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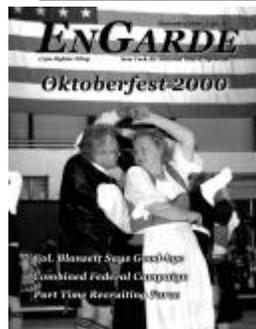
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OktoberFest 2000



Marketing Director



About The Cover

German dancers "strut their stuff" during a fun-filled day of Oktoberfest activities. Thanks to all who helped out in planning and executing this event.

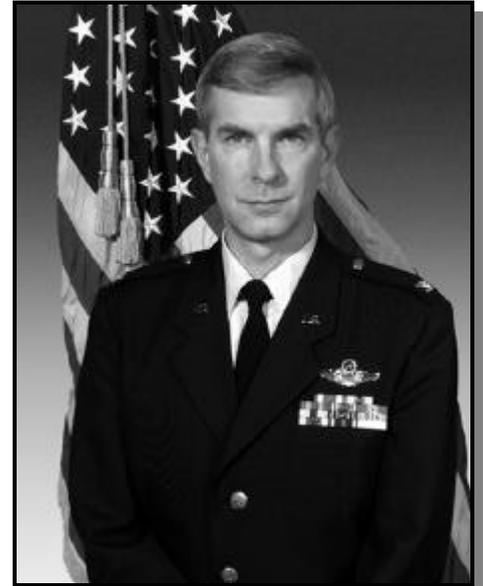
COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As the 174th turns to the business of preparing for the retake of the Phase II ORI, a number of issues have arisen that I would like to discuss with you. The first issue regards the nature of the retake. I have heard speculation from 'there won't be one' to 'it's going to be September all over again.' I would like to provide the Wing with clear guidance and expectations, but unfortunately, at this time at least, we do not have a definite answer back from the Air Combat Command Inspector General's office as to what their exact requirements are. By the November UTA the commander of ACC will have been briefed, and we expect that the IG will be able to provide us with a clearer picture of what they need to see again, and what format it needs to be in. I'll share this information as soon as it becomes available.

A related issue concerns the just completed Staff Assistance Visit from a composite team of members from the Guard Bureau, the ACC Guard staff, and experts from other Guard units. We should all be heartened to hear that the team's overall impression of the 174th was very positive - there was a unanimous agreement among the members that the 174th is a very strong and capable unit, but that we needed to focus back on the fundamentals and the compliance items. They were also very satisfied with the corrective action plan

that has been drafted as a means of addressing and correcting these shortcomings. Their findings will be forwarded to both the Guard Bureau and the ACC IG, and may have a bearing on what the IG wants from us the next time they visit.

The final issue I'd like to address is that of status of this Wing in the minds of our commanders at the State and National levels. Like many others in the 174th I have been worried about what this grade would mean to those whose opinion has a direct influence on the future of this great organization, and I think it important for everyone to know that both the Adjutant General of New York, Major General Fenimore, and the Director of the Air National Guard, Major General Weaver, have expressed their support of and their complete confidence in the ability of the 174th to overcome any challenge, including the difficult times we are facing now. They did not have to express this support, and in fact it would most likely be easier for them to criticize our performance than to support the overall picture of our capabilities. It is a testament to our history, and to our ongoing support of numerous Guard efforts world-wide, that keeps our reputation intact. My thanks to every member of this Wing for making this support from above possible. And thank you for the work that is going in to make our next encounter with the IG one which will make them leave



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

us wondering how they could have been so wrong in their assessment the first time they were here.



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

Thank You and So Long

By Col. (Retired) Richard Blansett

Well, this is it.

September 30, 2000 marks the end of FY 2000, the end of the “federal fiscal millenium” and the end of 33 years and six months of my career in the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard.

At midnight tonight, Julie can finally empty all those blue shirts and patent leather shoes out of the closet and reclaim the closet space taken up by the parka and field jacket.

I’m not going too far. I wouldn’t know how to live without a Northern New York winter. If you would like to keep in touch, try the home e-mail: rblanse1@twcny.rr.com or the home address: 4843 Juneway Drive South, Liverpool, NY 13088-5807.

As I send this final “official” message, the office is quiet, the books are balanced and the torch has been passed. Captain Chuck Hutson officially becomes Comptroller in a few hours - although he has been doing 110% of the job for over 6 months now. He and Finance Team Syracuse will not miss a beat - the transition has already happened - and it’s a change for the best.

Over the past few weeks, a phenomenal number of people have e-mailed, written, called and stopped in to wish me well and Godspeed. The folks at the 174th Fighter Wing staged an outrageous and wonderful retirement dinner in August - with their co-conspirators from ANG/FM and HQ NYANG and

NEADS. The 152nd Air Control Group treated me to an exceptional luncheon, and the 174th FW Finance and Contracting folks just finished up a year-end picnic with more surprises. I’ve been totally overwhelmed by everyone’s kindness and thoughtfulness - it’s really unnecessary, but eternally appreciated. A whole lot of folks have said nice things about how they have enjoyed working with me - although I really appreciate the sentiments, they’re really mis-directed. For the past 33 years, I’ve tried to treat people as they have universally treated me - with dignity and respect. I owe all of you for any small things I may have achieved.

