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## Moving Onward Together In The American Spirit



Command Chief On Mentoring  
Children's Christmas Party - Biggest Yet  
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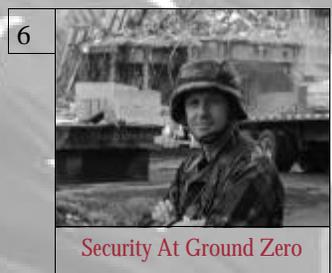
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**Note: There will be no EnGarde for the February drill.**

## 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

Teddy Roosevelt was well known for his use of the Office of the President of the United States as a forum to express his views to the American public; he called the Presidency 'the bully pulpit'. In a much smaller way I view the command of the 174<sup>th</sup> as a similar bully pulpit, and the EnGarde is the vehicle for that message to many of you. For that reason, I have taken the opportunity every year to recap what I see as the significant events of the past twelve months and to share what is on the horizon for the next year.

This year, I think we are all very aware of what went on in the past twelve months, and that no further elaboration is necessary. I would like to spend a moment talking about the coming year because once again we find ourselves at the brink of change. By now everyone is aware that the Wing has changed from a daily training mission to a daily combat mission under Operation Noble Eagle, and that we expect to be patrolling the NY City area for some time. Our usual deployments for training may be postponed by this mission, but I expect that we will pick up all of our training deployments during the 2002 timeframe.

As 2002 comes to a close we will begin yet another aircraft conversion to return to the F-16 Block 30. Somewhere between now and then, I expect that we will receive the first of our new target-

ing pods that will give us the ability to be considered for any precision munitions mission. On the facilities side, we have proposed several new projects for upgrading Hancock ANGB, that include a new weapons storage facility, expansion of the fighter squadron operations building to accommodate new capabilities, and a complete overhaul of the base security infrastructure (fences, gates, sensors, etc). Meanwhile, the already begun main hangar project will continue through 2002, as will the construction of the new weapons release/load building and new small arms range.

The bottom line: 2002 will be like the last few years, filled with real-world missions, hardware improvements, and better places to work and operate. We are truly fortunate, but none of these will come without the dedication and, to be honest, the sacrifice of each of us. After having seen the 174<sup>th</sup> and all of the GSUs in action following September 11<sup>th</sup>, I am confident that we are up to this challenge. Let's roll.



Col. Robert Knauff  
174th FW, Commander

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## Mentoring the Road to the Future

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

*The following article is part one of a two part article.*



Do you know of all the opportunities that are available to you through your service to this organization, the ANG and the USAF? Do you know what steps are necessary to achieve a 3-level in your AFSC or what the "minimum time in grade" is before you can be promoted?

What are the requirements to become an officer or a senior NCO?

These are just some of the questions you have the right to have answered. Every work area should have in place a mentoring program for all assigned personnel. At the minimum, everyone in upgrade training is assigned a trainer. The trainer is responsible for ensuring required training is completed in a timely manner. Technical training is just part of the mentoring program. It is the responsibility of each work center supervisor to insure all assigned personnel are trained and then mentored to their highest desired level and capability.

It is obvious that the people now entering this organization are

our future. If we do not utilize the abilities and talents of these people and mentor them to meet their own expectations and the future needs of this unit, the results will also be obvious.

During the November UTA, the 174<sup>th</sup> SG/Exec Officer, our Human Resource Advisor (HRA), and myself sat down and put our heads together on what the 174<sup>th</sup> needed to do to insure a mentoring program is established and implemented. We are still in the planning stages listing all the areas we can think of that are important for individual and Wing needs. We are approaching this project with the attitude that we do not want to create another monster that takes too much time to administer and that has no follow up and is eventually abandoned.

In the March edition of the EnGarde, I will discuss the immediate steps we feel are necessary.



Command Chief  
Master Sgt. Mosley



# Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R. Paul Mathis



## Suicide... What to look for!!

One of the most devastating things any person experiences is the suicide of a friend or family member. So many questions are left unanswered. Why did it happen? Why didn't we talk? How did this come about? It is hard to understand why something like a self inflicted death happens. Many times signs are there but we just fail to recognize them.

