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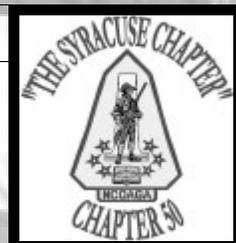
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## 174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



### Vision Statement

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

# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As I write this article, I hope all of you are enjoying another beautiful Central New York summer. What I really mean is I hope you are **safely** enjoying your summer. The Air Force is not having a very good year in terms of the safety of its people. We have roughly twice as many off-duty fatalities so far this year as we did last year at this time. Although primarily 4- and 2-wheel motor vehicle accidents, there are a fair share of water-sport fatalities as well. Please take care of yourselves and your families as you enjoy the hot weather.

Something else that's hot that you are probably not enjoying as much, is the pace around here. We constantly have people coming and going for Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. We start our conversion back to Block 30 F-16s this fall, and are on slate for another AEF rotation in the fall of '03. But without a doubt, the single most important event we will face in the next year will be our Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) in March. After our experience with the previous ORI, the magnitude of this next encounter with the ACC/IG should be obvious to even the most casual observer. This is a great opportunity for this Wing to put that stumble behind us. When I say opportunity, I mean exactly that. Although we don't know exactly what this inspection will look like as I write this, we will soon. Two other ANG F-16 Wings will receive a UCI shortly,

and we will be there during, and after the inspection.

What we do know about a UCI is that the C stands for compliance. To that end, the inspectors will center their evaluation on the Compliance and Standardization

Requirement Lists (C & SRL). Essentially self-inspection checklists, they are the documentation that verify our processes work, and we are checking those processes periodically. As UCI Project Officer, I have tasked the Group Commanders with ensuring that each of their sections has obtained their C&SRLs, and are working towards compliance. In the coming months you can plan on my visiting every section on this base to see how you are coming with the effort. You can also plan on seeing some individual exercises, such as HAZMAT Response and Structural Fire, in upcoming drills, as these will also be evaluated in March.

By this fall, we will know what the current IG team is looking for. One thing we know for sure right now, the C&SRLs will be a major part of the inspection. It is critical that we get on top of them now.



Col. Anthony Basile,  
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Dear Colonel Knauff

Congratulations on completing FY 01 without a commandcontrolled Class A or B flight mishap. The Wing's performance has earned them the Air Combat Command Flight Safety Award. This award is a tribute to their team effort in fostering a culture of safety. Please convey our sincere appreciation to the men and women of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing for their commitment in making 2001 a successful year - well done.

Sincerely

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## AMN/NCO/SNCO

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



This past July UTA, the quarterly NCO/SNCO Induction Ceremony was held. During the ceremony, a charge was read that states many of the responsibilities of a NCO/SNCO as described in AFI 36-2618 (Enlisted Force Structure). The AFI describes at length the duties and expectations of everyone from an Airman

to a Chief Master Sergeant.

The reason the AFI goes into so much detail is that it is necessary for all enlisted personnel to understand what the USAF expects from them. Specific responsibilities are listed for each rank. Relationships between enlisted ranks are described and how each of them fits into the organization. Career progression is defined. Having stated all this, I'll bet that if you asked a Senior Airman

what their work title is, they probably wouldn't know that it is Journeyman/Supervisor. Yes, supervisor! Some supervisory duties are expected of a Senior Airman. Staff and Tech Sergeants are Craftsman/Supervisors. A Master Sergeant can have three titles—Craftsman/Supervisor/Manager. Seniors and Chiefs are Superintendent/Managers. Each of the enlisted ranks has specific requirements to achieve their title. Professional Military Education either in residence or by correspondence is required for each tier progression (Airman, NCO, SNCO) as well as specific AFSC training requirements. If you want to know more about this, stop by my office at the HQ Building and see me any UTA.



Command Chief  
Master Sgt. Mosley



# Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj) Douglas Decker, 174th FW



Chaplain (Maj)  
Douglas Decker

## Accountability

In September 1995, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman presented a video message titled, "Air Force Standards and Accountability." He said, "In the Air Force, we expect all members to live by the highest standards implicit in our core values: integrity, service before self, and commitment to excellence. We should not except less. However, when those standards are not met, that is there is misconduct or behavior that does not meet our standards, then it is our responsibility to our duty to hold people involved accountable for their actions and respond appropriately."

As young children, a loving parent or guardian formed

most of us. We were trained and retrained with the concept of accountability. If we said we would do it, we had better well do it. I recall my French Grandfather saying, "Be as good as your word." At the time, I didn't know what he meant, but now as an adult I know well what he meant. It is accountability.