To all of my friends and cohorts in the Air National Guard, and especially Colonel Bob Knauff and the men and women of the 174th Fighter Wing, thank you for a wonderful 33 years!

Colonel Paul Richter - our Support Group Commander, mentor and a good friend - and I have been arguing for 15 years whether it’s better to be an Air Tech or an AGR. Our only conclusion, repeated frequently as things change “some days it’s good to be an Air Tech, some days it’s good to be an AGR....”

For the past 12,287 days, it has been BEST to be a member of the 174th Fighter Wing.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your friendship, your patience and your confidence.

Food Drive Needs You!!!

By Master Sgt. Tim Dickerson, 174th FW, Logistics Squadron

Again this year the 174th and the 152nd are planning to assist the Salvation Army with their annual food drive. We have two major areas that we have assisted with for the last few years.

PART ONE: On **Friday November 10th**, a scheduled day off, we will be distributing empty food barrels to schools all over the county. We will meet at 0700 and be on the road so that we can be at the schools as soon as they open. We will travel in teams, so nobody has to kill themselves physically. We will continue until the barrels are all gone.

PART TWO: The second scheduled workday is **Friday December 15th**, also a scheduled day off. One group will be traveling to Dewitt Shoppingtown Mall. There they will be setting up a tent for shelter and generators for heat and lights. This is a major drop off point for the Food Drive. Our volunteers and employees from the Salvation Army will help unload food and toys and load them onto military and Salvation Army vehicles. These vehicles are then taken to the Civic Center in downtown Syracuse to unload. This has been lots of fun in the past!! The people from the Salvation Army are really great!

A second group will be driving military vehicles to the schools to pick up the full barrels. This will take more work than it did to drop them off. We will travel in bigger teams and have handcarts to move the barrels. This is harder work, but is very rewarding to see the trucks fill up with food. We do this in teams road rally style with drivers and navigators using radios, cell phones and maps. We plan to start at 0700 and end in the late afternoon.

Capt. Hutson has assured me that Annual Training and PT days will be made available. People working a short day (min. 4 hours) will receive 1 PT and anyone working a full day can be on Annual Training without having to use leave. This can also be a good time for someone to make up a drill, with their supervisors approval. Remember these are scheduled days off so no military leave will be needed.

E-mail Master Sgt. Tim Dickerson, or call me at ext.183 if you are interested or have any questions.

The 2000 Combined Federal Campaign of Central New York is here!

By Tech. Sgt. Aaron Correll, 174th FW, Combined Federal Campaign Organizer

Prior to the 1950's, on-the-job fundraising in the federal workplace was an uncontrolled free-for-all. Agencies, charities, and employees were dissatisfied to say the least. Some of the problems included poor marketing of charitable causes, pressure on employees to contribute, and organizational quotas. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) was the answer to this problem.

Conducted as an experiment in six cities, the 1964 CFC drive consolidated all drives into one. The result was a highly favorable response within the federal community. Agency managers were pleased with having to deal only with a once-a-year effort and federal employees responded with favor to the single solicitation. By 1971, CFC was adopted as the uniform fundraising method of choice for federal services.

Now that you know what CFC is, let's take a look at how you can participate. You'll be hearing a lot more about CFC over the course of the next few weeks. But before we do that, I thought it might be a good idea for us to realize how lucky most of us really are.

Our nation enjoys some of the highest wages and best standards of living in the world. Our blessings may include wonderful families, good health, and great careers.

A robust economy and record low inflation and unemployment rates add even further to our many benefits.

On the other hand, tragedy can strike at any time and without a moment's notice. A family illness, unexpected storm, combat operation, or even a traffic accident can change your life forever. Check out just a couple of the agencies within CFC.

- Air Force Memorial Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- Boy Scouts of America
- Children's Defense Fund
- Food Bank of CNY
- Rape Crisis Center
- Salvation Army
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

These are just a few of the super agencies that you can contribute to. They aren't just National and International organizations they're local agencies, as well. You can make a difference in your own back yard. So, whether it's the Madison County United Fund, the YMCA of Oswego, or the Syracuse United Neighbors you can put your contribution right where you think the dollars will have the most effect.



The 174th FW recognizes the following retirees during the October 2000 drill. From left to right: Tech. Sgt. James Mirra, Master Sgt. Dean Peck, Master Sgt. Stephen McCauly, Senior Master Sgt. James Farrell, Colonel Robert Knauff (wing commander), Senior Master Sgt. Louis Lee, Tech. Sgt. Jon Loney, Master Sgt. Linda Fisher, Master David Kay, Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Schmidt and Staff Sgt. Harold Slivinski



Chaplain's Corner



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

New Champlain

Major Douglas Decker is a newly assigned chaplain to the 174 Fighter Wing. He is a Roman Catholic priest from Northern New York currently assigned to St. Cecilia's Church in Adams, New York. He graduated from Hammond Central School and SUNY Oswego with a degree in education. After serving in the Peace Corps in Micronesia, he entered the seminary for priestly formation and study. After ordination, he served several different parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in northern New York.