### A potential suicidal person may:

- Talk about committing suicide
- Have trouble eating or sleeping
- Experience drastic changes in behavior
- Withdraw from friends or social activities
- Lose interest in hobbies, work, school, etc.
- Prepare for death by making final arrangements

- Give away prized possessions
- Have attempted suicide before
- Take unnecessary risks
- Have had a recent or severe loss
- Be preoccupied with death or dying
- Increase his or her of alcohol or drugs
- Lose interest in his/her personal appearance



Chaplain (Lt. Col.)  
R. Paul Mathis

The chaplains prepared a video for the prevention of suicide. Take time to view the video. Keep your eyes and ears open to friends and family. We may be the one who will help someone through a dark moment and difficult time in life. Just listening and being there will help a person.

## D O D N E W S

### Protecting VA Educational Benefits for Reservists Called to Active Duty

Men and women called to active military duty in the war on terrorism will not lose education benefits they accrued from prior military service under legislation recently introduced by the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The Smith-Evans legislation, H.R. 3240, the Reservists Education Protection Act, would allow servicemen and women to regain any monthly educational payments lost due to their call-ups by extending the number of months of entitlement commensurately.

In addition, the legislation would add the time of their mobilized tour of duty, plus four months, to the ten years normally provided under the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program to use the educational benefits. Congress provided similar relief to service members during the Persian Gulf War. For a complete overview of all military education benefits and the GI Bill, visit <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education>

### Guard Readies For Major Overhaul

The National Guard will undergo a dramatic transformation to prepare for newly enhanced security duties, including an increase in personnel, new equipment, and the elimination of missions deemed more appropriate for other forces, according to Guard officials. The war on terrorism has forced the Guard to undertake a sweeping review of its mission, a government-wide undertaking that is expected to be completed by February, in time for President Bush's next federal budget plan. Among changes being considered are an increase in the Guard's size, particularly in military police, communications, medical, aviation, transportation, engineering, and chemical and biological defense.

### TRICARE Changes Mean Lower Health Care Costs For Reservists

DoD officials have enacted health care system changes to make life easier for reserve component members and their families following the Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom call-up to active duty.

The most significant change is a waiver of all TRICARE deductibles for family members of Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom activated reservists and guardsmen for care received since Sept. 14.

In addition, TRICARE will pay for up to 115 percent of what is usually allowed for reserve component member care under existing guidelines.

The third change is that TRICARE officials have waived the need for Guard and Reserve family members to obtain non-availability statements before receiving care from a civilian provider.

For more information on these new benefits and on health care for reservists and guardsmen, visit the TRICARE Reserve Component Page at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/default.htm>.

For a more general overview of TRICARE, see <http://www.military.com/Resources>.

### Commissary Scholarships

Over 400 Commissary Scholarships (valued at \$1,500) are available to sons and daughters of military personnel (AD, Guard and Reserve). Applicants may be college-bond high school seniors, or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and write an essay that describes how his or her activities have enriched the community. Submissions due to your closest Commissary NLT 5 Feb 02.

# Children's Christmas Party

By Master Sgt. Terri Scanlin, 174<sup>th</sup> MSF, NCOIC of Employment/Relocations

This year's party was an overwhelming success! Over 100 children were in attendance. The guests started arriving around 1230. While they waited for Santa's arrival, they played games of COMET (a.k.a. BINGO), had their faces decorated by Lt. Col. Mary Jo Timpano and Maj. Kate O'Brien, and received animal balloons from Master Sgt. Heidi Diaz and Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Damon.

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Chrissley of the 174th FW Fire Department escorted Santa Claus (Master Sgt. Tom Garvey) to the Dining Hall at 1300 hours. Some children greeted Santa at the door and were excited when he shook their hands and patted their heads. Santa visited with the babies first – 14 of them, then the toddlers – 26 of them, then the preschoolers – 14 of them. This led to the halfway mark of the 100 children that were there to see Santa. I heard a few remarks from the older children... "What age is he on now?"... "There sure are a lot of babies!"... "I can't wait to see Santa!"... "I think my age group is next!" The children aged 5 to 12 waited patiently for their chance to sit on Santa's lap and receive their present.

Master Sgt. Jud Maynard took Polaroid pictures of the children. Master Sgt. Joe Johnson excelled as our Master of Ceremonies again this year. Brianna Houghtalen, April Atwood and Sara Phillips were Santa's helpers.

The winners of this year's coloring contest were: Amber Robinson, Samuel Martin, Kelsey Martin and Brittany Lamont.

The winners of the car seats donated by CFC were: Melissa Lighton, Connie Gifford and David Osterhout.