It is fun to be at Church and to watch our young families work hard to keep the children in line. They do their best to direct and to guide the young people in behavior and accountability. The parents expect certain standards, and so does God. God wants each of us to be accountable to ourselves and to him.

In our religious walk, God is asking us to be accountable to his Law and his Word. God has given us the guide in the Ten Commandments. When we are accountable to him then we have met the high standard of the Air Force Code of Conduct.

## Family News

By Chris Muszynski, Family Readiness Coordinator

First, welcome home to all the unit members who have recently returned from numerous deployments. Thank you for a job well done!

Did you know:

- National Guard and Reserve members who are called to active duty are covered under the 1940 Soldiers and Sailor's Civil Relief Act (SSCRA).
- DEERS is the key to obtaining your TRICARE benefits so please keep it updated.
- The Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 (HR 1291) signed into law last December, increases the guaranty on VA home loans from \$50,750 to \$ 60,000. The increase means eligible veterans can use their loan benefit to purchase a home costing as much as \$240,000 without a down payment.
- Additionally, the new law extends housing loans for NG and Reserve personnel from September 2007- to September 30, 2009. For more information: visit the following website: <http://www.homeloans.va.gov/>
- Need help in parenting? Visit <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publicactions/pubs/parenting/index.cfm>

- For more information about medical care, dental care and other benefits for reservists, NG members and their eligible family members, please visit the Tricare Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve).

- For details about Tricare Prime, Extra, or Standard, please visit Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

- For Tricare Dental Program, please visit Web site [www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html](http://www.ucci.com/tdp/tdp.html)

- For employer support, visit [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)

At the Family Readiness office, we have information on a variety of subjects including deployments, stress, home reunions, human service agencies, Tricare videos, and many more materials. Also, we have Readiness workbooks, checklists, and computer support and deployment calendars/coloring books for younger children. There is a Helping Hands program that consists of a roster of members ready to assist in emergency matters.

We warmly welcome volunteers to join the Family Readiness Support Office to assist in our unit support endeavors. Please stop by the Family Readiness office Monday-Friday or Saturday of Drills. The office numbers is 454-6577 or drop an email to [Christy.Muszynski@nysyra.af.mil](mailto:Christy.Muszynski@nysyra.af.mil).



Chris Muszynski,  
Family Readiness  
Coordinator



Col. Paul Richter

Recently, it was my last day as a civilian assigned to the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, and 31 July was my last day militarily.

I will stay associated with the Guard in some sort of civilian capacity; and I look forward to seeing all of you in the future. You just never know where your next cup of coffee is coming from!

So, I would like to take this

time to thank all of you who have helped and supported me throughout my career. I have been fortunate to be associated with all of you and this unit in particular. I could not have experienced the joy and successes without you. It has been very rewarding, but it has also prepared me for my future life. I'm not sure what I will be doing for the rest of my life, but I know that what I did for the last 31 years is something to treasure.

Again, thanks! Paul J Richter, Colonel NYANG (just recently retired)



# PKI Part 2: How It Works

By Chuck Courtney, Air Force PKI Systems Program Office



Shortly, your base will implement the use of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to support new electronic applications that directly affect all active duty personnel, civil service employees, and DoD contractors with access to government computers. The following information will shed more light on PKI, how it works, and how it affects you. Many future applications will fall under the PKI umbrella, such as the new Defense Travel System (DTS), medium grade service (MGS) e-mail, and the Automated Business Services System (ABSS). Numerous other applications will evolve within the PKI in the near future.

There are a number of known security risks using electronic documents and current e-mail programs. People could intercept and change the contents of electronic documents or e-mail or even deny having accomplished them at all. PKI minimizes these risks with the following security services.

**Authentication** – a guarantee that e-mail really comes from the people who claim to have sent it; PKI also enables server sites to authenticate your identity before granting you access and enables you to verify a server site’s identity.

**Integrity** – a warning if changes were made to the document before the intended recipient received it.

**Non-repudiation** – the certainty of knowing that the sender of an e-mail, or signer of a document, cannot later deny having conducted the transaction.

