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*Under The Pipper*



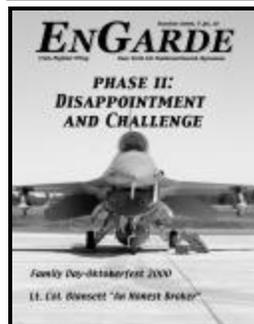
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## About The Cover

After receiving a Marginal rating on our Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection, the Wing faces many challenges as it prepares to retake the Inspection in May 2001.

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

## PHASE II ORI: Revisited

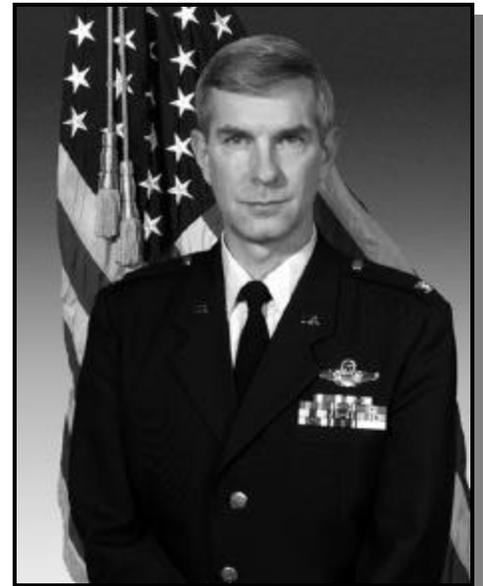
One month ago I was writing to you with the intent to send a message of encouragement and support to the entire 174<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming inspection. It was my intent that the Wing understand the reason there was so much interest in this inspection, that we would all show up for the drill with a positive, can-do attitude and that everyone would know that I was supremely confident in this organization's ability to take on any task and meet any challenge.

I was mistaken. While I still believe in the ultimate excellence of the 174<sup>th</sup>, it is clear from the results of Phase II that I did not adequately explain the importance of succeeding in this inspection, nor did I motivate the Wing to excel, and most importantly, I did not accurately assess the state of the Wing's readiness. Certainly, I would not commit us to an inspection that I didn't think we could at least pass. And our track record of successful challenges over the past couple of years gave me every confidence that we would get through the Phase II with no problem.

In that last sentence is the root of what I have come to see as the fundamental issue that the IG had with our perform-

ance. We have come to expect the glowing post-deployment after action reports, the letters of appreciation, and all the trappings of success and excellence. We have read our own press releases and believed them. But we have lost sight of what it takes to build a truly outstanding organization – and that is an adherence to the core principals of the Air Force and the Air National Guard. Without the support of an absolutely solid bedrock of the basics; Tech Order compliance, adherence to standards, safety awareness, positive and cooperative working relationships, concern for the other members' well-being, and many others too numerous to mention, we cannot demonstrate excellence. Any structure without a sound foundation will be vulnerable to the pressures applied to it.

So this is my challenge to us all – we must examine the way we do business and get back to the basics that we all knew well, but have somehow forgotten in our drive for bigger and better things. I know this Wing is capable of nearly any task, but I ask all of you to do the hardest thing of all: to look in a mirror and ask yourself if you are really doing things the way they should be done. If we can honestly say we are doing things



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

to the absolute letter and spirit of the guidance, great. If not, our paths ahead for the next six months until we receive a re-take of the ORI should be clear.

As for me personally, I am going to take the advice of former President Reagan, and I recommend that we all take it to heart:

**TRUST, BUT VERIFY!**

### 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

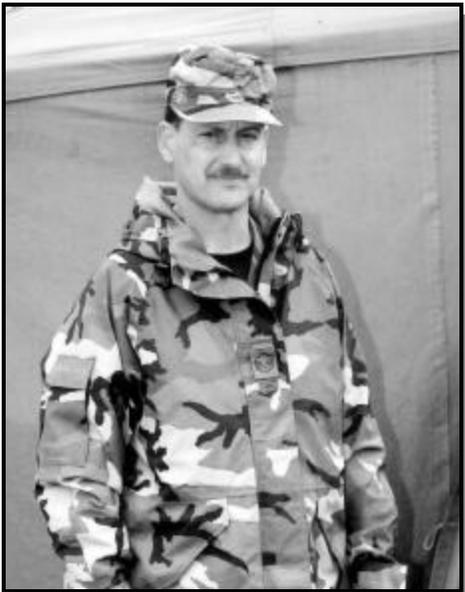
Readiness: Equipment-Training-People  
Effective use of People and Resources  
Environmental and Compliance Awareness

# Under the Pipper

by Capt. Ed Vaughan, 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron

## POST-ORI THANKS

A huge "Thank You!" to the many individuals and shops around the base that really kicked in a maximum effort to keep us flying in the Operations Readiness Inspection (ORI), despite the weather. In addition to all the hard work from our own folks, we also had some great off-base flying support. We'd like to extend a special thanks to **Master Sgt. Harry L. Artemisio, II** from Atlantic City for volunteering to work in our Life Support shop for over a month prior to the ORI. Additional thanks go to our "adversaries" from the Atlantic City, NJ Air Guard F-16s and the Cape Cod, MA Air Guard F-15s. And as always, many thanks to our old friends at Niagara ANG KC-135s for providing tanker support and to NEADS for their Huntress Airspace control.



