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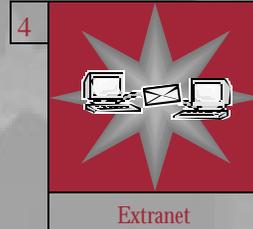
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174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challenges, 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.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

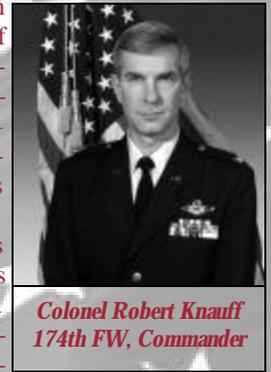
Welcome to Spring in Syracuse. After a relatively mild winter we have already had a few tastes of what promises to be an equally mild April – but then, you never really know, do you? Some of our unit members are experiencing different Spring weather than our standard Central New York fare: some are experiencing mild tropical breezes off of the ocean, while some are feeling the rising heat and falling humidity of the desert. Others are hoping their European Spring isn't too far off, while still others have already seen the cherry blossoms come and go in our nation's capital. If you get the impression that the Hancock ANGB family remains spread out across the globe; you're right. And if it seems that I may have mentioned this once or twice before; right again, and with good reason. As long as we have people deployed supporting Air Force missions we need to remind ourselves that each of them are answering their nation's call, and that their roles are in every case essential to the conduct of this nation's ongoing battle for survival.

Meanwhile, back at the 174th, the resumption of training flight operations continues. Two weeks ago a team of electronic warfare systems evaluators from Eglin AFB, FL traveled to Syracuse to test the defensive systems of our F-16 aircraft. To no one's surprise here at the Wing, the team rated both our Radar Warning Receiver and Jamming Pod success rate as "Outstanding". They were amazed that despite a lack of both sophisticated test equipment and extra people to work on the jets, that the RWR systems were among the best seen anywhere in the USAF, and they were astonished that our pod shop was able to keep 100% of all assigned pods functioning perfectly, and with no cannibalization whatsoever. As the 174th LG noted, "Just another day at Syracuse".

Not just another day at Syracuse was the dedication of the new 152nd Air Operations Group (AOG) and 274th Air Support

Operations Squadron (ASOS) building on March 27th. Long anticipated, the move of these two organizations into a new, custom designed facility ties together at Hancock Field the three legs of airpower – operational planning and oversight, command and control where the firepower is needed, and the means of delivering it. The consolidation of these three functions is vital to the future of Hancock ANGB as it gives this base an increased value at a decreased cost for the future. Representative James T. Walsh was on hand to dedicate the building as well as our keynote speaker for our Aronson Community Luncheon, and a more appropriate guest would be hard to find. It was through his efforts that the military construction money was added to the defense budget that built this essential facility. Thank you, Congressman Walsh.

Finally, during this weekend we will have a number of aircraft, maintainers and Ops people deployed to a hardship location in Panama City Beach, FL to participate in Combat Archer. This program involves shooting live air-to-air missiles at target drones in order to evaluate the missile capabilities, the reliability of the aircraft and the skill of the pilots. Historically, 174th aircraft have scored very well, and I expect the tradition to continue. There are few things more satisfying than direct feedback that your work has produced the desired effect. Whether that is a direct missile hit in Combat Archer or a successful night perimeter patrol at an undisclosed desert location, I remain justifiably proud of the quality work the 174th does. You should be, too.



*Colonel Robert Knauff
174th FW, Commander*

PROMOTION AVAILABILITY

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

As you read this article, the final stages of the promotion process under the guidelines of the Exceptional Promotion Program (EPP) will be completed for this year. This program is one of the many opportunities to be promoted in the Air National Guard that you may not be aware of. A few years ago the ANG authorized additional unused slots in the E-8/E-9 positions. Each state was doled out X number of these slots depending on the number of assigned units and personnel. In NY we get three of each every year. To qualify for consideration for one of these positions you must be a traditional guard member (not a Technician or AGR).

Must not be excess to unit requirements. Must not be excess within the subsequent two years following the promotion. Must meet minimum TIG/TIS and be fully qualified in their DAFSC at the time of submission. Nominee cannot be promoted to a position in which it will cause them to be two grades above the UMD.

Must have completed the Senior NCO Academy (in residence desirable). Must be within three years of qualifying for a reserve retirement at the time of submission (17 yrs TIS). Must have 3 yrs retainability prior to reaching age 60 and agree to remain in the ANG for 3 yrs. Must agree to be transferred to the retired reserve or be discharged on the third anniversary of the promotion unless assigned to a valid UMD vacancy.