Chaplain Decker entered the Air Force in January 1986 and was initially assigned to Plattsburgh AFB, New York. In October 1991, Chaplain Decker was given Continued Reserve Status. Between 1991-1993 he served at Luke AFB, AZ. He moved on to Kunsan Air Base in South Korea between 1993 and 1994. From 1994-1996 he served at Malmstrom AFB, MT.



New Chaplain Doug Decker, Maj.

Chaplain Decker looks forward to working along side the other chaplains to provide spiritual care to the 174th Fighter Wing.

Great Jubilee

In closing, I have a few thoughts on the year 2000, the Great Jubilee.

Jubilee: a time or season of rejoicing and restoration. Jubilee is a time for us to remember that Jesus was born two thousand years ago. Jubilee is also a lesson about the nature of God and His love, mercy, compassion, and his restoration.

In the story of Genesis 2, God rested after his creation. He rested on the seventh day. He blessed this day and made it holy. He has commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath, and so from the beginning of time, God shows us our need to come aside to remember that we are created beings and we give glory and honor to God. The church with her authority, moves this day to Sunday - the day Jesus rose from the dead defeating death and giving us a profound reason to rejoice and celebrate this victory.

In Exodus 23 :10, God extends the rest to the seventh year instructing the people to allow the land itself to rest from the production of producing a crop. Then in Leviticus 25: 8-12, God counts seven times seven years plus one to the 50th year when we are to celebrate the great jubilee. Here follows a new concept.

We are being called to trust that He will take care of us. If we will let go, forgiving ourselves and others, and putting our faith in Him, God will provide. God moves us to a dependency on him. We can't go wrong.

In our modern culture we are destroying the day of rest. Many have to go to work. Many let the student sports schedule rule their lives. Many go shopping. Did God intend the day of rest to develop like this? Check your schedule and start to cross out certain things. Make sure Sunday worship stays at the top of your list and go with family time and fun things, Ask if this is a year of Jubilee for you and your family?

Giving Thanks

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

Once again, we will celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving at the end of the month.

There is an old Hebrew Proverb that says " Those who close their ears to the needy will themselves cry and not be heard. "

This Proverb reminds me of a story of a monk who prayed that God would appear to him in his life, at the very instant that God appeared, the doorbell rang calling the monk to feed the poor at the monastery gate. The monk was torn between God and feeding the poor. Then he decided to turn his back on the vision of God and feed the poor. When he re-

turned, God was still there and said to him, " Had you not gone to feed the poor I would not have stayed." The story of the monk makes a good point; helping the poor takes priority over worship and prayer. What kind of priority do I put on helping the poor, and why?



Chaplain Mathes

We are all needy in some way but all of us have something to give one another. May Thanksgiving be a day to say thank you for the things someone has given us out of their need.

Political Activities

By Lt. Col. Joseph Lamendola, 174th FW, Judge Advocate General

There is a basic concept, deeply engrained in our democratic system of government, that political activities and the ongoing activities of the armed forces should be separate functions. Political leaders should not wear military uniforms; Military leaders are not politicians. The Joint Ethics Regulation (DOD 5500.7) tells us that DOD policy encourages members of the armed services to carry out the obligations of citizenship to the maximum extent possible imposed by the regulation. In other words, you can do anything that you are not prohibited from doing. The more difficult question is this: when does good citizenship actually violate the law.

The guidance on political activities is very issue specific. As members of the military we must refrain from participating in political activities while in uniform and from using government facilities for such activities (see AFI 51-902).

Obliviously a guard member or reservist who is running for political office, may not engage in political activity while on duty. Nor may the military member engage in political activity in any military office or while wearing their uniform or while using a government vehicle. Obliviously you may not wear political buttons while on duty.

The permitted activities are not difficult to comprehend. You may contribute money to political activities. Express opin-

ions about candidates and issues. Attend political fund raising activities. Assist in voter registration and sign nominating petitions. Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections. Attend political rallies and meetings.

There is also is Secretary of the Defense (SECDEF) message from 22 February 1996. The message suggests that military newspapers may not carry campaign news, partisan discussion, cartoons, editorials, or commentaries dealing with political campaigns. Although military members may be encouraged to vote as part of the voting assistance program, military publications can not be used to persuade members to vote one way or another.

Finally, restrictions on the use of military resources are not limited to on base activities. The SECDEF message advises commanders to deny requests for community support for political meetings, ceremonies and like events, including the use of band and colorguards, personnel and speakers either on the instillation or in the civilian community.

Political activities issues are not limited to election years. As members of the military we should recognize the sensitive issues generated by political activities. When the issues arise they involve a delicate balance of an individual's rights and the military's need for good order and discipline, and the fundamental separation of military and political affairs.