Master Sgt. Harry L. Artemisio, II

## NEW LINEUP IN OPS

Over the past several months, with retirements, transfers, promotions and new hires, Operations shuffled a few

new names into primary jobs. With **Lt. Col. Schumacher's** retirement, **Lt. Col. Kevin Bradley** took the reins as new commander of the 138th Fighter Squadron.

His new staff includes:

138 FS Operation Officer:

**Lt. Col. Scott Poppleton**

138 FS Flight Commanders:

**Lt. Col. Trevor Albro**

**Lt. Col. Ray Montalbano**

**Maj. Kirk Pierce**

138 FS Chief of Scheduling /Training:

**Maj. Chris Pelozza**

138 FS Scheduler:

**Capt. Angel Figueroa**

138 FS Training Officer:

**Capt. Don Rufener**

Airfield Supervisor:

**Chief Master Sgt.**

**Bob Wright**

174 OSF Commander:

**Lt. Col. Ted Limpert**

174 OSF Operations Officer:

**Maj. Mark Razzino**

174 OGV (Stan-Eval):

**Maj. Michael Smith**

174 FW DOW (Weapons):

**Maj. Greg Semmel**

## ON THE HORIZON

As we plan for next springs ORI clean-up Operations will resume our phased training plan. We've already begun night flying with Night Vision Goggle continuation training. We're also looking forward to more Surface Attack Tactics (SAT) and Maverick training. For more information about the phased training plan, contact Maj. Pelozza or Maj. Semmel.

In addition to the retirements and transfers of recent months, Operations will suffer a tremendous loss when **Master Sgt. Amy Graham** retires this month. Master Sgt. Graham served the 174th Fighter Wing for more than 13 of her 20+ years in the military, most recently



Retiring Master Sgt. Amy Graham

as the Flight Records NCOIC in Operations. She is very likely the finest flight records NCO in the Air Force and we will miss her terribly. Our loss is the US Postal Service's gain. We wish her continued success in her new career. Look for a more detailed biography about her and several other Operations retirees in future issues of the EnGarde and Ops Observer.

Finally, we'd like to wish **Master Sgt. Don Mula** a speedy recovery and express our gratitude for all his work in preparing for the ORI.





# Base Dental Surgeon Does More Than Clean Teeth

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

When was the last time you flossed your teeth or had them professionally cleaned by your dentist? If you're like many people, it was some time ago. Apart from the obvious potential for bad breath, your lack of proper oral hygiene could make you medically ineligible to be deployed, according to Lt. Col. Wenzell Carter, base dental surgeon.

"Fortunately, most members of the unit do not have a major problem with oral hygiene," according to Lt. Col. Carter. "But the potential always exists for someone to be told they must have emergency dental surgery if they intend to deploy."

Lt. Col. Carter has served as the base dental surgeon since joining the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in 1992. Previously, he served five years in the active duty Air Force, stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, Osan Air Base in South Korea, and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Dr. Carter describes the main function of the dental section as ensuring that all unit members of the Wing are fit to fight. "Force Protection is the medic's Job One! Regardless of whether the illness is natural or induced by the enemy, you cannot prosecute a war with sick soldiers. Everything we do -- physical exams, immunizations, educating our troops, and flying the mission -- everything is directed at our ultimate mission: **KEEPING FORCES FIT TO FIGHT!**"

To that end, Lt. Col. Carter and his four technicians examine every member of the unit annually (previously, exams were conducted every five years). If they detect a dental problem, the unit member is referred to his/her personal dentist for treatment. Once the exam is complete, dental services updates the dental records and ensures they are in compliance with deployment requirements.

In between annual examinations, unit members are encouraged



to obtain free examinations if they suspect a problem with their teeth or if they want a second opinion on work recommended by their personal dentist. Members simply need to contact the dental section at 454-7320 to schedule an appointment during a UTA weekend.

In addition to free checkups, unit mem-

bers are eligible to obtain dental insurance under the military's Tri-Care program. The insurance provides complete dental protection for unit members and their families for a nominal fee. Anyone interested in obtaining dental insurance or needing more information should contact Military Personnel Flight at 454-6496.



When he's not examining teeth, Lt. Col. Carter focuses his energies on controlling infectious diseases. As the Infection Control Officer, he is responsible for making sure Medical Squadron members are up-to-date on the latest techniques and procedures necessary to prevent the spread of infections in healthcare settings.

Given the obvious importance of infection control, Lt. Col. Carter has developed an interactive CD ROM to be used by healthcare providers for infection control training. It walks trainees through everyday issues such as how to work safely with needles, how to maintain sanitary conditions, and testing individual knowledge of infection control principles.