*Command Chief
Master Sgt. Mosley*

The ability to be promoted depends on your willingness to complete required AFSC training and doing your professional military education. Many people could qualify every year as a candidate for EPP if they had done their PME. Next month I will write about another program called T-Float.



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jean Vargo, 174th FW



Chaplain Lt. Col.
Vargo

God is Concerned about our Integrity

During the next few issues of the En-Garde we will be dialoging with you about some simple yet profound philosophies. These philosophies sustain us, they are like rocks and oaks, structurally sound and proven essentials in life. They are our guiding light for today and our prayer for tomorrow. The Core Values of the Air Force remind us what it takes to get the mission done. They are our common bond, the glue that unifies and ties us together as citizen soldiers of past and present.

The first core value is a character trait: *integrity*. Integrity encompasses so much of who we are in relationship to ourselves, our God, and other people. The relationship is a jewel in our life for it forms how we think about ourselves, and others. The relationship that is based on integrity allows for

freedom, discovery, dreams, and growth because it is grounded in trust and honesty.

Integrity is the foundation upon which we build and become all that God has intended us to become. Integrity is built upon "trust" and when trust is gone, there is no foundation, when trust is gone there is hollowness and shallowness. There is a lack of joy.

Integrity is our moral compass, it is inner voice that guides us, that forms creative ideas about life's opportunities, and it is our voice of self-control. Integrity is what holds us together as people of community, people of faith, people with a purpose. When we have integrity we thrive, we act on conviction, we control impulses, and we strive to be all that God has created us to be.

The right thing to do is seldom the easy thing to do. But it's worth it.

"If humanity does not opt for integrity we are through completely. It is absolutely touch and go. Each one of us could make the difference." —Buckminster Fuller

Extranet is here!

By Staff Sgt. Mark D. Howell, Assistant Network Manager, 174th FW/Communications Flight



Staff Sgt.
Mark Howell

The Long awaited Extranet (Formerly Intranet) is up and available to base personnel. While the home page is basically the same, there have been some modifications made to enable us to put more content on this Web Site. This will help improve our productivity as a unit.

One such change is the utilization of a secure encrypted connection to the server. This will allow us to post information about activities and some schedules that would

not normally be allowed on a public site.

Another change that has been eagerly anticipated by many is the Outlook Web Access (OWA). Now you can access your Base Email from anywhere via the Internet. With Outlook Web Access you will be able to perform most of the functions you do on base through Outlook at your PC. Two exceptions to note.

1. You will only be able to view *new* mail that still resides on the Exchange E-mail server. If you have opened your E-mail from your desktop PC, it most likely was delivered to your L: or C: drives into a .pst folder. This mail can not be accessed from the Internet.
2. You will not be able to delete mail from OWA, this can only be done from a local PC on base using your normal Outlook profile.

The Web Site is still under construction, and many changes are planned to the look and content of the site. Units are encouraged to contact Senior Master Sgt Wayne Bovee by E-mail and request instructions for posting content on the Web Site. We are also open to any ideas and suggestions you may have on content or for improvement of the site.

The information on how to connect to the Web Site, and OWA are located at "Y:\Procedures_and_checklists" as a Word Document. As always, I look forward to working with all of you, in striving to accomplish our mission with style and efficiency.

Accidents are up!!!

By Senior Master Sgt. Mark Atkinson, 174th FW, Ground Safety Manager

Recent data acquired from the Air Force Safety Center has highlighted some negative safety trends Air Force wide. These categories include: On-Duty Class A Ground Mishaps, Off-Duty Class A Ground Mishaps, Class A Private Motor Vehicles (PMV) and Flight Class A Mishaps. Class A mishap is defined as a mishap which results in one or more of the following: total mishap cost exceeding \$1,000,000, fatality or permanent total disability, or destruction of an Air Force aircraft.

As of 6 Feb 02, there have been two fatal On-duty ground mishaps for FY 02. This time last year there was only one. Both members involved were experienced NCO's. The Off-Duty Class A Ground mishap rate is alarming. This time last year, there were sixteen off-duty fatalities. As of 6 Feb 02 there are twenty-four off duty fatalities. Twenty-one of these mishaps are PMV accidents. Over half of those killed were Airmen. The ANG work force is mature in age and statistically speaking does not contribute significantly to that category. However, as we grow older, a lot of us have children that drive. The leading cause of death to teenagers is motor vehicle accidents. The National Safety Council administers a course designed for that age group. It should be noted that the last person killed Air Force wide in a PMV accident was an ANG Major. There have been twelve Air Force gained Class A flight mishaps resulting in five aircrew fatalities so far this fiscal year. Last year at this time, there were six Class A mishaps resulting in one fatality. The numbers tell the story.