Recently, the 174th Marketing Team unveiled one of its new marketing initiatives... a wrap bus (a bus enveloped with an advertisement for the 174th Fighter Wing) in front of the 174th main hangar. The bus was photographed next to the 174th Fighter Wing Commander's aircraft.

The bus is currently on the road throughout Onondaga County promoting the 174th recruiting efforts. Standing next to the new bus is it's driver, Master Sgt. Carlton Derby, who is a Centro driver in his civilian life. Master Sgt. Derby volunteered on his day off to don his Centro uniform and bring the bus out for the photo session.

Thank you Carlton and the Marketing Team!

Oktoberfest 2000

By Maj. Kate Vaughan, 174th FW, Community Manager; Tech. Sgt. Gary Illingworth, 174th FW, History Office

The long awaited 174th Fighter Wing "Oktoberfest" took place over the October Unit Training Assembly (UTA). This celebration was the culmination of a challenging year and allowed many family members to learn more about our unit. The "Oktoberfest" theme is of course borrowed from Germany, where each fall celebrations bearing that name are conducted in villages, towns, and cities throughout that country to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest. Tents are set up, rides, and other vendors are contracted, crops are displayed and agricultural products are

Wing received the Fairchild A-10 aircraft and began deploying to Germany regularly during the 1980s. Close friendships were begun during those deployments to Lechfeld, Bavaria, near Munich, which exist to this day.

In Germany, these celebrations today may involve ceremonial dress and dance at many locations. Women wear lace front blouses and frilly hats, and men wear 'lederhosen' or leather shorts, vests, and various styles of hats, some with feathers. Dancers slap their thighs and perform to music provided by local bands, often made up of volunteers from the communities.

For those of you who were able to attend our Oktoberfest you have a better understanding of these German traditions. We adopted some of the authentic customs and added a few of our own. The result was a fun-filled afternoon spent on an unusually sunny fall day. The festivities kicked off with an awards ceremony in front of the main hangar at 2:00 p.m.

2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, our Public Affairs Officer, did a superb job of reading citations to accompany an Air Medal for Col. Basile and Tech. Sgt. Dorosh in addition to a Meritorious Service Medal for Col. Richter. He recognized the past four Airman of the Quarter winners; Master Sgt. Kevin Scanlin, Staff Sgt. Timothy Martin, Senior Airman Sandra Johnson and Senior Airman Kimberly Jones. In addition, he announced the Marketing Slogan contest winner, Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz, who submitted, "Your life, Your future, Guard it", and highlighted the Chief Council's dedication of 11 streets in honor of former unit members.

Immediately following the awards formation all of the displays opened. In front of the Main Hangar and the Fuel Cell guests enjoyed an up close view of



Tech. Sgt. Michelle Brody shows off niece Emily Zinger.

one of our F-16s, Maj. Balbierer's high performance (hand-built) airplane, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cessna 172, CAP Command Post Tent, CAP Van, Ft Drum's Smoke Truck, the DARE car, and several law enforcement vehicles.

Inside the fuel cell many families had the opportunity to watch a brand new Year 2000 unit video, see a POW/MIA display table and learn more about our unit history. Visitors also learned about VFW membership, Park Police, and Civil Air Patrol opportunities. Many folks shook hands with McGruff the Dog and had the opportunity to get their face painted by our local artists Master Sgt. Anita Dardis and Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz.



McGruff the Crime Dog discusses safety issues with future 174th member.

sampled.

"Oktoberfest" started in Germany with wedding bells and a horse race October 12, 1810, four years after Bavaria had become a kingdom. Crown prince Ludwig of Bavaria (who was to be King Ludwig I) married princess Therese of Saxon-Hildburghausen. The official festivities lasted five days and included parades of riflemen, music, eating and drinking. The festivities ended with a horse race held on a green which was situated in those days outside of the Munich city limits and named "Theresienwiese" (Theresa's green) in honor of the bride. Over the next years the horse race was repeated and the Oktoberfest, also called "Wiesn" was born.

Here at the Wing, the association with "Oktoberfest" began when the



Command Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley (left) and Chief Master Sgt. Jesse Diaz display base map showing new street signs dedicated to fallen 174th members.

Emergency information was passed out by the Armed Forces Emergency Services Committee of our local Red Cross and parents registered their children's finger prints with the New York State Police. The Cultural Awareness Team handed out candy to children while the Military Personnel Flight supported a very busy popcorn booth. The sound of excited children winning free prizes from the Duck Pond and Ring Toss was occasionally broken by the voice of



Members of the Cultural Awareness Team participate at a display in the fuel cell hanger.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Martin encouraging unit members to become Recruiting Augmentees.

At 3:00 p.m. many Civil Air Patrol Cadets demonstrated their drill proficiency forming up for a special awards ceremony in the Fuel Cell. Col. Knauff was joined by Lt. Col. Perta the CAP New York Vice Commander, in recognizing Central New York's CAP unit as Group of the Year in addition to presenting several cadet awards.