**Confidentiality** – assurance that information is not disclosed to unauthorized entities.

PKI electronically provides these services through the use of a private-public digital key pair. It consists of two simultaneously generated keys using an irreversible mathematical process, making it virtually impossible for anybody to determine the mathematical relationship between the two. The two keys are uniquely paired with one another and neither key can be derived from the other. What exactly is a “key?” “What does it look like and what do I do with it?” A key is a digital, computerized code uniquely tied to your identity. You will use these keys to digitally sign/send documents (such as DTS documents), and to encrypt/decrypt e-mail communications and attachments as necessary. As with the key ring in your pocket or in your purse, which contains your car key and house keys, you will have a different set of keys used for different computerized functions. Your keys are:

**Private Key** – the portion of the “private-public” key pair that is password protected by its owner and is not available to other users; used to digitally sign e-mail and electronic documents, to decrypt e-mail messages, and to gain server access. You alone control access to this key.

**Public Key** – the *identity* portion of the private-public key pair, a difficult-to-decipher electronic code available to other PKI users that is posted on the

Global Access List (GAL) with your address information for other people to access. Other authorized PKI users use your public key to send encrypted documents to you and to verify your identity when you send digitally signed documents. This makes it possible for two people to communicate securely.

Every time you use your digital signature you ensure *Authentication*, *Data Integrity*, and *Non-Repudiation*. Authentication assures that a person or system is exactly who or what they claim to be. Data Integrity guards against unauthorized changes to information whether intentional or accidental. Non-Repudiation prevents a person from denying later that a communication or transaction took place as recorded. If you choose to use PKI encryption, you also ensure *Confidentiality*, preventing disclosure of information to unauthorized users.

PKI may sound complicated, but it basically resides in the background and your effort in the PKI is very minimal. Users will quickly learn that digital signing and encryption is easy and effective.

You will soon register to get your PKI credentials, to include your digital key pairs, which will enable you to send and receive secure e-mail and use other applications that will fall under the PKI umbrella. For more PKI information, go to <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>.

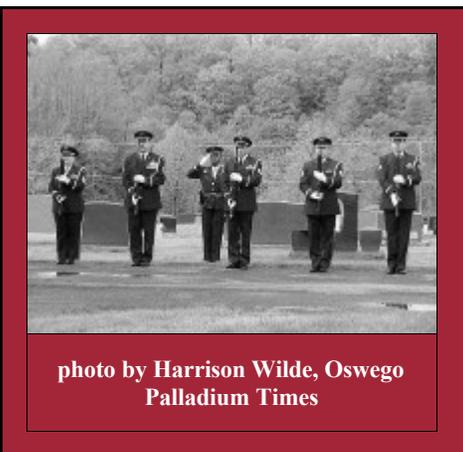


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On Memorial Day, the 174th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard performed at 16 different parks/cemeteries in Oswego NY, 7 different locations in the Syracuse area and provided a 22-member team for a special 174th Fighter Wing Alumni Memorial tribute on 30 May. In addition, they participated in three funerals, including full-honors with an eight-person team.

The 174<sup>th</sup> Honor Guard is "tops" for military honor guards and is often called upon to do funerals for fallen

comrades. The photo to the left was taken at the funeral of Walter Ferens on 18 May 2002. Mr. Ferens was an 86 year old WWII veteran who flew B-17's and was a German POW for three years.



# Weekend Warriors No More

By Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.  
(Edited by Jeff R. Wallace, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs NCOIC)

They're in the air. They're in Afghanistan. They're at nuclear power plants. Today, almost nine months after September 11, more than 80,000 ostensibly part-time troops of the National Guard and Reserves are still at work full-time virtually everywhere the active-duty regulars are--and some places they aren't. Indeed, each of the 50 state National Guards is under pressure from serving its two masters. President Bush is using his federal authority to call up the Guard to help the Pentagon in its war against terrorists abroad. But state governors, too, are asking their guardsmen, and guardswomen, to take on a whole array of new homeland security missions, including protecting bridges, the skies over major American cities, and military bases. And the Guard just finished eight months of full-time duty defending the nation's airports.

These new responsibilities hit an institution already under strain. With a mere 3,500 personnel in all, the Montana Guard had recently sent hundreds of troops to keep the peace in Bosnia, provide humanitarian aid in Central America, and train potential allies in the Central Asian state of Kyrgyzstan. These were all missions planned long before 9/11 and all performed under the president's authority to call up state Guards for federal duty. Add in their new duties, often under the control of their state governor, at airports and the Olympics, in the U.S. skies and on the borders--plus the war in Afghanistan--and the tempo for Montana guardsmen becomes intense. "For many years, the

Guard was called the weekend warrior," said Prendergast. "I don't think anyone can ever, ever use that statement again."