The committee would like to thank all those who helped set up and clean up the Dining Hall. Thanks also go to the Navy League for their donations of Candy Canes; Chapter 50 for their cash donation; and to Toys R Us for donating the Playstation II and helping with the shopping! Many thanks to all who made this year's party a success!



Gyahda Cockrell and Jakirah Holloman, nieces of Chikena Savioe, enjoy the goodies served at the party.



Santa and his helpers. From left to right: Briana Houghtalen, daughter of Ron Houghtalen, Sara Phillips, niece of Terri Scanlin and April Atwood, daughter of Ron Atwood.



Lt. Col. Mary Jo Timpano paints a Christmas design on the hand of Hannah Miller, granddaughter of Judson Maynard, 174th CMF.



Nicholas and Andrew Desocio, 174th SFS play a game of C O M E T (a.k.a. BINGO).

# Security at Ground Zero

By Senior Master Sgt. Warren J. Gomon, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Supply Management Activity Group Manager



Following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on America, many individuals from the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing volunteered to deploy to New York City to assist in the World Trade Center

cleanup. During my two-week deployment to New York, the majority of the 174<sup>th</sup> FW deployed personnel were assigned to the Task Force Security Detail or Pass and ID. This story does not cover all of the many other personnel who volunteered to work in the Orderly Room, Contracting, as drivers, or other tasks.

Following the return of the first group deployed to New York, I heard many stories about how different it was to see the remains of the World Trade Center in person versus on television. I did not understand how it could be so different. Certainly, seeing the site on CNN and looking at the destruction could not be that much different than seeing it in person. Working on the security detail was extremely emotional most of the time. Working at ground zero, seeing the site first hand and dealing with the emotions of the residents, changed my opinion

quickly. I soon realized how different it was to actually be there when I saw ground zero for the first time.

The first week of our deployment began at 0630 on Governor's Island when I attended a security briefing and found out our work hours were from 1100 – 2200 each day. Next step was to ready all our gear: gas mask, web gear, Kevlar helmet and wet weather gear; then head to the Staten Island Ferry for the ride to Manhattan. Immediately upon arriving at Battery Park, we became part of the formation with the Army National Guard. Following roll call and a "warm welcome to the infantry ladies and gentlemen" from the Army First Sergeant and a march through Battery Park, we received our assignments.

Each day ended by waiting for our replacements at our post at around 2230, forming up at Battery Park once again, and more often than not – waiting for the 0030 Ferry to arrive to take us back to Governor's Island. As you will read below, each day was long and sometimes emotionally difficult. After only a few days I could make a correlation between our assignment and the movie Ground Hog Day. Daily routines were the same, wake up – work your shift – and



Statue commemorating Firefighters placed at Ground Zero.

twelve to fourteen hours later – try to wash off the soot and smell from the towers that were still burning – then hit the sack and be ready to do the same thing the next day.

I was assigned to work directly with Master Sgt. Leon Saddler as assistant Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC). An important part of our job was to ensure our people received meal breaks and to take care of their basic needs. Our first hurdle was to make sure all Air National Guard personnel assigned to Security had proper protective gear such as air filters and high visibility vests. We worked with Tech Sgt. Gerry Dunn who was assigned as the NCOIC Joint Task Force Liaison. He was responsible for managing the inventory of all respirators, filters and safety equipment for all the different elements of the WTC operation.

The Air National Guard portion of the security detail consisted of 37 people covering twelve to fifteen entry control points surrounding Ground Zero. The route from the first security checkpoint to the last was approximately 1½ miles extending out around two to three blocks from where the World Trade Center once stood. Our main mission was to ensure no unauthorized personnel gained access to the site.

It was very strange walking down Broadway for the first time since



Left to Right, SSgt Louis Fernandez, SSgt John Fratangelo from the 105th Stewart ANGB, SGT Mary Holder NYPD, MSgt Rich Rose, SMSgt David Cerminaro, and TSgt David Blodgett from the 174<sup>th</sup> FW. Pass and ID section located at PS 89 who issued and monitored Ground Zero passes and entry control.

the attack. The street that was normally filled with vehicular traffic, was only crowded with construction workers, priests, police, firefighters, Red Cross volunteers and military. During the first week it was tremendously hectic and emotional. The east side of Broadway was filled with bystanders every hour of the day. I witnessed hundreds of people trying to view the ruins of the WTC and consistently taking pictures. Personnel at some checkpoints constantly consoled people on the street and at times hung pictures of friends and loved ones on the fence that surrounded the site, as well as flowers sent in memory and drawings by children. Other checkpoints checked identification of truck drivers assigned to carry the building remains out of the area.