Meanwhile, in the Main Hangar German Dancers from the Bavarian Club Almenrausch appeared in authentic German clothing. They performed many lively dances including the popular "Chicken Dance" and encouraged the crowd to dance along. Outstanding music was provided by Die Lustigen Almdudler on the Main Stage throughout the evening.

Unit members and guests enjoyed German bratwurst, wiesswurst and knockwurst with sauerkraut, potato

salad and spicy mustard provided by the Utica Mannerchor Ladies Auxiliary. Beverages were catered by the All-Service Club and included light and dark German beer in addition to American options.

The Family Readiness Team (FRT), represented by Mrs. Anne Mosley, sponsored a very successful baked goods sale that resulted in raising over \$150 dollars to benefit families. The FRT table truly represented a total unit effort-- with food donations from over 30 individuals. Desserts ranged from homemade apple pie to special German cookies, banana bread, cookies, and even cheese-cake.

Overall, hundreds of unit members, family and friends enjoyed the celebration. Many people commented on the beautiful weather and the success of the event. Of course credit rests with many unit individuals who came

forward to sponsor, set-up, work, and clean-up the event. The following people went *above and beyond the call of duty*.



Tech Sgt. Dorosh (left) receives the Air Medal from Col. Knauff during October's awards Ceremony.

If you enjoyed the event please extend your thanks the next time you see them.

- Lt. Col. Murray*
- Chief Master Sgt. Mosley*
- Chief Master Sgt. Diaz*
- Chief Master Sgt. Whitman*
- Senior Master Sgt. Bill*
- Senior Master Sgt. Will*
- Senior Master Sgt. Gianetto*
- Master Sgt. Terri Scanlin*
- Master Sgt. Sue Cenci*
- Tech. Sgt. John Fox*
- Tech. Sgt. Mark Raut*
- Tech. Sgt. Joe Johnson*
- Tech. Sgt. Greg Giamas*
- Mrs. Anne Mosley*



Members of the Civil Air Patrol stand at Parade Rest during an awards presentation held during Oktoberfest.



Part Time Recruiting Force



By Tech. Sgt. Bob Martin, 174th FW, Civil Engineering

PTRF – What is it? I would like to take this opportunity to present to all members of the 174th, 274th, 152nd and NEADS, a new and exciting team. As we enter into a new fiscal year, as well as a new century, new and innovative recruiting techniques are required. In order to assist the recruiting office in rectifying this situation, the Part Time Recruiting Force (PTRF) has been created. With your assistance as a PTRF member, total manning will grow significantly.

This team will be comprised of individuals wishing to utilize their

knowledge and experience of the Air National Guard to better their respective organizations.

The main objective of the team is to provide a pool of individuals with varied skills to support recruiting efforts. As many unit members know there are numerous events throughout the year that provide a unique environment for recruiting. Because of the large geographical area encompassed by the 174th and its tenant units, it is virtually impossible for our recruiters to effectively cover it all.

We, as members of the PTRF,

would act as a first contact at these events, providing referral information to the recruiters. Those individuals who feel more comfortable in a less public atmosphere could provide much needed assistance with mailings or other such tasking.

I urge you to consider becoming part of this dynamic group of individuals. Members will be compensated for their time as well as being rewarded for their efforts. If you are interested please contact Senior Airman Stephanie Martin in the Recruiting Office, Ext. 159.

Are you a 174th/274th/152nd/ or /NEADS/ Member interested in becoming part of a dynamic group of individuals who desire to express their pride and support of their respective units?

Do you want to earn incentives and/or awards for referrals?

Please complete this form and return to: MPF / SRA MARTIN Ext. 159

Name: _____

Phone : (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Status: Technician AGR Drill Status Guard



Please indicate areas of interest

1. Administrative Support

- Generate Mailings _____
- Sort Incoming Correspondence _____
- Make Phone-calls _____
- Design New Recruiting Material _____



2. Community Contact

- High School Visits _____
- College Visits _____
- Guest Speaker at Events _____
- Manning Booths at Events _____
- Host Base Tours _____
- Deliver Informational Material to Communities _____



3. Other Areas of Interest not listed



RECRUITING

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

Safety Day – 28 September, 2000

By Maj. Charles Dorsey, 174th FW, Safety Officer

On 28 September, the 174th FW held a fall Safety Day. In addition to work center discussion groups, the Wing Safety office presented a mass briefing on a range of topics. Col. Knauff opened the meeting by stressing the importance of a constant safety attitude. That is, do things the right way and you'll not only be safer, but also be in compliance with standards.

Traffic Safety:

- Number one threat to our people.
- Tragically, we lost a 174th FW member this year to a motor vehicle accident.
- The big three causes of motor vehicle accidents are: no seatbelts, alcoholic beverages, and motorcycle related accidents. Remember the lesson of football star Derrick Thomas: When his vehicle crashed last year, he and another unbelted passenger died, while the one person belted in walked away.
- One quarter of all USAF motor vehicle fatalities involve motorcycles. They are HIGH RISK!
- Winter driving:
 - Increase distance between vehicles.
 - Reduce speed.
 - Anti-lock brakes: In order to gain the advantages of these braking systems, do not pump the brakes; instead, apply the brakes and let the braking system do its work.