The CD ROM incorporates video clips of healthcare professionals describing their experiences with needle sticks. At the conclusion of the program, trainees take a quiz that is electronically graded and automatically sends trainees back to the sections that were missed. This unique training tool has been submitted to the National Guard Bureau for review and it someday could be standard training for the entire Guard.

As if Lt. Col. Carter is not busy enough, he also serves as medical squadron's informal computer software troubleshooter. He focuses on teaching squadron members how to use their computers more efficiently.

Lt. Col. Carter lives with his wife Marjorie outside Utica in Deerfield, New York. His civilian job is with the Oneida Correctional Facility in Rome, where he is the Dental Director. In his free time he enjoys photography and cooking. "I particularly enjoy photography because it allows me an outlet for my creative side." Several of Lt. Col. Carter's photographs are exhibited in the medical squadron.

# NGB Families Support is on the Move

by Linda D. Kozaryn, American Forces Press Service

**P**HOENIX, Arizona, Aug. 22, 2000 -- National Guard families these days face the same issues as their active duty counterparts -- high op-tempo, frequent deployments, feelings of isolation -- and need the same command support, representatives said here.

More than 100 National Guard family program coordinators, retention office managers, volunteers and community managers met here Aug. 21 to discuss family readiness issues. Over the course of four hours, conferees looked at trends, successes, issues and possible solutions. While nine working groups convened, Dorothy J. Ogilvy-Lee, chief of the National Guard Bureau Family Program, talked with American Forces Press Service.

"Deployment brings about certain stresses," she said. "It can bring about a great deal of instability. We can fix most of why we have family programs."

Since the post-Cold War drawdown and the nation's increased use of its reserve components, the need for family support has changed significantly, Ogilvy-Lee said.

"We were able to provide that hometown community support to families who did not live on base," she said. Family assistance is a different picture," she said.

Whole units deploy in some cases while only individual members deploy in others. Guardsmen may be away from home anywhere from two weeks up to a year, including training and overseas missions.

"If you're running a household with two parents and one is gone, the entire dynamics of that family change," Ogilvy-Lee said. The 'home-alone' spouse may be used to having someone else there too. Commanders need to be sensitive to what troops and families are

going through during deployments, she said. Units that take care of their people and families are more likely to retain their members.

The same holds true for families when they know they can call spouses of other unit members or people ready to help them at the state headquarters or armory. Family program coordinators are now finding new ways to keep families in touch.

"Technology is giving us a lot more tools than we had before," Ogilvy-Lee said. "We're looking at Web-based chat rooms, telephone trees, e-mail, video teleconferencing and distance learning networks." Other family support initiatives proposed include more youth camps, spouse programs and child care programs; developing youth exchange programs with Partnership for Peace nations.

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## Family Day—Oktoberfest 2000

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

**I**f you can only make one event this year—mark your calendar for our Oktoberfest celebration this Saturday, 14 October. Why is this occasion so special? It is our way of thanking our friends and family for all their support throughout the year.

A few highlights of our festival include: ID fingerprinting for kids, K9 dog demo, the Bavarian Club Dancers, live German music, video highlights of AEF deployment, games and exhibits for all ages, German Food including homemade German potato salad, sauerkraut, bratwurst, weisswurt, knockwurst, and German frankfurters. Other food for sale includes: grilled hamburger, limburger sandwich, smoked German sausage (landjager) and cheese and crackers, and of course...German and domestic beer!

In addition to the activities listed below, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to enroll your family members in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) in our Military Personnel Flight (MPF) from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. From

the MPF you can walk down the hall to our Security Forces desk and obtain a registration sticker for your car.

This Saturday is also a good time to stop by our Air Force Exchange between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You have unlimited shopping privileges at any exchange (with a dependent military ID) and can order a myriad of items through the Air Force catalogue.

As in past years, family members are welcome to join (out of town) military members in hotel lodging. I hope you can turn this drill weekend into a fun family trip.

Note: A Wing awards ceremony will begin at 2 p.m., and all other activities will begin at the conclusion of the ceremony.

### Outside Main Hangar

Awards Ceremony  
Smoke House Demonstration  
Static F-16  
Civil Air Patrol Equipment

### Main Hangar Stage

Bavarian Club Dancers  
German Band: Die Lustigen Almdudler

### Main Hangar

Beer Mug Sale  
Bake Sale  
German Food  
popcorn

### Fuel Cell Hangar

POW/MIA Table  
Chapter 50 Items  
Red Cross  
Civil Air Patrol  
History Table  
Finger Printing  
Cultural Affairs  
Video Review 2000