The Empire State's National Guard had as many as 10,000 of its 17,000 personnel on duty in or around New York City in the days after September 11. Currently, the total number of New York guardsmen activated both at home and abroad is only 2,300, but that's still one

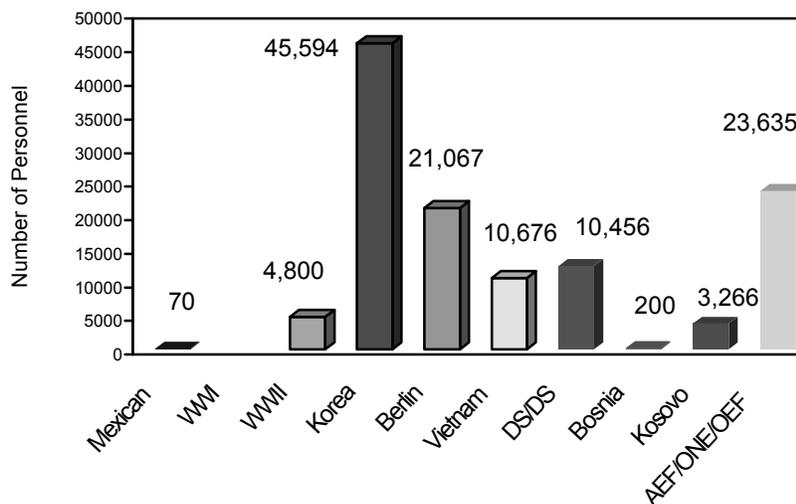
Guard and Reserve Components Caucus. "When they got called up, it was no longer some far-and-away war," Taylor said. "It became everybody's war."

Every call to arms changes someone's life. Multiply those individual disruptions by the 80,000 Guard and Reserve troops mobilized, and you begin to see the strain on the part-time military as an institution. And it won't end anytime soon. Although the presidential call-up currently in effect limits any person's time on active duty to two years, military planners are already looking at how to meet the needs for guardsmen and reservists four years out. And even as they call up new troops for emerging missions, all of the reserve components are sending others home so as not to deplete the pool of personnel available for the future. In some ways, the overall numbers are reassuring. The

80,000 reservists and guardsmen on duty now add up to less than 10 percent of the 864,000 available nationwide. (Another 376,000 "individual ready reservists" are potentially on call but do not train or get paid on a regular basis.) Even the New York Guard, which has about 14 percent of its troops deployed, "could sustain that almost indefinitely," said the state's adjutant general, Maguire.

How can the Guard and Reserve keep up this pace? Acting Assistant Secretary Duehring put it this way: "Maybe we need to change the way that we're doing things, instead of reaching out and grabbing more and more."

**ANG Personnel Mobilized and Volunteers:  
Wars and Major Contingencies**



person out of seven. "The extraordinary has become routine," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Maguire, adjutant general of New York. "These are wonderful men and women, and their families and employers are extra-wonderful ... but the taskings continue to come." An Unclear Path Ahead In truth, the "weekend warrior" has been an endangered species for a decade, ever since the first Bush administration did in the Persian Gulf War what Lyndon Johnson dared not do in Vietnam: call up the Reserves and Guard. In 1990, "the employers and the families, they were aghast," recalled Mississippi Democrat Gene Taylor, who was then a freshman representative and who now co-chairs the House National

A lot of military planners are looking at the Air Force example. The air service closely integrates its active, Reserve, and Air Guard units, puts deployments on a regular schedule, and breaks up long missions among several units, each taking a manageable slice.

Certainly, 9/11 inspired thousands of troops to step forward to be mobilized. In fact, "on September 11, all of our traditional guardsmen just showed up," said Senior Master Sgt. Tony Russell, who works full-time at Andrews Air Force Base for the D.C. Air National Guard. All across the country, it was the

same, said California Adjutant Gen. Monroe: "Everybody was calling in; we didn't have to call everybody." In fact, for the first month of the war, said New York Adjutant Gen. Maguire, "we were turning people away."

But what makes it all possible is the spirit of the troops themselves. So it is critical to keep that spirit alive. "When I walk in the airports, and I look over and I see one of the National Guardsmen there," said Rep. Buyer, "I walk over and say thank you.... That's what they want." Those pats on the back really work, said Lt. Col. Arthur Hinaman,

who commanded the D.C. National Guard contingent on Capitol Hill. "They had a lot of congressmen coming up [to thank them]," he said. "Morale stayed so high, I couldn't believe it." Not that it takes a congressman. Before September 11, said Alaina Barnes, a young specialist in the Pennsylvania Guard, people gave her "a lot of, 'You're in the Guard, you're not really in the Army.' I got tired of hearing that." But the revolution since September 11, she said with satisfaction, "gave Guard members a little bit more respect."