Our checkpoint at West and Rector Streets was busy checking identification for all the city vehicles (fire, police and sanitation department). Some security personnel were assigned to the wash stations that washed down the debris and worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to track the destination of each truckload. The toughest checkpoint by far, at least from an emotional standpoint, was located on Liberty and West Streets. This was the checkpoint where all the dignitaries and family members accessed ground zero. There was a viewing stand that was set up inside the site. The grief and sorrow that passed through that checkpoint everyday was incredible.

Our mission the second week was basically the same. Personnel from the first week rotated out and new personnel were assigned to security. Tech. Sgt. Paul Whelan, 174<sup>th</sup> Logistics Squadron, was assigned as NCOIC in place of Master Sgt. Saddler. Capt. Mary Pontecorvo, 174<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron, was assigned as OIC of all Air National Guard for Task Force Steel working directly with Army National Guard managing the security operations. Our barracks moved from Governor's Island to Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. The sleeping accommodations, 18 to 21 people in a three bedroom apartment, were not the greatest, but moving to Fort Hamilton made transportation a lot easier and the duty day shorter.

During the second week, the location of the checkpoints was always changing and the circumference around Ground Zero continued to shrink. As our checkpoints got closer to the site, emotion became more of a factor. Security also

became more difficult. More and more unauthorized people tried to access Ground Zero. As some of the posts were eliminated, we were finally able to rotate some people for a day off. This was a challenge for the leadership. Tech. Sgt. Whelan told me, "There was a strong feeling of team and mission. Even with the emotional difficulty of working in the disaster site, the fatigue of long days, stress of possible security violations, traffic, pedestrians and emotional citizens, it was a challenge to find volunteers to take a day off. Air Guard troops wanted to sacrifice their day off to help out."

Both weeks our security team performed in an outstanding manner. During the staff meetings I attended, the Air Guard consistently received positive remarks all the way up to the two star generals. We did our part in deterring unauthorized personnel from getting into the site. For example, the first week our security team caught two reporters dressed up like NYC firefighters. The second week we caught some unauthorized military and civilian personnel trying to access the site. There were many other times where the security detail prevented unauthorized personnel from entering the site. There was never a security breach through an Air National Guard post, although several attempts were made. In addition to providing security, our personnel provided comfort to the citizens of New York. Many occasions our people could be seen



SSgt Jeff Demperio, 174CES, and "BO" the bomb sniffing dog with the head of security for the American Stock Exchange, in front of security checkpoint at Themes and Trinity Place.

interacting with those in need. Whether it was just listening to their stories or providing a hug, our people were there for them.

Although on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 the Air National Guard mission at the World Trade Center was eliminated, we demonstrated to everyone that we could successfully tackle another tough mission. The bottom line was that personnel from the entire New York Air National Guard developed a cohesive team that performed at an exceptionally high level.



TSgt Paul Whelan, 174LGS, in front of remains of World Trade Center tower 5 on Church St and Vesey.

# 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS “Iron Knights” Commander’s Corner

By Maj. Michael Wells, 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS, Commander

As we press toward the Air Combat Command Initial Operational Capability (ACC IOC) date of December 2002, and our squadron goal of being mission capable by March 02, we look at the calendar and we’re reminded of the fact that there are only four months remaining until our squadron goal. It feels much like walking a narrow plank between the rooftops of tall buildings.

My message is simple...stay focused on the board we’re walking; the “big picture” tasks and the goals. If we look at the ground below instead of our goal and the attainment of our objective, we lose focus

*“Begin with the end in mind”*

on what’s really important, the next step, project, program, or task.

Aerospace Operational Planning is a term used to describe the thought process and logic behind target selection. Now before you think it’s another “war story” from the coach, let me explain. We need to think like war planners. What effect does the target elimination have on the overall theater objective? Or in the Iron Knights case, what effect does my present or planned action have on our objective of

becoming mission ready? Am I spending my time on worthy projects, but projects that don’t get us any closer to our goal, or am I properly prioritizing my tasks to put the mission capable projects first?