### Grassy Area

Kids Games  
K9 Demonstration  
Moon Bounce

# Lieutenant Colonel Richard Blansett

## “An Honest Broker”

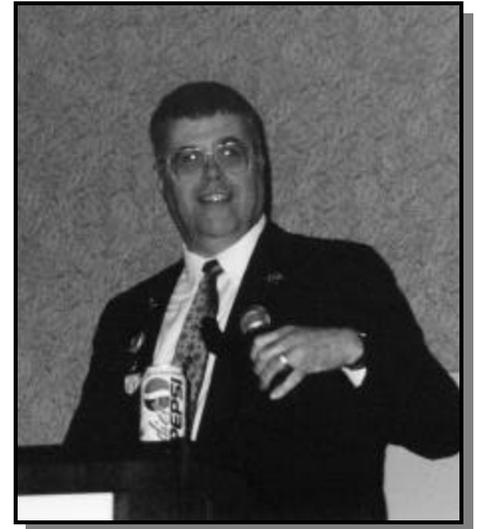
*By Capt. Charles Hutson, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Comptroller*

Lt. Col. Richard F. Blansett joined the then 174<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing in 1967 as a traditional guardsman administrative clerk assigned to the Fuels Branch. In 1969, he transferred to the 174<sup>th</sup> Support Squadron orderly room, subsequently attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Having successfully completed Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in 1972, Lt. Col. Blansett was directly appointed as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. and was immediately assigned as the 174<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron Executive Support Officer. In 1973, he transferred to the 174<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Squadron, serving as the Squadron On-The-Job Administrator, Base Chief Career Counselor, and the Base Personnel Utilization Officer. In 1981, he began his full-time career at the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing as the Wing Logistics Plans Officer. In 1985, Lt. Col. Blansett transferred to the 174<sup>th</sup> Resources Squadron to serve as the Budget Officer and Cost Analysis Officer. He continued to be a leader in logistical deployments, as the Air Cargo Officer—a significant additional duty that he maintains to date.

In 1989, Lt. Col. Blansett was assigned to his present position as the Comptrol-

ler for the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. During Operation Desert Shield and Storm in 1990, the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing deployed to Saudi Arabia. During this period, Lt. Col. Blansett served as the acting Deputy Commander for Resources. He flawlessly managed the Wing's budget for 11 years, maximizing unit resources and improving Hancock Field infrastructure. Throughout his career he has implemented and managed a variety of programs, including, but not limited to, the Depot Level Repairable program, American Express Credit Card program, and most recently the Nations Bank travel card program. He also has been instrumental in managing the evolution of financial management processes from paper to electronic systems.

In 1998, he was elected by his peers, nationwide, to serve on the Comptroller Advisory Board (CAB)—a national committee leading Air National Guard Financial Management. The following year, he was elected Chairman of the CAB and as such played an even more important role in shaping the priorities of the financial management community and the entire Air National Guard. Most recently, Lt. Col. Blansett has ad-



vised and assisted the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing on its Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment operation and has played a keen role shaping the first home-station Operational Readiness Inspection. His efforts have helped prepare the 174<sup>th</sup> for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Lt. Col. Blansett's career at the 174<sup>th</sup> has spanned 33 years. Today he is recognized as a wise elder in the Wing. He has continuously earned the respect of the men and women of the 174<sup>th</sup>, as well as the entire Air National Guard, and he is commonly referred to as an “honest broker”.

Lt. Col. Blansett holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Union College and a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Management from Chapman University. Throughout his tenure at the 174<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Col. Blansett has been a key leader in the Hiawatha Seaway Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has facilitated four Explorer Posts based out of Hancock Field ANGB, and currently serves as the Hiawatha Seaway Council Commissioner. He resides in Liverpool, NY with his wife Julie, and daughter Kimberly. His son, Christopher, resides in Syracuse with his wife Jen. His official retirement date is September 30, 2000.



# Living In The Land Of Oz

By Lt. Col. John Murray, 174th FW, Inspector General

A few days before the ACC/IG Team arrived I was asked to prepare an article for this issue of the En-Garde that would provide an easy to read account of how we performed during our Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection. At the time I thought I would be writing about how well we had done. I genuinely believed that you would be reading about an organization that stood up to a challenge, one that had performed within the parameters of its capabilities, and one that exceeded our Commander's expectations. Instead, last night as the final ORI Battle Staff Meeting ended, I found myself surrounded by total silence. This morning I find myself pawing through a stack of papers and reviewing the events of January 2000 through today. I am looking for an excuse for the MARGINAL ORI rating that the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing just received on its ORI and I just can't find an excuse that is valid.

It is very apparent that as a military organization we have failed to achieve our military objective. History provides us with a track record that gives clear indications that military combat units with this type of performance usually have an increased probability of accidents. In combat this translates to higher than normal levels of casualties, decreasing levels of mission success, and ultimately to military defeat.

Words like, "it won't be a walk in the park" or "now is the time for individual leadership" or "I think you'll be surprised at how well we do" seem to have a hollow ring right now. Hearing about how the 174<sup>th</sup> always provides a "top notch" performance for "real world" deployments just doesn't cut it for me this morning, as I write these words, and should not cut it for you, when and if you read this article. I hate to say it, but, in the military you are only as good as your last time at bat and quite frankly we stood there and never even swung at the pitches.