Preventing Mishaps

The common thread through most of these mishaps is human factors. Human factors are concerned with people in their living and

working environment. It is about their interaction with machines, equipment, the environment, procedures, and interaction with other people. Human factors cause human errors. All 174th FW personnel must assist in controlling human factors. The 174th is in a state of change right now. Our mission has changed, and along with it the hours of operation have also changed.

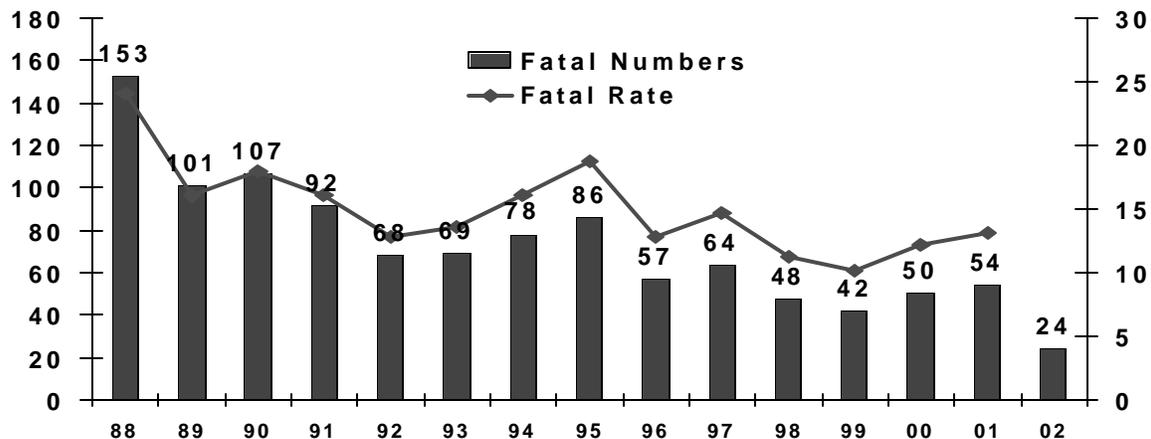
Communication, Participatory Management and Empowerment are all tools used to manage human factors. *Communication* is one the most effective tools that we have to assist in managing risk. Personnel at all levels must constantly and effectively communicate to their subordinates. Listening skills are more difficult to master than talking skills. Communication should be a two way street. If the direction provided involves change, take the additional few moments to explain why these changes are coming down. Solicit feedback from our folks, after all, they are our greatest resource. They perform the task and they have the knowledge.

Involving our folks creates a **participatory** style of management. Members will "buy in", which in turn will enhance accomplishing the mission in a safe and reliable way. For a participatory style of management to be successful, employees must be **empowered**. Empowerment provides the organization an employee who has the knowledge that can make the most timely, safest, and effective decision. Employee's become innovators and managers of their work. If an employee observes a situation that does not quite look right, they should feel empowered to affect change. In this time of change our personnel need all the support we can provide them through **Communication, Participatory Management and Empowerment**.

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OFF-DUTY GROUND MISHAPS FATALITIES/FATALITY RATE PER 100K PERSONNEL



GROUND FATALITIES/FATAL RATE FY COMPARISON:	6 Feb 02	6 Feb 01
	24 / 16.49	16 / 10.99
FY01 FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:	54 / 13.11	
5-YEAR AVERAGE (FY97-01) FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:	51.6 / 12.33	

174th "Rolls" with Tribute to 911 Heroes

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty, Air Force Print News and Master Sgt. Jeff Wallace, 174th FW, EnGarde Editor

The nose of Aircraft 155, which is flown by 174th FW Commander Col. Robert Knauff, has received special artwork with the words "LET'S ROLL"! America's two-word marching order in the fight against terrorism. The Air Force has authorized the artwork to be displayed on various aircraft throughout the Air Force and Guard, as a way of recognizing the heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93, made the words famous. Beamer, a 32-year-old businessman, Sunday school teacher, husband, father and hero, led other passengers in fighting terrorists for control of Flight 93 before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania.

He was overheard on a cellular phone reciting the Lord's Prayer and saying "LET'S ROLL!" as passengers charged the terrorists. "LET'S ROLL!" has served as a rallying cry for this nation as we go forward in our war on terrorism," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We are proud to display this new nose art on our aircraft."