In his book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, Steven Covey talks about seven basic principles for personal and organizational effectiveness. Two of these principles are; “Begin with the end in mind” and “First Things First”. *Begin with the end in mind* – “What is the objective we are striving for and for what purpose”, and then and only then, do we ask, “What tasks are required to arrive at that end state”. Another principle is “*First Things First*”. If we establish a list of tasks, projects, and programs, but fail to determine in which order to accomplish them, our long-term effect will be greatly reduced. If our long-term effect is minimized, it will be more difficult to attain the end state or goal.

So what are we to focus our efforts on? Attain mission capable status. What do we need to accomplish to become mission capable? Recruit, train, equip and prepare. These are general tasks but each can be broken down into more specific tasks such as; prepare mobility folders,

load plan development, ancillary training, mission ready training, mission support training, check rides, radio pallet conversions, PMI’s, SATE training, safety training, equipment acquisition, adherence to all AFI’s and ANGI’s throughout the process, and accurate completion of all related paperwork!



Maj. Michael Wells

When you look down from the plank and notice the enormity of tasks, you may feel

*“First Things First”*

like singing the lyrics of a song by Tom Petty- “*Let me up, I’ve had enough!*” Don’t look down, focus on the big picture, the goal, and putting one foot in front of the other.

The feat of becoming mission capable will be accomplished on time if one critical element remains intact—INITIATIVE! I am very pleased with everything I have seen thus far! Continue the outstanding efforts and let’s keep focused on the objective.

This year Senior Airman Macienne Gladney was selected by the Southside Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Committee to receive recognition for contributing to the “spirit” of Christmas all year long in the Southside community. She has aided the committee with volunteers, equipment, and support towards enhancing future events for the community.



L to R: Capt. Rick Wright; Mike Atkins, Councilman-4th district; David Bains, Director of Concerned Citizens Action Program; Owner of Sabatino’s; and Senior Airman Gladney .



Serving up the holiday meal: Col. Robert Knauff, 174th FW Commander and Col. Tony Basile, 174th FW Vice Commander.

# Employee/Member Self Service

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

Employee / Member Self Service (E/MSS) at [HTTPS://WWW.EMSS.DFAS.MIL/EMSS/](https://www.emss.dfas.mil/emss/) is an internet site that allows both military members and federal technicians to access their pay records. I've personally been using the E/MSS website and have been extremely pleased with how user-friendly it is. It clearly puts control of member pay in the hands of the member. I encourage personnel to give E/MSS a try-- I think you'll be impressed. Members can use E/MSS to:

- Access their Leave and Earning Statement (LES)
- Adjust their Federal Withholding status
- Change their direct deposit

- Stop manual delivery of their LES
- Enroll in the new military Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) (military members only)
- Start, Stop, or Change up to two allotments (federal technicians only)

In order to use E/MSS you must have a temporary PIN. Most folks have already received a temporary PIN in the mail. If you do not know your temporary PIN or you have suspended it, you must fax or mail the following information to DFAS in order to establish a new temporary PIN:

- Name
- SSN
- Copy of your government photo ID

- Daytime phone number
- Signature

Send this information to:  
DFAS-Cleveland/PMCAA  
Attention E/MSS  
1240 East 9th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199  
Fax: 216-522-5800

Your temporary **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** will be set to the last five numbers of your SSN. Please wait **at least** two business days before attempting to use your new temporary PIN (allow additional time if you mailed your request). **You will not receive any notification that your temporary (PIN) has been reset.**

## New 174th Fighter Wing Cap



The distinctive black 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing baseball cap with Embroidered F-16 and unit designation may be worn by members of the 174<sup>th</sup>

Fighter Wing. The black cap may be worn with BDUs, Food Service Whites, Hospital Whites, Flight Suits and other organizational uniforms at Hancock Field Air National Guard base. The camouflaged 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing baseball cap will be phased out effective 28 February 2002. If you have any questions please direct them to Customer Service in the Military Personnel Flight x496.

## Jan 2002 COMREL Lunch Stephen Kimatian, President - Ackerley New York Television Stations



Mr. Kimatian oversees the operations of five ABC and two NBC affiliates in Upstate New York, among them WIXT, Channel 9, and WWTI, Channel 50. His previously was the General Manager of ABC and CBS affiliates in Buffalo and Baltimore and as CEO of Maryland Public Television in Owings Mills, Maryland. Please join us on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** to kick the 2002 ComRel season. Base Dining Hall doors open at 11:30am ...Lunch served at 12:00 noon and event completed by 1:00pm. Cost for the delicious lunch is \$7.50. See you there.