The truth is that our "real world" task for the September UTA was to plan and

execute a "Satisfactory" ORI. Organizationally we failed! That is not suggesting that we didn't have people that provided solid performances. We had our Superior Performers, but their individual bests were not good enough to carry the Wing. The final assessment will be that organizationally, we, didn't perform well for this "real world" ORI, so how could anyone expect us to perform well if we were given the proverbial "real world" 72 hour message. It appears that we have lost a grasp on reality as well as the concept that solid units perform well consistently every day, every week, in all their endeavors.

In the coming days, as the after-action report is written and the ORI findings are answered, a lot of people will spend a lot of time trying to justify, rationalizing or trying to find excuses for why we didn't do as well as we should have. "Should have, could have and would have if I had only known", are the basic components of excuses and really don't apply in this case. It wasn't the IG Team or their numbers, it wasn't the number of observers, we alone own our failure and that failure is linked to our inability to effectively execute, our inability to demonstrate basic core competencies and an infection of complacency and apathy that is extremely wide spread.

A good corollary for our performance on this ORI would be that as we arrived at the base, we have all been driving down "the yellow brick road" in the Land of Oz. We might even try and think that the Wizard, the IG Team, behind the curtain, has tricked us. Wrong, pull away the curtain and you'll find a copy of AFI 90-201 ACC Sup 1, a copy of AFM 10-100, an ORI Operations, Base "X", Plan, Operating Instructions and checklists, all of which provided us with the road map for success. Look a little closer and you'll find a chest full of individual performances that can only be characterized as wide spread regularly occurring blunders that just should not have occurred. We now stand on

the stage in front of the entire Air National Guard and the Active Air Force in a rather exposed position. I know I don't like this feeling and the natural reaction is to look for cover. It's really too bad that a few of us didn't do that more effectively during the ORI. But the question is. What do we do next?

We can elect to place ourselves in the "victim cycle" and claim that we were not properly prepared for the ORI, or that the IG treated us unfairly, or that we didn't know what to expect or that we were too busy doing other more important things. Or, we can point fingers at one another as well as the "system" and say it was their fault. Those would be the normal things to do after all we've had a really busy year. Just remember, if you elect to point a finger, don't forget to look in the mirror and point one there too!

Want to fix this? Try starting with the acceptance of the concept that we, you, me, everyone, owns a piece of the responsibility for this failure. Realize also that with this responsibility comes accountability. Expect to be held accountable but start by holding yourself accountable. Identify the things you did well, the things that you didn't do that you should have and what you could have done better. Accept the fact that this failure has the potential to create significant changes in the way we do business. These changes potentially will impact everyone and one of the first changes that must occur is a renewed focus on results at the individual and organizational level.

Start with this approach and the next time you talk with one of your AF counterparts you'll find you have something constructive to add to the conversation. Failure does not have to be fatal. It is usually only fatal when you don't learn from it and YES the learning potential from this one is really significant.

# AIRMAN'S MANUAL



*Offense is the essence of air power.*  
- General H. H. 'Hap' Arnold, USAAF

*If we should have to fight,  
we should be prepared to do so  
from the neck up instead  
of from the neck down.*  
- Jimmy Doolittle

*Success flourishes only in  
perseverance- ceaseless, restless  
perseverance.*  
- Baron Manfred von Richthofen



*In the development of air power, one  
has to look ahead and not backward  
and figure out what is going to  
happen, not too much what has happened.*  
- Brig. Gen William Billy Mitchell

*This profession takes special  
people- dedicated to their  
teammates and committed to their  
nation- and brave enough to face  
the uncertainties associated with  
being first in  
and last out of global crisis.*  
- General Michael E. Ryan



# RECRUITING

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



On 17 July, Chapter 50 Members Master Sgt. Jeremia Farley, Staff Sgt. Mark Alton, Staff Sgt. Brenda Shepard, and Staff Sgt. Martha Vnek set up a recruiting booth at the Oswego Farmer's Market to assist 174th Fighter Wing recruiters. As a result of the five hours the booth was set-up, Chapter 50 members talked to no less than 25 people, and got four individuals to provide their name and phone numbers for our recruiters to follow-up with.

## A Deserving Promotion

On 13 September, Senior Master Sgt. Salvatore (Sandy) Siriano was promoted by Col. Robert Homer to Chief Master Sgt.. This promotion is part of the Brevet Promotion System of New York State. Sandy then retired as a Chief Master Sgt. on the New York State Reserve List. Sandy was a vital part of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing for more than 34 years. His contributions to his country are significant. Sandy has been the backbone supporting every challenge we faced. Col. Homer expressed his pride in having served with Sandy over the years. If you should see him running around Solvay take a second to say thanks. Thank you Sandy for your help.



Chapter 50 President, Master Sgt. Jeremia Farley, presents Chapter 50 2nd Vice President, and newly promoted Chief Master Sgt. Salvatore Siriano, with a clock from the members of Chapter 50 for all the work he has done with Chapter 50. The presentation was made at a retirement ceremony on 13 September 2000.