Army National Guard: Strength -- 350,000, Called Up -- 23,400 (6.4%)  
 Army Reserve: Strength -- 205,000, Called Up -- 13,500 (6.6%)  
 Air National Guard: Strength -- 106,600, Called Up -- 24,500 (22.8%)  
 Air Force Reserve: Strength -- 75,600, Called Up -- 14,500 (19.2%)  
 Naval Reserve: Strength -- 87,800, Called Up -- 9,000 (10.1%)  
 Marine Corps Reserve: Strength -- 40,000, Called Up -- 4,300 (10.9%)  
 Coast Guard Reserve: Strength -- 8,000, Called Up -- 1,700 (20.9%)

**AT THE 5 MONTH PEAK—A SNAPSHOT**  
**“The Big Busy Picture”**

*Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/AEF (as of 14 FEB 02)*



Total Hours: 64,045

Total Sorties : 17,962

On Any Given Day  
Total Aircraft: 302

# Deployed Historians Capture Present for Future Use

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott (Edited by Master Sgt. Jeff R. Wallace, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs NCOIC)

Even as Operation Enduring Freedom operations unfolded, Air Force historians were at work laying the groundwork for the service's future operations.

"Most of (what we do) is not felt immediately," said Master Sgt. Dan DeForest, a historian for the 91st Space Wing at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. "It's felt in (future) operations. If you don't remember mistakes, you don't learn, and historians are the (Air Force's) memory."

A big part of a historian's job is to collect, compile and maintain records. "We have to (determine) what's going to be needed in the future -- what questions are going to be asked -- and figure out who has that information," DeForest said.

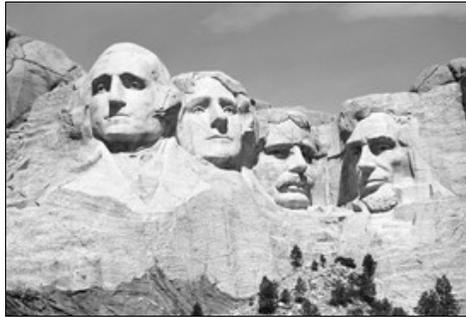
"Historians have to think long-range for obvious reasons, but the real payoff is to have the information available short-term for immediate use by commanders and decision makers," said Chief Master Sgt. Bob Beggs, Air Combat Command's historian career field program manager.

"Yes, (we live in) an electronic age, but it's important to have a person on the ground," Beggs said. "People make decisions, and our on-scene historians capture this history. The most common question we get is why did the Air Force do this? The deployed con-

tingency reports will have the answers."

DeForest, the first enlisted historian deployed in support of OEF, has seen the efforts of historians put into action over Afghanistan.

"All histories are reviewed to find what we did well and where we failed, (to find out) how we can do better," he said. "(Lessons learned from) the air



war over Serbia has been used extensively in OEF."

Though his home station is with a missile wing, DeForest was tasked with capturing the history of bomber crews flying missions in the region.

"(Flying) close-air support was a big thing with the bomber (crews)," he said. "(They) were nervous about it at first, and I recorded that in my reports, but they really became believers in the joint direct attack munitions.

"What a historian does is capture

reports and keep them forever" DeForest said. "What ends up happening is, in a few years someone will come to us looking for them.

"I know (information) I gathered will really be valuable for the bomber community," he said.

In one respect, DeForest's OEF data has already been a benefit to the service. When a new wing commander arrived to take command of Air Force units at one location in the region, the historian was called in to help get the ball rolling.

"I let the new commander know what we (had done) before; (things like) phase maintenance, where the fuel had come from, the number of sorties flown, etc.," he said.

As with most career fields, historians have relied heavily on both the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard to maintain their deployment schedule.

"We'll deploy 13 historians every 90 days (out of about 15 eligible)," Beggs said. "The Air National Guard and the Reserve have really stepped up. We couldn't fill all the positions without them.

"They're loving it," Beggs said. "This is what they're trained to do." DeForest agreed. "Deploying is the real job," he said. "The reason (the Air Force has) enlisted historians is for war. As much as I hate leaving the family for six months, that's where the real job is."



The aviation advocacy group Quiet Birdmen pose during a visit to Range 35 at Fort Drum.