Cold Weather Operations:

- Snowplows: Operators have limited visibility. Stay out of their way.
- Snowblowers: Older ones keep running even when not in motion. Be sure to turn these off before clearing the auger or the chute.
- Snow shoveling: Heavy snow shoveling for extended periods is a risk to your heart. You should shovel for

no more than 30 minutes maximum. If you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or are a smoker – your risks are higher.

- 174th FW Instruction 91-6 is the unit's Cold Weather Regulation.
- Avoid slips, trips, and falls:
 - Wear good footwear.
 - Don't carry heavy boxes.
 - Keep sidewalks clear of snow and debris.
 - Keep building entryways clear (Building Managers).

Hunting Safety:

- Not just hunters are at risk. Anyone out in the woods should be careful.
- Hunters wearing blaze orange are seven times less likely to be shot.
- Fundamental rules of gun handling.
 - Keep weapon pointed in safe direction.
 - Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - Keep the weapon unloaded until ready to use.
- Always store guns responsibly.

Emergency Response:

- Call 911 for on-base emergencies. Security, fire, and medical all answer 911.
- The base fire department will dispatch off-base ambulance.
- If person needs a doctor, but not an ambulance:
 - A vehicle from either MP or the fire department will drive the person.
 - If the fire department is not a manned to provide a driver, Motor Pool will provide a driver to the North Medical Center.

Security Awareness Heightened at 174th FW

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

At approximately 2300L hours on Friday, 13 October 2000, at Temple Beth-El, DeWitt, NY, a fire caused major structural damage. There were no injuries associated with this fire. The 174th FW has unit members who attend religious functions at the damaged Temple.

As a result of this incident, and because of events in Israel, Lebanon, and Yemen involving loss of life of American active duty service members on the "USS Cole," Col. Knauff, Commander, 174th FW placed the unit at threat condition alpha (THREATCON ALPHA), requiring full identification checks to gain access to Hancock Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB). The Wing will remain at this heightened security level until further notice, although the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has determined in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DoD) that no threats exist currently to other installations. Additionally, should the unit go to the next

higher physical security level, threat condition bravo (THREAT CON BRAVO), unit members would then be advised to lock their car doors and observe other security measures. The Wing was last at THREAT CON BRAVO during its deployment to Operation "Desert Storm" in 1991.

The last time the Wing was at an actual real world heightened security level was during February through May of this year, when members of the "Plowshare" and "Central New York Peace Action" people attempted illegal entry onto the base on two separate occasions. During the first incident, ten were arrested as they crawled under the front gate. On the second occasion, three individuals were arrested as they attempted to scale the fence using a stepladder.

Homecoming For New Director Of Marketing

Lt. Col. MaryJo Patierno recently joined the New York Air National Guard as its Director of Marketing. She will be based here at the 174th Fighter Wing. In addition to her new assignment, Lt. Col. Patierno recently pinned on her new rank during a ceremony officiated by Col. Knauff.

“As someone who grew up in Upstate New York, I am very excited about returning to my roots after fifteen years in the military,” said Lt. Col. Patierno. “I am particularly excited about joining the 174th because of its long history of excellence.”

Lt. Col. Patierno comes to the 174th after serving two years as the first Chief, National Guard Advisor’s Office within the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. Prior to that, she attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

From 1995 to 1997, Lt. Col. Patierno served as the Chief of

Health Professions and Officer Recruiting for the National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews AFB, Maryland. During her time at Andrews, Lt. Col. Patierno was selected to represent the Air National Guard as part of the Women in NATO conference held in Brussels.



Lt. Col. MaryJo Patierno is sworn in during a promotion ceremony officiated by Col. Knauff.

Prior to her assignment at the Readiness Center, Lt. Col. Patierno was the first non-line officer to serve as a facility advisor at the Air National Guard’s Academy of Military Sciences. In addition to designing curriculum and teaching, she was assigned to the Air University to weave Guard and Reserve material in the Squadron Officer School curriculum.

Lt. Col. Patierno began her military career at the 109th Air Wing in Schenectady, where she was direct commissioned into the Medical Services Corps. During her time at the 109th, she served as the Chief of the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

152nd Air Operations Now Hiring

The following is a list of job vacancies at the 152nd Air Operations Group. For further information concerning any of these vacancies, contact Lt. Col. Christopher Cahill or Maj. Kevin Walsh at Comm: 454-6281, or DSN: 489-9281.