# Protecting Our Computer Network

by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Correll, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Communications Plans

As you're aware we live in an environment that is increasingly dependent upon technology. As a user you're probably seeing more hardware and software than ever before. While some of you get computers and software from our local Communications Flight, many of you get information technology systems directly from Air Combat Command (ACC) (and others) in the form of downward-directed programs. These downward-directed programs, when shipped directly to the user, cause problems locally with the certification and accreditation of the network.

The Air Force is placing increased emphasis on information assurance and network security. As evidenced by the many recent attacks on Internet sites around the world information systems are vulnerable to sabotage, tampering, denial of service, and espionage. The presence of each computer represents a potential risk. This is where the Certification and Accreditation process comes in.

By now, you're probably saying, "What the heck is Certification and Accreditation?"

The Certification and Accreditation (C&A) process consists of a set of procedures and judgments leading to a determination of the suitability of a particular system to operate in the targeted



operational environment.

## Here's the Problem...

When users receive downward-directed systems from the functional OPR or ACC, it circumvents the many processes we have in place to help you get these systems up-and-running. Invariably you'll run into some type of

problem with connectivity, configuration, warranty, or just trying to get the system running. Then when you call the Help Desk you get an answer like, "I have no idea what you're talking about". And we all know that doesn't help you at all.

## The Answer...

Whenever you get any type of an information system please notify the Communications Flight Help Desk at x536. The person on the Help Desk will collect the required information and give you a job ticket number. If it's not immediately clear whom the job should be assigned to, Lt. Col. Mousaw, the Communications Flight Commander, will assign an OPR to get the process moving for you. In any event please make sure you get a job number so you can track the progress of your program.

**NOTE: An information system is defined as any telecommunications and/or computer related equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching interchange, transmission, or reception of voice, data, video, and/or imagery, and includes software, firmware, and hardware.**

## FY 2001 UTA THEMES CHANGED

Our recent Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection results have generated changes to our Unit Training Assembly Schedule and associated activities. The following UTA dates and themes are provided for your information and planning purposes. They are, as always, subject to change:

14 – 15 Oct	ORI Prep Training/Oktobefest
04 – 05 Nov	ORI Prep Training
09 – 10 Dec	ORI Prep Training/CSRL Self Inspection
20 – 21 Jan	Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise
10 – 11 Feb	ORI Prep Training
10 – 11 Mar	ORI Prep Training

07 – 08 Apr	Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise
05 – 06 May	Phase II ORI (Makeup)
09 – 10 Jun	Phase I ORE/Accident Response Exercise
14 – 15 Jul	AEF 5 Preparation
11 – 12 Aug	AEF 5 Deployment
08 – 09 Sep	AEF Recovery/Training/Walk/Run

Please take note of the change in dates for the Feb. '01 UTA from 24 – 25 Feb. to 10 – 11 Feb. The date for the ORI (Makeup) is subject to approval of the ACC/IG.

# Unit Shines During ANG Top Dollar Competition

By Capt. Charles Hutson, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Comptroller

From 15-21 August, six Wing members deployed to Phelps-Collins ANG Base in Alpena, MI to participate in the ANG Top Dollar competition. Participants included Master Sgt. Joann Fiore, Staff Sgt. Patrick Garcia, Staff Sgt. Carol Eaton, Staff Sgt. James Pillion, Staff Sgt. Chad Sessler and Capt. Charles Hutson.

Top Dollar is a joint finance and contracting training exercise and competi-

tion focusing on contingency operations and general military skills. Seven teams from across the nation participated in ANG Top Dollar 2000. Each Air Force major command conducts a Top Dollar exercise every year.

A variety of events were packed into the rigorous seven-day Top Dollar schedule. The bulk of time was spent reacting to countless challenging financial management scenarios. Along with that

came all the ability to survive and operate (ATSO) play that you can imagine. Additional events included a 17-station obstacle course and M9 range fire.

If that sounds similar to a Phase II Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), then you are absolutely correct. In fact, the Wing's Phase II ORI in September is the number one reason why the finance and contracting team decided to participate in ANG Top Dollar 2000.



Members of the Top Dollar team: Front row: Staff Sgt Patrick Garcia, Master Sgt Joanne Fiore. Back row: Captain Charles Hutson, Staff Sgt Jim Pillion, Staff Sgt Chad Seesler, Staff Sgt Carol Eaton, and LTC Jones, Team Host.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Garcia performs one of the Top Dollar events.

## Spirit of Cooperation

By Tim Sager, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Environmental Manager

From time to time, we see items in the Metal Recycling Area that appear out of place and call to be saved from the crusher and put back in service. Recently four bicycles were observed that fit this definition. How could anyone pass them by, they had air in the tires and everything. This project soon took on a life of its own when Tech. Sgt. Jack Grosso from the AGE shop agreed in his spare time to be the lead in this project to disassemble and rebuild the bikes. Master Sgt. Dave Lathrop also stepped forward to allow the Corrosion Shop to paint the frames. While the bikes were being taken apart

we contacted local bicycle shops in and around the Syracuse area and explained our goal in fixing these bikes for local



children. We were amazed at the warm reception when each bicycle shop donated parts on our wish list to make this project happen. Tech. Sgt. Jack Grosso also came up with a name for the side of the chain guard. He is going to call them "174<sup>th</sup> Flier". Hey – you never know, maybe the kid who gets a bike will one-day be a recruit? after all, isn't it the sharing of the experience that is important?