The passengers of Flight 93 won one of the first victories in the fight against terrorism. There has been much speculation about the terrorists' intentions for Flight 93, but it is widely believed that either the White House or the U.S. Capitol building was the intended target. The nose art design depicts an eagle soaring

in front of the U.S. flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "LET'S ROLL!" on the bottom. Senior Airman Duane White, a journeyman from Air Combat Command's multimedia center at Langley Air Force Base, VA, created the design.

The Thunderbirds and other Air Force demonstration teams will apply this nose art on all aircraft, while major commands and wings are authorized to apply the nose art to one aircraft of their choice.

"It was appropriate for the 174th to take this opportunity to put the nose art on 155 in light of our participation in 'Noble Eagle,' "said Lt. Col. Charles Dorsey, 174th Logistics Group Commander." We wanted to show our support and honor to those heroes that died on Flight 93 over Pennsylvania on that terrible day," he added.

For thousands of years, warriors, such as the Vikings, Zulus, Native Americans, Samurai and many others, have followed a tradition of decorating their instruments of war. These instruments could include the warriors or their weapons. The Air Force has used nose art throughout much of its history, and for a variety of reasons. The "LET'S ROLL!" nose art is being used to continue the remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, spur on the nation's current patriotic spirit and pay tribute to the heroes and victims in the war against terrorism.



EANGUS Conference coming up.

By Chief Master Sgt. Russ Burgstahler, 107th Command Chief

The 31st annual national conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States will be held 17 - 22 Aug 2002 in Niagara Falls, New York. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Select. All business sessions and meetings will be held daily in the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

We expect between 2,500 and 3,000 active or retired national guardsmen and their families to attend this event. The President of the United States, a former guardsman, will receive an invitation. Expected to attend will be the Governor of New York, Mayor of Niagara Falls, Directors of the National Guard, Air National Guard and Army National Guard, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard and the Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard. Last years event also had 38 of the States Adjutants Generals in attendance.

The EANGUS represents all enlisted men and women of the organized forces of the National Guard. They are dedicated to promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of all members of the states organized militia. The convention is a chance to or-

ganize legislative efforts on behalf of its members and also a time to join fellow guardsman in fun and solidarity.

A golf tournament is planned for Saturday. The host state of New York will have a welcome night banquet on Sunday. Tuesday night will be the all area hospitality night where each state provides a taste of its own delicacies. Wednesday night the formal all states banquet will be held in the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

As you might imagine this will be a significant undertaking for the State of New York. Volunteers will be needed in many different areas. If you would like to help please contact Command Chief Master Sgt. Russ Burgstahler at DSN 238-2379 (weekdays) or commercial 716-236-2379.



Chief Master Sgt. Russ Burgstahler

ESGR Recognition Day

Lt.Col. MaryJo Timpano, ESGR Representative

The 174th Fighter Wing together with the local committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) recently hosted a recognition day in honor of the employers of our Security Forces Squadron. While the event may have been the first of its kind for our SFS, it promises not to be the last at the 174th. On Wednesday, 30 January, we had the opportunity to formally thank about 20 employers for the support they've given to our deployed members and their families.

Among our guests were Syracuse City Police Department, Syracuse City Fire Department, Oneonta Police Department, Lafayette Barracks of the New York State Police, WalMart and O'Brien and Gere.

The day's events included a 174th FW mission briefing, Security Forces briefing, ESGR presentation, luncheon and a base tour. Each employer was presented with a unit coin to thank them for the role they play in support of our guardsmen, Operation Noble Eagle and National Defense. It was our intent to provide employer's with a clearer picture of the Air National Guard's increasing roles in defense plans. The ESGR committee was standing by to answer the tough questions employers might have concerning military leave, pay, and reemployment rights to name a few.

The day's success will become more evident as the word spreads throughout our community about the role of our citizen-

soldiers. Employers were pleasantly surprised to hear about what their employees do and the way in which they do their job in uniform. This exchange of information and positive dialogue is critical for our guardsmen. They are the ones that will reap the benefits of our efforts with their employers.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve has many components. These include the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), training and education for guardsmen and their employers, and most importantly a medium to openly discuss specific issues that impact our guard and reserve forces in their places of employment.

The ESGR office is at the national and local level and right here at the 174th. Additionally, there are pamphlets, brochures and videos that provide valuable easy to understand guidance about ESGR issues. Letters and posters for employers and the opportunity for you to nominate your employer for the ESGR award, "my boss is a patriot" are also available.