On 8 June 2002, the Quiet Birdmen visited the Air-to-Ground Range at Fort Drum. They witnessed several A-10 flights, watched a demonstration of the Smokey Sams (Simulated Surface to Air Missiles), and toured down range to the target areas.

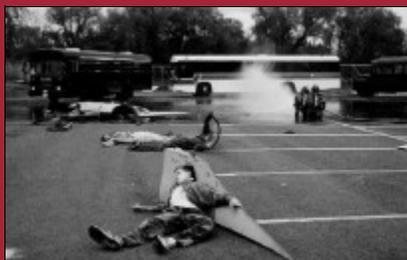
The Quiet Birdmen is a group of aviation enthusiasts who promote aviation issues. Range personnel enjoyed exchanging stories with the group during lunch that they brought along with them. After lunch, they were escorted over to the main post on Fort Drum and toured the base military museum.

# Civil Air Patrol Supports MARE

By CAP Public Affairs Office

On a recent Saturday morning, young softball players were covered in fake blood and strewn about the P&C Stadium parking lot in contorted positions. Some screamed in pretend agony and others lay motionless. Plane debris from the mock crash of an F-16 littered the area. All this drama was part of the Major Accident Response Exercise based upon a terrorist attack scenario, held by the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing of the New York Air National Guard and the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

The exercise was conducted May 19 as the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's own response plan for major accidents off base. The original concept was the Fighter Wing's, but they suggested to other major organizations in the Syracuse area that they might want to piggyback on the exercise to test their mass casualty response abilities as well. The 134<sup>th</sup> Central New York Group Civil Air Patrol supported the exercise with special air-to-ground real time TV transmissions from the disaster site to the 174<sup>th</sup>'s Command Post and to the Onondaga County Emergency Operations Center located in a bunker two stories underground. CAP also assisted by providing trained personnel to participate in the emergency rescue as well as 38 cadet volunteers to act as victims in the exercise scenario.



The 134<sup>th</sup> Central New York Group Civil Air Patrol participates in the MARE Exercise.

# CNY Airman is Picture Perfect

By John Dendy, *The Scotsman Penny Saver, Syracuse*

Air Force Senior Airman Michael Dickson's new home is a narrow tropical jungle reef in the Indian Ocean, about 1,000 miles south of the India coast.

Dickson, a Syracuse native, says that despite the tropical feel to the reef, this is not vacation. It's more of a stationary aircraft carrier for the coalition aircraft who have dropped more ordnance on Afghanistan than any other unit.

"We're all coming together as a team to get this difficult mission accomplished," said Dickson. "It's inspiring to see the dedication of everyone here.— it makes me want to strive to do my best; to go above and beyond what's expected for me to get the job done."

The mission of putting bombs on target almost 4,000 miles away in Afghanistan is comparable to flying from Chicago to Rio de Janeiro. Success

falls on the backs of bomber and aerial refueling aircraft that commute together from the tropics to Afghanistan. But it takes more than flyers to pull these missions off, said Dickson, a photographer with the strike force.

"I'm documenting how we live and work here to support the war on terror," he said. "I have clearance to take photos in places other people can't go. I use digital cameras to capture images of every aspect of this operation."

Dickson said the challenges of this war started long before he assumed his duties on the reef. Just getting to the site was an effort within 1,000 miles with India to the north, Madagascar to the west, Indonesia to the east and nothing but Antarctica way to the south. The only way in and out is through gov-

ernment ships and planes.

"The flight in was long and uncomfortable," Dickson said. "With several layovers included, it took almost four days to get here. But knowing the overall cause I'm supporting makes me realize the sacrifices I make here pale in comparison to what some people—like the soldiers in Afghanistan or the families of victims of the September 11 attacks—are going through."

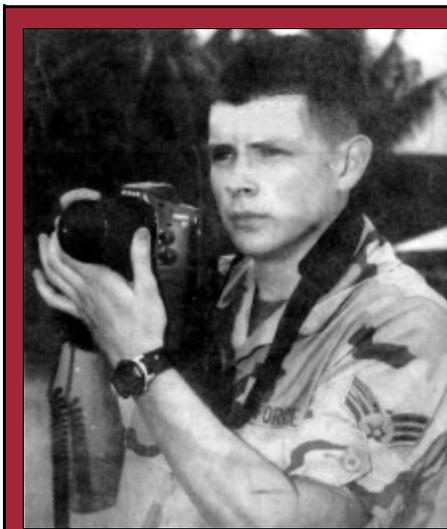
And the challenges continue during off-duty time. Force members live in tents which cyclones occasionally threaten to throw into the sea—or on a merchant ship that leaves residents with sea legs once they get back on shore.