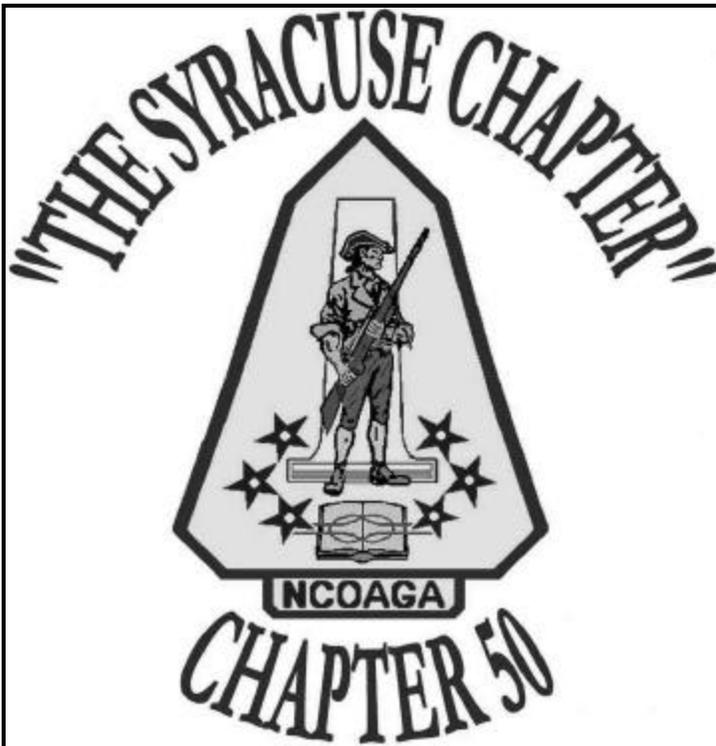
## CHAPTER 50 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



DECEMBER DRILL (9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>)  
25 TREES FROM A LOCAL GROWER  
FRASER FIR & BALSAM FIR  
YOUR CHOICE OF HEIGHTS 5' to 8'  
PRICES \$15 TO \$25

The trees will go fast so call and reserve your tree early to make sure you get one. Call Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gianetto, x404, or Master Sgt. Jeremia Farley, x699.

**Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Easter Program.**



### SATURDAY

Baked Chicken  
Rice Pilaf or  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Assorted Veg  
Fast food  
Salad Bar

### SUNDAY

Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Assorted Veggies  
Fast Food  
Salad Bar

Meal Counters: Report at 1000  
Saturday CES Sunday OPS



### **IT'S TIME TO APPLY!**

Anyone wishing to use the New York State Education Incentive Program for the **SPRING 2001** semester must fill out an application in the Retention Office during the **October 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** 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)  
If you have any questions please call Master Sgt. Dave Klasen at ext. 161.

Pay Date for October UTA  
is 25 October 2000



Next UTA 4-5 November 2000

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

# National Guard YOFAM Scholarship Contest

Scholarships will be awarded during the Year of the Family 2000 to family members (spouses or children under the age of 21) of Air and Army National Guard enlisted members. Academic achievement is the most important criteria in determining the selection of the scholarship recipients. The scholarship panel will look at the application and award points in the following areas:

- Original essay up to 25 possible points
- Leadership up to 15 possible points
- Extracurricular activities up to 10 possible points

### Nature of the Award

Scholarships funds will be awarded through the academic institutions financial aid office for the use of educational needs including tuition, books, and related fees. The institution must be an accredited college, vocational school, or community college. Confidentiality of the applicants will be maintained. If selected, verification of all information will be required.

The applicant must be in their senior year of high

school or presently enrolled as a full time college student. The applicants parent or spouse must be an enlisted Air or Army National Guard member. Children must be under 21 years of age.

### Application Requirements

Applicants for scholarships should use the original essay to describe their needs, personal and professional goals, and plan for achieving their goals. The essay should be attached to the application.

Application forms can be found on the YOFAM Website: <<http://www.ang.af.mil/>>

Please contact Master Sgt. Michelle Siau at DSN: 327-0156 or Comm: (703) 607-0156 or via e-mail [michelle.siau@ngb.ang.af.mil](mailto:michelle.siau@ngb.ang.af.mil)

Please forward all applications to:

NGB/CFX

ATTN: Master Sgt. Michelle Siau

1411 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ste 10110

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## New Dental Readiness Standards Mean Strict Penalties For Noncompliance

*By Lt. Col. Wenzell E. Carter, 174th FW, Base Dental Surgeon  
Master Sgt. Cindy M. Crane, NCOIC Dental Services*

Each Air Reserve Forces Ready and Standby Reserve member must be medically qualified for worldwide duty under the provisions of AFI 47-101. Members of the Air Reserve Component not currently on extended active duty status (both Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve) must assume the personal and financial responsibility of meeting these standards for continued participation in the Reserve Forces. There are four classifications and we will briefly discuss classes 2 through 4.