We're standing by to provide any assistance you may need. If you are experiencing challenges or problems

with your employers, learning institutions or financial institutions please call me. I would welcome the opportunity to work through any issue you or your employer may experience. I can be reached during duty hours at 454-6433 or by email at maryjo.timpano@nysyra.ang.af.mil.



On the left Colonel Tony Basile, (174th FW Vice Commander) speaks to a group of law enforcement employers during a base tour as part of a special ESGR/COMREL luncheon presentation

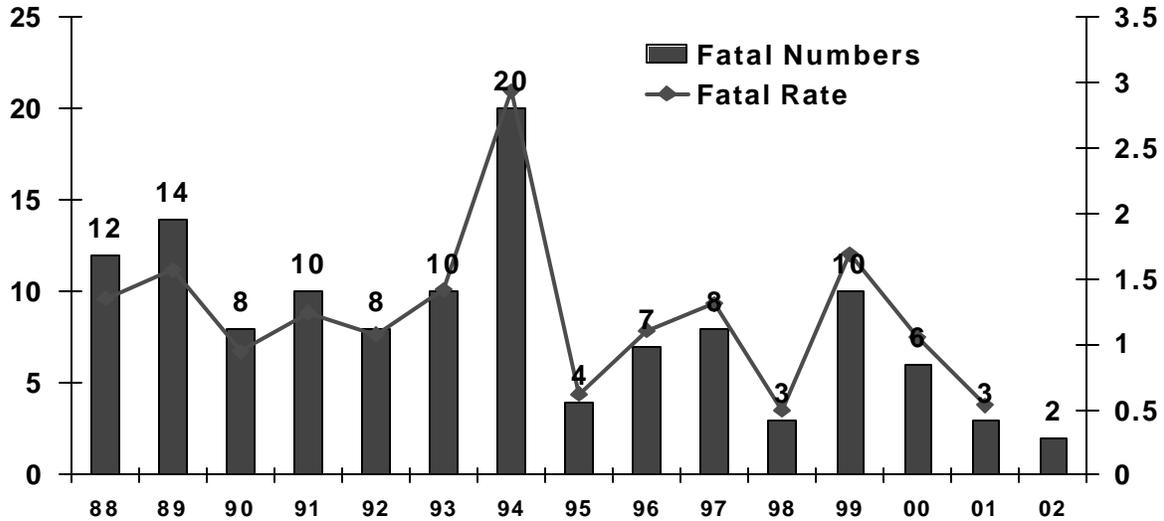
Citizen Soldier

Looking straight ahead is 2Lt. Andriea Angona, the 174th Services Commander, as a cameraman from Synergetics Productions prepares to start rolling. The production team from Synergetics is creating a new film for the Syracuse International Airport video screen, which is in the center of the main lobby at the airport. Lt. Angona was selected as an example of the "citizen soldier". She was filmed on base as 174th Services Commander and Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Deputy.





