Friday)

Articles should be submitted via e-mail to:  
jeff.wallace@nysyra.ang.af.mil  
AND jwallace@garrity.com.

## A Thank you from Carol

I would just like to say thanks to everyone who donated towards my benefit on April 16th. It was really nice seeing so many people from the base there. The day was a huge success and I would also like to thank any of the Guardsmen who might have donated towards my benefit.

God Bless and thanks for caring.  
Carol Campbell

## Pay Date for June Drill is June 19



## July Drill dates 8-9 July 2000

Retirement Party for Master Sgt. Walt Winter  
July 8th  
VFW POST 3146

At the front gate turn right onto Molloy Rd. take first  
left onto Townline Rd. and then first right onto  
Factory Ave.

Buffet  
Social Hour- 1630  
Dinner-1730

Presentations to follow  
POC: Tech Sgt. Shaffer 454-6106  
Staff Sgt. Alton 454-6516  
Cost: \$10 per person  
RSVP by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000

Due to the ORE on 10 June, we've changed  
the date for the retirement party for  
TSgt Irene Daley  
to Saturday, 3 June 2000  
7:00 pm dinner  
at  
The Spaghetti Warehouse  
689 N. Clinton St.  
Syracuse, NY  
\$15.00 per person

POC: MSgt Sue Cenci, x264  
Or SSgt Melinda McLaughlin, x264

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

# Wing Marketing Team Stands-up

By Capt. Charles Hutson, 174th FW, Financial Services Officer

There are several elements within the Wing, which are highly visible within our community. Those elements are Recruiting, Community Management, and Public Affairs. In an effort to coordinate the activities of all these community-linked elements to attain synergistic results and reduce any duplications of effort, the Wing has created a Marketing Team. The primary mission of the Marketing Team is to GET RECRUITS!

First of all, here are the folks that are on the Marketing Team: Advisor Colonel Richter, Major Vaughan, Captain Hisel, Master Sergeant Klasen, Master Sergeant Nall, Master Sergeant Peele, Technical Sergeant Diaz, myself, and YOU!

Everyone that wears a uniform associated with Hancock Field is key to our marketing effort. People see us everyday driving between the base, the city, and our outlying communities. Family members, college students, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol cadets, and Explorers are all potential recruits that see us every time they visit our base. The way the public views the 174th Fighter Wing as well as the Air National Guard, is a direct reflection of each and every one of us wearing a uniform.

Everyone needs to be aware of the current manning in the Wing and the challenges facing recruiting and retention over the course of the next 18 months. We are currently manned at 93.7% as of 30 Apr 00. In the next 18 months, more positions are coming to Syracuse. The 274th Combat Communications Squadron from Roslyn is currently in the process of converting to the 274th ASOS and is moving to

Hancock Field. You may have already seen their tactical humvees around the base. The 274th is bringing 45 positions to Hancock Field. Simultaneously, the 152d Air Control Group is converting into the 152d Air Operations Group and their manning is likely to increase by 50 positions as well. Just maintaining our current manning is a huge challenge to our regular recruiting force and in light of the new positions coming to Syracuse, they need help. Hence, creation of the Marketing Team.

Here is what the Marketing Team is working on right now:

- Billboard production and posting near highway interchanges in and around Syracuse. These billboards will feature the 174th's very own F-16s (including the cobra logo).
  - Public Service Announcements on the radio
  - Project Pride—shortly you may hear the voice of our own Syracusan, Colonel Basile on the radio
  - Web site improvement to include linking to community pages
  - Flyers in Syracuse Newspapers
  - Lithograph design and procurement
  - Special Event Participation such as Juneteenth on 15 June downtown, the Black Expo on 29 April at Nottingham High School, and the WWII Memorial Fundraiser at Walmart on 6 May.
  - Mass mailings via the postal service
- Future Marketing Team initiatives include:
- Improving Wing visibility at the airport to include displays, selling Chapter 50 products in the gift shops, and possibly up-

dating the film which runs at the airport.

- Logos and other ads on base vehicles
- Centro bus ad. This initiative includes purchasing a “bus-wrap”, which would consist of our bus-size ad produced and painted across an entire city bus and maintained for 12-18 months.
- Getting college level-marketing students from to help us develop an overall marketing strategy
- Movie ads—the 174FW coming to a theater near you?
- New recruit recognition at High School Awards ceremonies
- Motto contests—who can come up with the best marketing motto?

We need your help! We need a couple of more folks on the marketing team from the full-time force to help plan, organize, and execute our future initiatives. Additionally, the recruiters are always looking for assistance from the part-time force to help at special events to man booths and provide first-hand information and experience at job fairs and other special events. See Captain Hisel if you are interested.

Most importantly, we all need to market our Wing. I have no doubt each and every one of us is respected by our relatives, friends, and neighbors. Remember to keep on the lookout for potential recruits, inform them what we do here, and how they can join the unit. There are people out there within our own community, who don't know that an F-16 Fighter Wing exists here in Syracuse and what opportunities are available to them. Let's all do our best to market this fine organization!

# Alumni News

By Master Sgt. (Ret) Bill Dardis, 174th Alumni News Editor

## ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament (formally referred to as the annual Joe Sikora tournament) will be held at the Rogue's Roost Golf course (West Course) on Friday, June 16, 2000. The tournament will begin at 8:30 AM with a shotgun start, captain & crew rules. Cost of the event is \$45.00 per person. The price includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and food on the turn, refreshments all day long and a barbecue following play. All entrants will have a chance to have their name drawn to win one of 14 Titanium drivers being given away. If you are interested in entering the event, contact Dick Bordonaro at (315) 454-6665. Gene McIntyre at (315) 454-6432, or Gerry Weller at (315) 454-6117. **GET YOUR ENTRANCE FEE IN EARLY – THIS ONE FILLS QUICKLY! GOOD LUCK**

## THE BEST ALUMNI EVENT OF THE YEAR:

Mark Saturday, July 29, 2000 on your calendars. That is the official date for the annual "Alumni Picnic". The event will be held at the All Services Club as we have done in the past. Festivities will begin at 12 noon and run until 5:00 PM (officially anyway.) Cost per person is still only \$5.00. The menu consists of roasted chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, beer and soda. A cash bar will be available for those wishing mixed drinks. Don't miss out! Bring your family or bring a guest. It's a great time for all.

## YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE ARE NEEDED:

The Central New York Group of the Civil Air Patrol is looking for prior service volunteers to fill some senior membership vacancies that currently exist in their organization. Assistance is needed in most all areas of their operation (my guess is they can use any

skills that we possess.) If you are interested and have a desire to get that uniform back on, contact Major James J. Edmonds, Commander of the CNY Group at (315) 652-4253.

## NEW FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

As of the end of April 2000, membership stood at 659. Congratulations to Bob Post for becoming the most recent "life time" member. Let's help John out. Let's see if we can get 2 life time members during this period. (After all you will get your name mentioned.)

## HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PUBLISHED?...

A native of Phalsbourg, France (Pascal Reimel) is currently seeking material (photographs, stories, etc...) pertaining to the 138th Fighter Squadron activation during the Berlin call up. His hope is to gain enough material to write and publish a book. Though there have been some already written, he still feels there is a story to be told.

## WORDS OF WISDOM (Compliments of JKT):

A story to share. It goes like this "...I was talking to my Dad about current events the other night. I asked him what he thought about the shootings in schools, current events out of the White House, the computer age and just things in general. As he began to reply – I listened intently..." "I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. There weren't things like radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, and he hadn't walked on the moon.

Your Mom and I got married first – then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother, and every child over 14 had a rifle that his dad taught him how to use and respect. Until I

was 25, I called every man older than me 'sir'; and after I turned 25 I still called policemen and every man with a title 'sir'.

In our time, closets were for clothes. Sundays were set aside for going to church as a family, helping those in need, and just visiting with your neighbors. We were before computer dating, dual careers, day care centers, and group therapy.

The Ten Commandments, good judgement, and common sense governed our lives. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong, and to stand up and take responsibility for your actions. Serving your country was a privilege – living here was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time with the family spent together in the evenings and weekends, not condominiums.

We never heard FM radio, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the 'big bands', Jack Benny and the president's speeches on the radio. I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey. In my day 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in, and 'rock music' was your grandmothers lullaby. 'AIDS' were helpers in the Principal's office, a 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a store and 'software' was not a word yet. We were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

"No wonder people today call us old and confused, and there is such a generation gap!" 15

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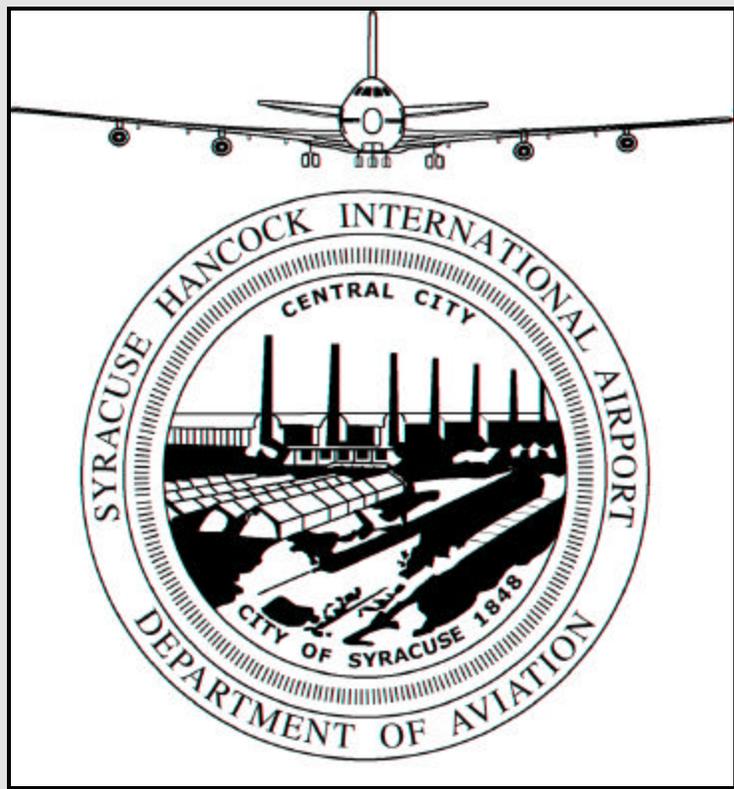
**A**irshow 2000 features the Northern Lights Aerobatics Demonstration Team of Quebec, Canada flying the L-39 Russian Jet Albatross., U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagle Demonstration Team, Beauty and the Beast wingwalking and aerobatics, the Newman Antonov-2, Jim Parker Airshows with the Yak 55M and Sailplane, the Warbird, P-51 Mustang with the F-15 in the Heritage Flight , the Super Mario Jet Funny Car and a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) exhibit.

Airshow 2000 is scheduled for July 8-9, 2000 at Syracuse Hancock International Airport in Syracuse,

During Airshow 2000 weekend the AAEF Brown Quimby Award will be presented to the aviation pioneer honoree of the year.

A portion of the proceeds of the airshow will be used to continue to fund these scholarships and other AAEF-sponsored programs like the Syracuse Umoja Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and the Aviation Explorers at Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

For further information, please call the Department of Aviation at (315) 454-3263.



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