Although deployable, personnel in dental readiness classification 2 do have dental problems that need to be corrected. Members should correct their dental deficiencies to prevent further decline in dental readiness, or a dental emergency, thereby placing them in dental readiness classification 3.

ANG personnel in dental readiness classification 3 must be immediately profiled on P4T (non-deployable) status IAW NGB/CF Policy letter dated 27 July 1998. While on profile, ANG members may not be placed on active duty orders and require authorization from the State Air Surgeon to attend Inactive Duty for Training (IDT). Failure to upgrade this

profile within one year may lead to discharge IAW AFI 36-3209, "Separation and Retirement Procedures for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Members". IAW with Air National Guard (ANG) policy in AFI 47-101, Managing Air Force Dental Services, ANG member's who are non-compliant after one year should be considered for administrative discharge. A failure to comply memorandum will be generated and forwarded to ANG/SG for administrative action.

Again from current policy found in the NGB All-States memorandum, dated 27 Jul 98, dental class 4 will be profiled P4T after ninety (90) days of member notification. What is a dental class 4? That would be anyone who has not had an examination at the MDS within the last 5 years. The MDS/CC or the Base Dental Surgeon (BDS) may locally determine to profile dental class 4 immediately upon identification, or continue with current ANG policy. Example: Annual dental examination, member notified six (6) months prior to birth month. Dental exam must be completed by the end of the members birth month. If not, member is classified as a dental class 4 and should be P4T profiled.

# Alumni News

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

## Election of Officers

Because of the early suspense for our input to the October issue of the En-Garde, we are unable to announce the results of this year's election of officers until next month.

## Oktoberfest Celebration

Don't forget the Wing's Oktoberfest on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. All Alumni members are invited to attend. It should be an even bigger blast than we had a few years back. For more information be sure to read the article "Oktoberfest" in this month's issue of the EnGarde.

## Turkey Time

Next month we will have our annual Thanksgiving party. Like last year we plan on having it off base because of the number of people that show for this event. Last year we had it at the American Legion Post on Burnett Ave., and plan to do the same this year, but as of press time for this issue of the En-Garde we have not

finalized as to where we will have the party. As soon as we know we will pass the word along. So mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in November for a fun time with the Alumni.

## Taps

Robert E. Robischon died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2000 at the age of 79. Bob was one of the original members of the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, and later became the Commander of the 174<sup>th</sup> Materiel Squadron, and served with the unit in Phalsbourg, France.

John R. Sage died the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2000 at the age of 78. John was an Air-

craft Maintenance Technician working both the flight line and phase docks prior to retiring in 1982. He served with the unit in Phalsbourg, France and Clovis, New Mexico.

Harold E. Scott died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2000 at the age of 83. Harold was a pilot with the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron from 1948 until 1951, and became a Life Member of the Alumni in August 1997.

## Sick Call

Charlie Dirksen after being hospitalized

## More News & Trivia

\*An article in the local newspaper on refurbishing the Old Jefferson-Clinton Hotel, later the "Dome", brought about some flash backs of 53 years ago when the unit first assembled on 28 Oct 47 in the Jefferson Street Armory. Sixteen officers and thirty-five enlisted members started the ANG Fighter Unit that is now known as the 174<sup>th</sup> FW and one of the top Air Guard units in the country today. At present we have 18 of the original members in the Alumni.

Twenty-one are deceased, ten we are unable to locate, and two have yet to join, but JK is determined to bag them eventually.

\* Soon to be Alumni members, Carla Rochon and Maureen McNamara, are retiring soon and their retirement party is being held on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October at Barbagallos. Cost is \$20.00 per person, a buffet is being served and a cash bar will be available. If you are interested in going, contact Anita Dardis at 454-6146 for reservations. Party begins at 1800 hours. It should be a fun time for all.



in Colorado Springs with a pancreas disorder is now home in Tucson, AZ for additional care and recuperation.

Jack Glessing has ended his stay at the hospital and is back home in Jupiter, FL.

Norm Graves is back home after a short stay in the hospital, and according to John Terry, "Pete" is doing his exercises for the next ORI

Fremont Schug was back in the hospital again with a bout of emphysema but has since been discharged and is now home recuperating.

## New/Reinstated Members

Patrick Hadlich, Rick Patchett.

## Next Meeting

Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drink will be served. Here is a chance to meet your new officers and board members and an opportunity to express any likes or dislikes you have about how the Association is run. Come on out, we'd love to see you.



174th Fighter Wing's

# Oktoberfest



Saturday, 14 Oct 2000

**Authentic German food & beverages  
Displays for the entire family  
German band & dancing**

2:00 p.m. Awards Formation  
2:30 p.m. Children's Games  
3:00 p.m. German Dance Demo  
4:00 p.m. German Band  
4:30 p.m. Food & Beverages

for more information call (315) 454-6139

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