Still, this spectacular location east of equatorial Africa—where a 30-minute bus tour can show you the entire location—hold elements of an adventure vacationer's dream. There's tropical windsurfing and fishing for 200-pound marlin, and

while it's no Pebble Beach, playing the 9-hole golf course is free. The sea is so warm, snorkelers can wade in and play tourist with thousands of brilliantly colored tropical fish.

Yet there's a bittersweet feeling about enjoying good times on a pristine tropical beach without their families and in a time of uncertainty in America. It doesn't feel right to some, so they turn to the churches or call home for support.

"I miss home a lot—especially my family and friends," Dickson said. "But they all know I love and think about them all of the time and I know they feel the same way. Phone calls home are costly, so they have been rare; but the e-mail service is free. Overall, it's not too bad here."



Senior Airman Michael Dickson, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Visual Information

# 174th Fighter Wing

## Formal Dining Out & 55th Anniversary Celebration



Chapter 50 of the NCO Academy Graduate Assn., the Chief's Council, and the First Sergeant's Council is making tentative plans to host the Second Annual Wing Dining-out on 5 October 2002 at the LeMoyne Manor, in Liverpool, New York. A cocktail hour is planned for 1800-1900. The dinner hour will be between 1900 and 2100. Cost of the event will be determined as soon as the menu has been selected, but we anticipate the cost will be approximately \$20 per person.

This year, at our Dining-out, we will be celebrating the 55th Anniversary of the 174th Fighter Wing. Attendance is open to all members of the 174th FW, 152nd AOG, 274th ASOS, and the 174th Alumni. We have sent a letter to Major General Thomas P. McGuire, Jr., the Adjutant General of New York, inviting him to be our guest speaker for the event.

The dress for the affair is as follows: Mess Dress Uniform for Officers, Mess Dress or Semi-Formal Dress Uniform for Enlisted members, and Formal Evening Wear or Business Dress Attire for

civilian guests.

We are also looking for volunteers to work the following committees: Entertainment Committee (POC: Chief's Council); Hall Set-up Committee (POC: First Sergeant's Council); Honor Guard (POC: 1Lt Ed Cook); Protocol (POC: LtCol Mary Jo Timpano); Publicity Committee (POC: Lt Brown). Please contact SMSgt Gianetto, MSgt Farley, MSgt Tom Lathrop, Chief Potter, or Chief Mosley if you are interested in working on any of these committees

Anyone needing miniature medals, devices, or miniature medal holders for their Mess Dress Uniform may contact MSgt Farley at extension 699 or SMSgt Gianetto at extension 404, NLT the close-of-business of the September UTA. There will be an order placed for these items on 9 September 2002 to ensure they arrive in time for the Dining-out. Don't wait to identify your requirements.

Last years event was a very enjoyable affair and we anticipate this years Dining-out to be just as enjoyable.

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**I plan to attend the Wing Dining Out on 5 October 2002**

GRADE:	NAME:	UNIT:
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NUMBER OF GUESTS (COUNT YOURSELF)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 50, ANG NCOAGA**

Please return this form to MSgt Jeremia Farley, 174th Logistics Support Flight/LGLP as soon as possible, but NLT 23 September 2002, to allow us to get a head count of those attending.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Senior NCO's and Officer's are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Enlisted member.

**ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT & PAST MEMBERS OF THE 174TH FW. MEMBERS OF THE 152ND AOG, 274TH ASOS, AND THE 174TH ALUMNI ARE ALSO WELCOME.**

# Base Announcements

## Hancock Field Family Appreciation Weekend

Mark your calendars early for Hancock Field Family Appreciation Weekend 5-6 Oct 2002. Festivities kick off with the 3rd Annual Wing Dining-Out on Saturday evening. Sunday's activities include food, fun, music and the opportunity to shop at the Ft Drum PX right here at Hancock Field. More to come next month. Questions or brilliant ideas welcome. POC: Lt. Col. Timpano ext 139.

## TOLL-FREE LODGING NUMBER

A toll-free number to reach any base lodging operation in the continental United States has been established by the Air Force Services Agency. The number, (888) Air Force Lodge or (888) 235-6343, eliminates having to contact individual lodging facilities to make reservations.

## SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

ANG/DPDE is now accepting applications for in-resident attendance at the Squadron Officer School. SOS is open to Captain or Captain-selectee (must be pinned prior to class start date) who have less than 11 years at Commissioned Service Date (CSD), 1 year service commitment and must not have been removed from a promotion recommendation list. Interested applicants must see their Unit Education Training Manager for application procedures or SMS Hepp in the Base Education Training office, ext 147. Dates of the FY 03 classes are listed below. Also indicated is the suspense date that the package must be received in the Base Education Training Office.

CLASS DATES	SUSPENSE DATE TO BETM
4 Nov 02 – 11 Dec 02	15 Aug 02
6 Jan 03 – 7 Feb 03	15 Oct 02
24 Feb 03 – 28 Mar 03	1 Dec 02
7 Apr 03 – 9 May 03	15 Jan 03
27 May 03 – 27 Jun 03	1 Mar 03
21 Jul 03 – 22 Aug 03	1 May 03
2 Sep 03 – 03 Oct 03	15 Jun 03



174th Fighter Wing  
Dining Facility Hours  
1030—1300  
Please check OPORD  
for Dining Hall Menu



August USA  
Pay Date:  
23 August 2002

Next USA  
7-8 September 2002



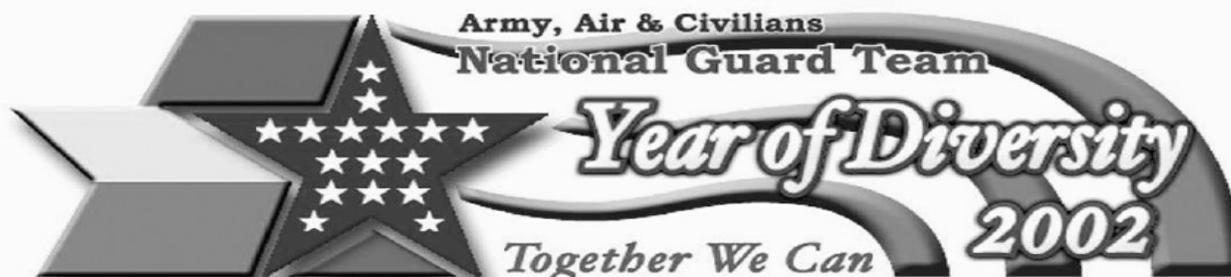
## All Service Club

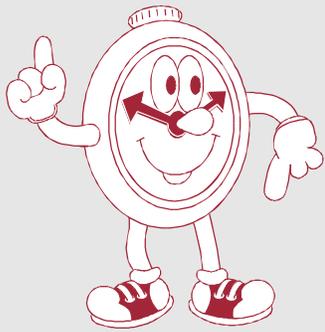
The All Service Club welcomes all members with a monthly membership application drawing. Must be present to win. Drawing increases every month until there's winner.

The Club will be moving sometime in the future hopefully by the end of the year. As a result funds will be needed for new coolers or various other expenses. The club will be holding various raffles, please stay tuned for more details. Thank you in advance for your support.

Volley ball games for August drill. Teams need to be scheduled with Tom Lathrop by 1400; 10 August. Contact Tom for more details. Come challenge the winning team. Team Zero's will any team be able to beat them?

Food is available at the club every drill. Hot dogs or Sausages available, enjoy the BBQ on the deck. Various other food specials will be scheduled for upcoming events.





**It's Time!**

# For The Annual Fitness Evaluation Walk

The annual walk will be held during the August and September Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs). Each member will walk three miles (running is no longer permitted). Bring appropriate clothing and foot-gear to complete your walk.



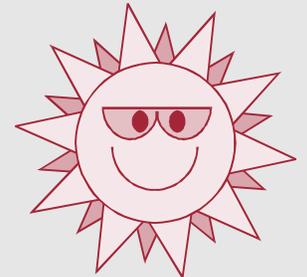
**Starting times 0830 Saturday AND Sunday.**

Running is not permitted for any of the three-mile walking route. Before the walk can be accomplished a physical fitness questionnaire must be completed. If you have not completed the questionnaire, see your first sergeant. Potential physical problems will be referred to the Medical Squadron for medical deferment. Personnel who are medically deferred for one year may be required to meet a Medical Evaluation Board to determine their qualification for continued duty.

The times listed below are the standards to be used (AFNGI 40-501, Air National Guard Fitness Program):

### 3.0-Mile Walk Times (Minutes)

AGE(Years)	MALE	FEMALE
17-29	40:54	43:52
30-34	42:04	45:10
35-39	43:15	46:29
40-44	44:25	47:44
45-49	45:34	48:55
50+	48:19	52:02



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