## JANUARY MENU

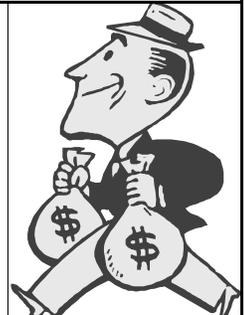
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
BBQ BEEF SANDWICH ASSORTED VEG SALAD BAR FAST FOOD LINE COOKIES	CHICKEN ALA KING RICE ASSORTED VEG SALAD BAR FAST FOOD

Meal Counters: Report at 1000  
Saturday LSF    Sunday CES



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# Promotions, Decorations, Awards and New Members

## *Promotions for September, October, and November 2001*

SMSGt Christopher McDonald, LG  
SMSGt Robert Young, LSF  
MSGt Kyle Milk, OSF  
MSGt James Fredette, LGS  
MSGt Frank Wise, CMF  
MSGt Lawrence Hills, CMF  
TSgt Kathleen Kennedy, 138FS  
TSgt Troy Canada, MDS  
TSgt Patrick Kenney, 138FS  
TSgt John McAlister, Det 2  
TSgt Patricia Collins, MDS  
TSgt Jonathan Martin, CMF  
TSgt Helen Frasciello, MDS  
TSgt Mark Anderson, LGS  
TSgt Karen Kirkby, LGS  
TSgt Geoffrey Jones, MAI  
TSgt Stephen Grausgruber, MAI  
TSgt Paul Schneller, MAI  
TSgt Frederick Knapp, LGS  
TSgt Edward Deaver, LGS  
TSgt William Schroeder, SFS  
TSgt Haley Holcomb, SFS  
TSgt Scott Simpson, MAI  
SSgt Craig Ammann, MAI  
SSgt Jeffrey Thompson, MAI  
SSgt Sherry Correll, LGS  
SSgt Peter Terry, LGS  
SSgt Justin Laird, LSF

SSgt Lee Montemayer, LSF  
SSgt Sara Holden, CMF  
SSgt Justin Baker, CMF  
SrA James Nicholson, AGS  
SrA Levon Marcellus, 274 ASOS  
SrA Jeremy Call, MAI  
A1C Shawn Hopkins, MAI  
A1C Stephanie Barnes, AGS  
A1C Michael Griepsma, MAI

## *Decoration Recipients for September and October 2001*

Meritorious Service Medal:  
CMSgt Robert Chamberlain, CES  
SMSGt Joseph Gianetto, LSF

### Air Force Achievement Medal:

MSgt Jeff Wallace, FW  
TSgt Kevin Brody, CMF  
TSgt Jeffrey Gagnon, MAI  
SrA Ian Tucker, MAI  
SSgt James Yadanza, MAI  
MSgt Clement Terino, MAI  
1Lt Edward Cook, FW  
SrA Victor Oliver, MAI  
TSgt Geoffrey Jones, MAI  
TSgt James Zeltmann, MAI  
TSgt Philip Dockwiler, CES  
SMSGt Wayne Walker, FW  
MSgt John Martineau, FW

## *Academic Excellence Award*

Congratulations to the following individuals who are recognized for their achievements of academic excellence for the period Jul – November 01.

TSgt Brian W. Eveleigh  
A1C Michael J. Weaver  
MSGt Deborah J. Bitely  
TSgt John Geruso  
MSGt Todd W. Sargent  
MSGt Walter Bird  
A1C Frederick W. Rowe  
SSgt Cynthia L. Grigsby  
A1C Levon A. Marcellus  
A1C Jonathan S. Zajackowski

## *New Members for November 2001*

Capt Sean Van Holtz, 274<sup>th</sup> ASOS  
2Lt David Pyke, FW  
Sra Jerrod Blake, SFS  
Sra Andrew Desocio  
A1C Rachel Bryan, Stu Flt  
A1C Cole Shebat, Stu Flt  
A1C Peter Hefty, Stu Flt  
A1C Matthew Smith, Stu Flt

## *Congratulations!*

## **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!

FY 01 Gains were: 171 Enlisted and 34 Officers!