ON-DUTY GROUND MISHAPS FATALITIES/FATALITY RATE PER 100K PERSONNEL

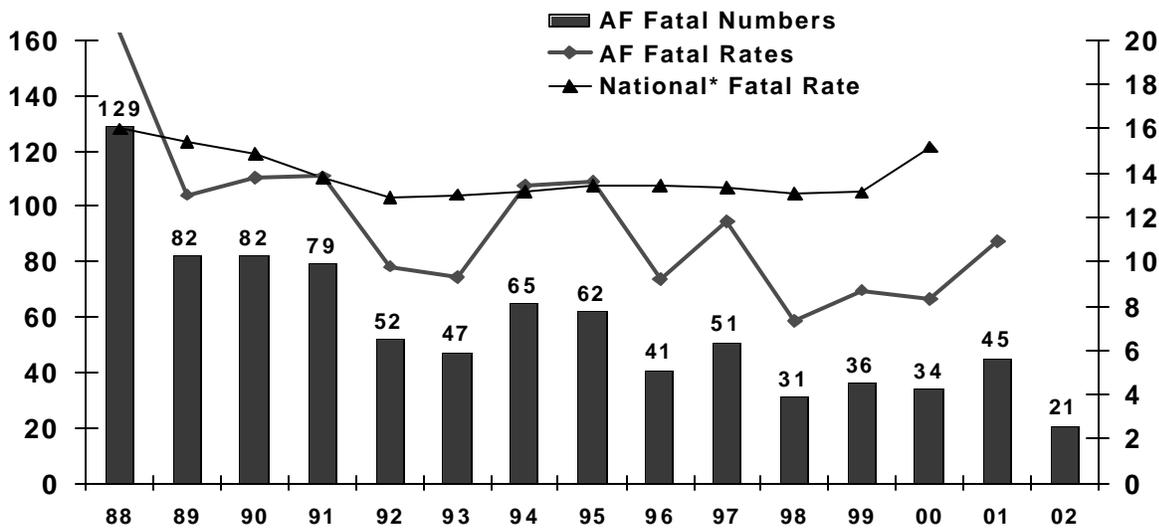


GROUND FATALITIES/FATAL RATE FY COMPARISON:	<u>6 Feb 02</u>	<u>6 Feb 01</u>
	2 / 1.00	1 / 0.50
<i>FY01 FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:</i>	3 / .53	
<i>5-YEAR AVERAGE (FY97-01) FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:</i>	6.2 / 1.06	



PMV FATALS FATALITY RATE PER 100K INDIVIDUALS

On & Off-Duty Combined



*Note: National rate based on NHTSA published fatality rates (annual - not fiscal year)

PMV FATALITIES/FATAL RATE FY COMPARISON:	<u>6 Feb 02</u>	<u>6 Feb 01</u>
	21 / 14.43	14 / 9.62
<i>FY01 PMV FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:</i>	45 / 10.93	
<i>5-YEAR PMV AVERAGE (FY97-01) FATALITIES/FATAL RATE:</i>	39.2 / 9.37	



Websites



Career Info

Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet – To be provided/discussed with each member during feedback

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/benefits.htm>

Air Force Career Information including pay, assignments, and personal data
<http://www.af.mil/careers/>

Education

Department of the Air Force Education Services

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/edu/newwebpage/afps.htm>

Education Benefits and Scholarships

<http://www.gibilllexpress.com/>

Medical

Tricare Program

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil>

Tricare Dental Program

<http://www.ucci.com/>

Pay

Defense Finance and Accounting Website

<http://www.dfas.mil/news/>

Thrift Savings Plan

<http://www.tsp.gov/>

News

Air Force News

<http://www.af.mil/news/>

Air Force Times

<http://www.airforcetimes.com/>

Organizations

Department of Veteran Affairs

<http://www.va.gov/>

Link to USO AND other great sites

<http://www.uso.org/>

Other Military Websites

Military.com website

<http://www.military.com/index/0,11455,,00.html>

Armed Forces Vacation Club

<http://www.afvclub.com/>

ESGR

<Http://www.esgr.org>

D O D N E W S

2002 Changes May Increase Tax Credits

Changes to the earned income tax credit law may put extra money in the pockets of some servicemembers and families when they file their 2002 federal income tax returns next year. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reduces the tax for those with earned income below an annual threshold. For tax year 2001, nontaxable and deferred benefits, such as military employee basic

housing and subsistence allowances, combat zone compensation, and contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan, were counted as earned income. However, for 2002, earned income will be figured solely on compensation that is taxable in 2002. Thus most military personnel who currently claim EITC will be entitled to a larger credit next year. Moreover, some with earned income too high for EITC for tax year 2001 will become eligible. For more information, visit the IRS at <http://www.irs.gov>

www.nysyra.ang.af.mil

Base Announcement



Please check OPORD for Dining Hall Menu



April UTA Pay Date: 15 April 2002

Next UTA 4-5 May 2002

Volunteers Needed For Mare Exercise

The 174TH Fighter Wing and the Onondaga County Emergency Management Office are planning a Major Accident Response Exercise (MARE) to be held in May. The exercise will involve Onondaga County, City of Syracuse, Volunteer Emergency Response agencies, the Civil Air Patrol as well as private industry. We need people who would be willing to work on Saturday and Sunday, 18 and 19 May, in a variety of capacities; such as vehicle drivers, safety observers, exercise setup and teardown, exercise services and as simulated victims at the exercise site. Those who volunteer may elect either two- (2) days Annual Training or will be authorized to perform the duty as a

RUTA for a future UTA. The latter is of course subject to your commander's approval. Your help is needed to get the job done. If you would like to play in one of the non-response positions please contact Chief Master Sgt. Ken Potter, at ext. 114 or Master Sgt. Lee Green, at ext. 412.

Training NCO Opening

The Communications Flight has an immediate opening for Training NCO. This is a Tech Sgt. position assigned to work directly for the Commander and manage the flight-training program. Interested personnel please call either Chief Master Sgt. Flynn at ext.546 or Lt. Col. Mousaw at ext.236. Experience in the training career field would be beneficial, but is not required. Any selected individual would be able to attend the Air Force 3 level training school.

THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT AND YOU

By Capt. Chuck Hutson, 174th FW, Comptroller



Captain
Chuck Hutson

Paper, pens, bench-stock, aircraft parts, a new mouse for your computer.....How do you buy “stuff” at work? That’s a question which sounds relatively simple, but is more involved when using public funds.

A great deal of federal appropriations law is derived from the Anti-Deficiency Act (ADA). One ADA provision is that “An officer or employee may not make or authorize an obligation or expenditure that exceeds a formal subdivision.”

Simply put, this means you can’t spend more money than you have. You may ask, “How does that affect me?” In fact, it effects all of us every time we order supplies, equipment, services, or go TDY.

In order to comply with ADA provisions, agencies must implement administrative controls to ensure that they don’t overspend their allotted funds. Within DoD, the administrative control is that you must reserve funds prior to obligating them. An obligation is a legal responsibility to make payment. By reserving funds prior to obligation, we ensure we don’t spend more than is in our checkbook. If you think about it, we *reserve* funds prior to *obligation* every day:

- Funds for supplies are reserved on an AF Form 4009 for the

Government Purchase Card (GPC). The funds are obligated when the GPC cardholder makes a purchase.

- Funds for contractual services are reserved on an AF Form 9 for requests for contracts. The funds are obligated when the vendor signs the contract and it becomes a legally binding agreement.

- Supply and equipment funds are reserved through the PFMR via org and shop codes for supply items before the NSNs are ordered through the supply system. The funds are obligated when an AF Form 2005 is processed by Supply.

- Travel funds are reserved for travel when an orders request is submitted. The travel funds are obligated when the travel order is actually published.

Resource advisors, GPC cardholders, and contracting officers are the only persons authorized to obligate funds. Therefore if you need something—whether it’s pens and pencils or an emergency contract service—you need to contact your resource advisor, GPC cardholder, or the base contracting officer. Those are the only personnel authorized to contact and negotiate with vendors.

As you can see, everything costs money—and that money is always reserved prior to becoming an obligation. By reserving the funds prior to entering into a legal obligation, we keep ourselves from overspending and in compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act.

WELCOME, NEW UNIT MEMBERS!

SSgt Branagan Glennen, AGS	D
SRA Luke Wantz, AGS	E
SRA Joseph Breezee, CES	C
SSgt Richard Lamarre, LSF	
SSgt Laurie Morgan, MAI	
SRA Walter Morse, MAI	2
SSgt Anthony Waltermeyer, MAI	0
SRA Joseph Dowell, MDS	0
SSgt Kelly Larock-Boyd, MDS	1
Capt Lalainia Secreti, MDS	
SRA Jason Chack, MSF	
SSgt Vincenzo Sonnacchio, SFS	T
SRA Richard Fowler, SVC	O
Capt Donovan Pieterse, 138 FS	
SSgt Glen Huegel, 274 th ASOS	F
A1C Thomas David, 274 th ASOS	E
Maj Ronald Polomoscank, 274 th ASOS	
A1C Todd D’Ambrosio, Stu Flt	B
A1C Ross Hansen, Stu Flt	
A1C Steven Jackson, Stu Flt	
A1C Tracy Metzler, Stu Flt	
AB Daniel Mills, Stu Flt	2
AB Jason Pierce, Stu Flt	0
A1C Scott Prietti, Stu Flt	0
A1C James Santaferrara, Stu Flt	2
A1C Heidi Waldeck, Stu Flt	



Tech Sgt. Mark Spencer from 174th Life Support demonstrates proper procedures when an ejected pilot is coming down to Robert Czajkowski. Robert is in his second year of college and was checking out the Air Guard. He was the guest of Chaplain Mathis.

ALUMNI NEWS

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

It has been a quiet month, with little to report. About the only item of consequence is that we are still working on our new web site, trying to decide what it is we want to have in the way of information, and how it will best serve our members. We are always open to suggestions, so if you have an idea that you think we might be interested in, please let us know. Our web site is: www.174thFWAlumni.org, or if you wish to use our address it is: <http://67.105.233.221/174th/index3.asp>. Just keep in mind that this project is in its infancy, and a great deal more work has yet to be accomplished before it is complete. If you have a suggestion contact us at chiefm174@a-znet.com, or if you wish to talk about it call Jim Monroe at (315) 635-5402

The Base Honor Guard is once again planning to have a Memorial Day Observance at Memorial Park on the traditional Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30th. This will be the 3rd year in a row that this ceremony has been held, and we'd like to say that they have done an outstanding job on each occasion. The ceremony is open to everyone, and because it is a time to honor our old friends and comrades, we would like to have as many of you present as possible. We haven't made a final decision yet, but we are thinking very seriously about having an informal luncheon, at the All Services Club, following the ceremony. We'll let you know for sure in next month's issue of the Alumni News.