BOMBER STRATEGIST	11B4Y#
B-1 PLANNER	11B4Y#
BOMBER EMPLOYMENT COORD OFFICER	11B4Y#
CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DUTY OFFICER (A-10)	11F4B#
SEAD DUTY OFFICER (F-16CJ)	11F4H#
F-117 PLANNER	11F4M#
DIRECTOR, COMBAT PLANS	11F4Y#
ISR DUTY OFFICER, U-2	11R4J#
INFORMATION OPS, BOMBER EWO	12B4W#
BOMBER EMPLOYMENT COORD OFFICER	12B4Y#
SEAD DUTY OFFICER (EA-6B EWO)	12F4#
IW PLANS/OPS COORDINATOR (SAEF)	12G#
EW, COMPASS CALL	12G#
EW, EWIR	12R#
COMPASS CALL PLANNER (CREW CMDR)	12R3#
ABCCC PLANNER (DABS)	12R3C#
ISR DUTY OFFICER, RC-135 EWO	12R4J#

SUPPORT DUTY OFFICER, EC-130	12R4Y#
SUPPORT DUTY OFFICER, EC-130	12R4Y#
DEPUTY CHIEF, AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT	13M4A#
DEP CHIEF, CURRENT SIT TEAM	14N3#
WEATHER DUTY OFFICER	15W4#
AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT	1C171#
AIRSPACE CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT	1C191#
SAR CONTROLLER	1C371#
NCOIC, AIR SUPPORT PLANS (ABM)	1C471#
GCCS/COP TECH (SURVEILLANCE TECH)	1C551#
DISPLAY (SAP/RAP) ABM QC TECH (CTAPS TECH)	1C551#
SURVEILLANCE TECH	1C551#
C2IPS/CTAPS OPERATOR	1C551#
LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT (MAINTENANCE)	2A571#
LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT (MAINTENANCE)	2A571#
CRYPTO MAINTENANCE	
SPECIALIST (SECURE COMM)	2E351#
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	3A071#
GCCS SYSTEM ADMIN	3C031#
JAG	51JX#



Master Sgt. Christopher J. Schmidt accepts the Meritorious Service Medal from Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS) Commander, Major John Balbierer. Master Sgt. Schmidt was the First Sergeant for the 174th AGS since 1996. He retired on 31 October 2000 with 24 years of military service with the United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. Master Sgt. Schmidt is an employee of the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester. He resides in Rochester, New York with his wife Anita and two daughters. Chris will be missed. Best of Luck to him and his family!

All Services Club News
It's Election time again!

This month you are invited to nominate members for the 2001 Base All Services Club Board and Club Officers. Please write in your nominations and forward them to:

All Services Club Election Committee
ATTN: Tech. Sgt. Brain Eveleigh, 174th MAI/LGMFC

Incumbents:
President: Master Sgt. Mike Drake
Vice President: Chief Master Sgt. Gary Scheirer
Treasurer: Master Sgt. Tom Brown
Secretary: Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz

Current Board of Directors:
Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley
Master Sgt. Rita Scheirer
Master Sgt. Mike Silkworth
Master Sgt. Chuck Normanly
Master Sgt. Marilyn White
Tech Sgt. Darryl Elkie

Please write in your nomination below:
President: _____
Vice President: _____
Treasurer: _____
Secretary: _____

Board of Directors:
(Please nominate up to six members)



DINING HALL

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FOOD SERVICE

MENU

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Goulash	Turkey
Assorted Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes
Garlic Bread	Stuffing, Yams
Cake	Corn
Fast Food	Pies
Salad Bar	Chef Salad
	No fast food, deli or salad Bar
Meal Counters: Report at 1000 Saturday MSS Sunday LG	



Pay Date for November UTA
is 15 November 2000



Next UTA 9-10 December 2000

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

News from the Education and Training Office

By Master Sgt. Rosemarie Murray, 174th FW, Training Office

The Education and Training Office has initiated a resource center for our members. This resource center, located in the Education and Training Office in the Wing Headquarters building, has information available about college scholarships, DANTES/CLEP tests, Regents College tests, Distance Learning courses and Community College of the Air Force requirements.

Of special interest, we also have study guides for the ASVAB tests, the Officer Candidate tests and the Emergency Medical Technician examination. Our Scholastic Resource Network scholarship program is

currently available for use on the computers located in our testing room.

We receive a substantial amount of new information each month. In order to meet the needs of our members, we have centralized our research area and added many new items of interest.

A member of the Wing Training and Education Office will be available to answer your questions or to assist you in any way. Please call x147, x148 or x409 for an appointment.

Congratulations to the following unit members on the completion of their Community College of the Air Force Degree requirements:

Master Sgt. Kenneth Belles
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Davenport
Tech. Sgt. Ronald Houghtalen
Staff Sgt. Derwin Davis
Chief Master Sgt. Jesse Diaz
Senior Master Sgt. David Heckman
Staff Sgt. Michael Jankowski
Staff Sgt. Mark J. Miller
Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Hepp
Staff Sgt. Timothy Vantran
Master Sgt. Scott Haskins
Staff Sgt. Karen Hunt
Senior Airman Paul Meyers
Senior Airman Paul Meyers
Staff Sgt. Glenn Nyce
Master Sgt. Teresa Scanlin
Senior Airman Gareth Scofield

Electronic Systems Technology
Avionic Systems Technology
Avionic Systems Technology
Electronic Systems Technology
Aircraft Systems Maintenance Technology
Safety
Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Security Administration
Education and Training Management
Information Systems Technology
Personnel Administration
Space Operations Technology
Communications Applications Technology
Criminal Justice
Logistics
Personnel Administration
Aviation Maintenance Technology

Gas Mask Inserts – The Basics

Here are the basics on how to order gas mask inserts.