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

Let's make FY 02 a very "Happy New Year" with more gains in Critical AFSC's:



1C4X1 Tactical Air Command and Control  
1C5X1 Aerospace Control and Warning Systems 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 Environmental Systems  
2E2X1 Electronic Computer and Switching Systems  
2F0X1 Fuels Management  
2S0X1 Supply Management  
2W0X1 Munitions Systems  
2W1X1 Aircraft Armament Systems  
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## Thanksgiving Party

It seems like we are always saying what a great job Bob Musengo and his crew does in putting on our annual parties, but its only right to give credit where credit is due. This year's Thanksgiving party was no exception, it was a resounding success. The party was held at the Cicero American Legion Post, just off Route 31, behind the Post Office. The Cicero Post is one of the newest clubs around and one of the nicest we have ever used. We filled the place with around 185 members and guests. The buffet was delicious. It was your typical Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. When we weren't reminiscing about the good old days, we were raffling off turkeys, and having a 50-50 drawing. Harlan Thornhill was the member that traveled the furthest to be with us. He lives in Conroe, Texas and makes this pilgrimage each year. It's always great to see Harlan, and all of the others that attend our parties. If you missed this event, you missed a good one. We received a lot of compliments, so I think it is safe to say most everyone enjoyed themselves, and looking forward to attending again next year.



138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Crash Boat, Oswego, NY, circa early 1950s Jim English at the Helm

will get out to everyone. So if you have e-mail access, let us know what it is. Send your message to: [chiefm174@a-znet.com](mailto:chiefm174@a-znet.com).

## Dues

Here is another area where we need your help. A great deal of time and expense is expended each year reminding members that their dues are unpaid and that they need to get their money in before they are dropped from the membership rolls. What you can do to help us out is take a moment and look at your membership card for the expiration date. If your membership has expired, or is about to, please send us a check in the amount indicated below. If you can not find your card, give

either John Terry or Jim Monroe a call at (315) 478-0115, or (315) 635-5402 respectively, and they will let you know what your expiration date is. Membership dues for renewal are \$5.00 for one (1) year or \$20.00 for five (5) years. Make your check payable to "174<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association, Inc."

Our mailing address is 6001 E. Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211-7099.

## Taps

Howard Mowers, died 4 Dec 01. Howard was a former member of the 138<sup>th</sup> before transferring to the 108<sup>th</sup> TCS where he retired as a Major. His daughter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Carol Baris, is currently assigned to the Medical Squadron.

## Sick Call

Thad Dziergas Sr. is convalescing at home after a short stay in the hospital. He lives at 5974 Court St. Road, Syracuse, NY 13206. Send him a card, he'd love to hear from you.

## New Members

Tracy Egan, Joe Gentile, Bob Rotella & Lynn Schug

## More News & Trivia

We've added one more member, Bill Raymond, to our Life Membership rolls. Bill was a World War II paratrooper and a former member of the 138<sup>th</sup>FS, assigned to

the Parachute Shop as supervisor until his retirement from the Guard. He then moved to the sunny south where he currently resides. Our current Life Membership stands at 52.

A friend of Mike Waters, who lives in France, and is an aviation enthusiast, sent him a web address of a German Luftwaffe unit. Mike checked it out and found that it was none other than our friends from FB32 at Lechfeld. The two web sites are: [www.flyingmonsters.de](http://www.flyingmonsters.de) and [www.321tigers.de](http://www.321tigers.de). According to Mike and his friends there are a lot of photos that you will enjoy looking at.

## Next Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you

## E-Mail Listing

If you have e-mail capability, are you on our e-mail listing? Right now we have roughly 190 out of 668 members on our list. Often we are told of a special event, or provided with information that we would like all members to know about. However, with postal rates being what they are, and knowing the time it takes to put together a letter for 700 members, we find it difficult to justify the added workload and expense it requires to disseminate this information using the U.S. Postal system. We know it's unreasonable to think every member will have or want a computer. But the more addresses we have the better the chance that the word



# ALL SERVICES CLUB NEWS IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

This month you are invited to nominate members for the 2002 All Services Club Board and Club Officers.  
Please write in your nominations and forward to:

ALL SERVICES CLUB ELECTION COMMITTEE  
ATTN: MASTER SGT. BRIAN EVELEIGH – 174 MAI/LGMFC

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Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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IF YOU NOMINATE SOMEONE, PLEASE BE SURE THE PERSON  
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