Taps

Dennis Sears died 17 Feb 02 at the age of 65. Denny served a total of 26 years in the military, with 3 years of it in the Marine Corp. While a member of 174th Denny was assigned to the Munitions Section and served with the unit during Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia. He retired in 1996.

More News & Trivia

* Looking for 174th memorabilia? If so, contact SMSgt Joe Giannetto at 454-6404 who has a large assortment of items, such as shirts, sweaters, jackets, caps, pins, decals, patches, etc., all at reasonable cost. Proceeds received from the sale of these items goes to the Academy Graduates Association, who in turn use the money to support their charitable programs.

* This year's Alumni Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday the 3rd of August at the Base All Services Club. Entertainment and menu will be pretty much the same as in recent years. If for some reason there is a change in the date, we will be sure to let you know. In the meantime, mark it down on your calendar so you won't forget.

- Another new Life Member has been added to the rolls. Charlie Dirksen is the 53rd member to have either reached the age

of 80 or has paid his dues up until the date he becomes an octogenarian.

- Fifty years ago on January 25, 1952 our last F84 left for Luke AFB, putting the 138th back into the prop business. The F-84s were replaced with F-51H's from our Win cousins at the Westchester County Airport.
- * Also fifty years ago the 138th Fighter Squadron was chosen by the Air Defense Command to be one of only two ANG units to be selected for runway alert. We can proudly say the unit stood the test then, just as it has done most recently in their support of the CAP mission over most of the east coast.
- The 174th FW and Cicero Police Department will be hosting a Junior Police Academy beginning July 8, 2002 at Hancock



L to R: Tom Coldren, Mack Lathrop, Phil Sales, John Noone, Leo McGlynn, Joe Whitman, Tom Campbell, Fred Liberty pose for this photograph at Patrick AFB, FL Circa the late 1980s.

Field. This program has been held for the last 4 years, and has received nothing but rave reviews. Participants must be between 13 and 19 years of age. There is a \$25.00 enrollment fee. Instructors will be from local Police Agencies, and the 174th Security Forces. Program includes both classroom instruction and field trips. If you know of someone that would be interested and would like further information, contact SSgt Kyle Laitenberger at (315) 454-6558 or e-mail at k.laitenberger@nysyra.ang.af.mil.

- Would you like a free special electronic edition of a 252 page Retired Military Almanac? If you do, MilitaryHandbooks.com has one that can be obtained by logging on to <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com/download.htm>.

* As of this writing, we have 27 members who have failed to pay their dues, and have reached the end of their grace period. If you are one of these individuals, it means you will be dropped from the rolls and from our mailing list, which means no more EnGarde. If you are in doubt about your status, give John Terry a call at (315) 478-0115, or Jim Monroe at (315) 635-5402.

New Members

Jim Mirra

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.



Recruiting

MSgt Noel Adamson, MSgt Heidi Diaz,
TSgt Richard Doctor, TSgt Brad Addison

1-800-883-4484



The Recruiting Office extends a sincere THANK YOU! to everyone who helped us in last years recruiting efforts!

Remember....

**If you helped to enlist 3 people, you are eligible for the New York State Recruiting Medal!
Contact the Recruiting Office for details!**

We have immediate openings in the following Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSC)'s listed below.

1C4X1 Tactical Air Command and Control

*1C5X1 Aerospace Cntrl. and Warning Sys
tems Apprentice*

1N0X1 Intelligence Applications

2A0X1B Avionic Test Station

2A3X2 F 16 C/D Avionic Systems

2A3X3B Tactical Aircraft Maintenance

2A6X2 Aerospace Ground Equipment

2A6X3 Aircrew Egress Systems

2A6X6A Aerospace Propulsion

2A6X4 Aircraft Fuel Systems

*2A6X6 Aircraft Electrical and Environ
mental Systems*

*2E2X1 Electronic Computer and Switching
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2S0X1 Supply Management

2W0X1 Munitions Systems

2W1X1 Aircraft Armament Systems

3POX1 Security Forces

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