1. If you require your first pair of gas mask inserts: Call ext 7321 (or 659) on Saturday UTA for an appointment. You will need to see the Optometrist or Optometry Tech for an initial fitting.

2. If you have previously been issued gas mask inserts by the 174 MDS and now require an updated prescription: Send your updated prescription to **174 MDS Attn: Optometry**. **NOTE:** Your FULL NAME, SSAN, and UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT must be **legible** on the prescription.

Hunter Safety Education Program

For those of you who wait until the last minute, the 174th FW will be hosting a Hunter Safety Education Program. The dates of the program are 18 & 19 November 00, the weekend before opening day of the southern tier deer season. The class will run from 9:00 - 3:00 both days and will be held in the Large

Ops briefing room. Class size is limited to 30 personnel and pre-registration is required. Please contact Master Sgt. Wayne Bovee at 454-6157 between 7:00 - 4:30 to register.

Alumni News

By Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Jim Monroe, 174th Alumni Association, President

Election of Officers

During last month's business meeting, the Alumni Association held their annual election of officers. Thirty-five (35) members were in attendance. The results of the election were as follows: Jim Monroe, President; Ted Scheirer, Vice President; Art Blankman, Secretary; Tom Biel, Treasurer; Don Whiting, Chaplain; Ralph Brooks, Director; Don Cook, Director, and Jim Shanahan, Director. Officers are elected to a one-year term and Directors to a two-year term. Other Directors having one year remaining on their terms of office are: Mel Denny, Bob Gianuzzi, and Bob Musengo. A shocker for most everyone at the meeting was when John Terry elected not to run for another term of office. John has been one of our biggest supporters and hardest workers. Fortunately, John has agreed to continue acting as our Membership Chairman, which is probably the toughest job within our Association.

Turkey Time

Like last year, we will be holding our Annual Thanksgiving party at the General Pulaski American Legion Post, 1604 Burnet Ave, Syracuse. The Post is located between Midler and Teal, at the corner of Burnett Ave and Peat St. The festivities will begin at 7:00p.m. on the Thanksgiving day, and will include a free turkey dinner, free beer and soda, and the raffling off of 20 turkeys. A \$1.00 donation will be requested of each attendee to help defray the cost of renting the hall. Guests are invited to attend.

SPECIAL REMINDER

There will be no December Alumni meeting!!!! The next meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2001, at 7:00 at the Base All Services Club.

Taps

In our August 2000 issue of the Alumni News, we announced that Jim Wright, a former Alumni member and guardsman, had passed away several years ago. Well, we have since found out that Jim is still among the living and is currently residing at the Family Adult Home in Manlius, NY. We apologize for any undo stress this untimely error may have caused, and hope that Jim will continue to prove us wrong for many years to come.

Sick Call

ing. So in the future, if your address changes, please let us know. The same for those of you that are on our "e-mail" listing, if you change servers let us know what your new address.

* If at anytime you would like to send a card or letter to those we identify in the "Taps" or "Sick Call" articles, and you do not have their address, give Don Whiting or Jim Monroe a call and they will be happy to give it to you. Don's phone number is (315) 458-4820 and Jim's is (315) 635-5402. We are sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

* We have added two more Life members, Joe Carpenter and Joe Holt, to the membership rolls. They make the 25th and 26th octogenarian to join the ranks of our life members. Joe Carpenter is currently living in Conway, SC, and Joe Holt is residing in Syracuse.

Forty years ago this past September, the unit received the Grand Slam for Trophies. First the Group was selected as recipient of the Governor's Air Trophy for outstanding tactical fighter operations. Second, the 138th Tactical Fighter Squadron was named "The Outstanding Individual Unit in the NYANG"

and presented the Commander's Trophy. Last but not least the National Guard Association awarded the unit the trophy for the most operationally ready F-86H unit in the ANG.

* Fifty years ago this month, the unit began the transfer of their F-84B aircraft to Luke AFB to support the Korean War effort.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drinks will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.



"Daytona Beach" L to R: Dennis Raml, Loni Crast, Leo McGlynn, Art Brancato, Bob Musengo, Wendy Omlor, and John Gerhardt.

Paul Jennings is slowly recovering from a broken leg he sustained a couple of months ago.

New/Reinstated Members

Maureen McNamara, Matt Modleski and George Prior.

More News & Trivia

* We still receive complaints from a few people that they are not receiving their EnGarde. In most cases, the problem is that the member has moved. In the past when that happened, the Post Office returned the undelivered EnGarde with the new address shown. Unfortunately, we don't have that luxury anymore, because we no longer have first class mail-

2001 FISCAL YEAR SCHEDULE 2001

AS OF 01 OCT 2000

OPR: TSgt Greg Glamas

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