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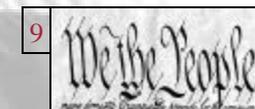
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Colonel Basile with Father



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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

It's official – summer is here. The season of cookouts is well underway, with everyone spending time together with family and friends. People are enjoying their outdoor recreation; safely, of course. The 4th of July holiday has come and gone, hopefully marked with a stronger than usual sense of patriotism. I'm certain that our Honor Guard was busy, as they always are about this time of year. In fact, it seems as if our Base Honor Guard has been busy just about non-stop for a long time. Just recently they covered Memorial Day cemetery ceremonies, parades and events all over Central New York. Sadly, for a base with over 1200 members our BHG is always short of people who volunteer to be available for these demanding, yet satisfying performances. If we could get just 5% of the base to volunteer for one event every other month we would be able to cover just

about all of the requests that come in. And some of the requests that come in can be rewarding beyond the satisfaction of service, or maybe a payday. Recently, the BHG provided funeral services for a deceased WWII vet. After the burial his widow sent one of our Honor Guards the following letter:

“Dear _____, My sincere thanks for providing the firing squad for _____’s funeral. I know he will rest in peace knowing that his hopes for a full military funeral were fulfilled.

God bless the 174th.”

A simple note for a simple ceremony, but full of meaning, and I know that those who performed for this bereaved

family were touched by the sincere gratitude and significance the family placed on their attendance. We should all be so fortunate when we pass on to have the dignity of a military funeral performed by professionals like the 174th Wing Base Honor Guard. Let's hope that when that day arrives that the Honor Guard has enough volunteers to cover each and every one of us.



**Colonel Robert Knauff
174th FW, Commander**

The Declaration of Independence

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



On July 4th, 1776, delegates to the Continental Congress voted to accept the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia's Independence Hall. On August 2nd, fifty-six men signed their names to the historic document, giving birth to a new nation as they declared their independence from Great Britain.

Many of you have probably seen articles or read stories on the demise of these patriots. In 1829, Rev. Charles A. Goodrich took it upon himself to write biographies on all of them and publish a book called "Lives of the Signers to the Declaration of Independence". We are quite familiar with some of the real famous signers such as John Hancock and Samuel Adams from Massachusetts, Ben Franklin from Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson from Virginia. Many people don't know who the signers were from New York.

William Floyd, who was the first delegate from NY that signed, was born in Long Island in 1734. His family came to America from Wales around 1680. His father died at a young age and left William heir to a large estate. His wealth enabled him to practice a generous hospitality. He was a friend to the people. These sentiments on his part excited a reciprocal confidence from the people of NY, and led to his appointment as delegate from NY to the first Continental Congress in 1774. In 1776, his family was forced to flee Long Island, which was

taken possession by the British Army. In 1777 he was appointed Senator of the State of NY. He lived to the extraordinary age of 87 and enjoyed good health until a year or two before his death.

Philip Livingston was born in Albany NY, 1716. He graduated from Yale in 1737 and was one of only 15 educated in the Colony. He moved to New York City shortly after graduation and became a merchant. In 1754 his political life began as alderman and stayed in that position for nine years until he was elected to be a member of the general assembly of the colony. In 1774 he attended the first Continental Congress where the rights of the colonies were discussed. In 1776 he had the honor of giving his vote in favor of the Declaration of Independence. In 1777 he was appointed senator for the southern district, state of NY and stayed in that position till his death in June 1778.

Francis Lewis was born in South Wales, educated at the school of Westminster, and sailed for NY in 1735. In NY he became a prosperous merchant and during the French Canadian War supplied the British troops. He was present at the time when in August 1756 the fort of Oswego was surrendered to French Gen. De Montcalm. Lewis was handed over to the Indians as a prisoner, but somehow ended up in prison in France where he was later (Continued to page 5)



**Command Chief
Master Sgt. Mosley**



Chaplain's Corner

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



"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."

- Roy Disney

Have you ever wondered what made certain people act as they do? Think of Mother Theresa, what prompted her to have the depth of compassion she had for the poor? Or what prompts a teacher to spend hour after hour into the wee hours of the morning preparing for her classes? Or what prompts a father to take time away from his work to play and just be with his child? Or what prompts you to go the extra mile and do a great job even if you don't come out on top?

I believe it has to do with responsibility. Responsibility is linked to integrity and is about doing, being and acting upon what we value. Responsibility is really about the power of choice. Think of the things you choose, the decision you make for yourself, for your social life, your spiritual life, your emotional health, and your family. Those choices speak of who you are and what you are about. Think about it. To be respon-

sible is to choose with integrity, and then to act upon your choice.

The core values transcend all differences including culture, religion and social. When we focus on that which is important to us, when we choose to invest time and energy into life giving facets of our being we are engaging in the creation process: becoming all that we were meant to be and helping others reach their potential too.



Chaplain Lt. Col. Jean Vargo

Responsibility is about duty, about accountability, about doing your best in all that you do. Responsibility is about self-restraint. Here at the 174th Fighter Wing responsibility shows itself in each of our ability to do our share of the workload, to be people striving to be all that we can be, to be people of character and compassion. Responsibility doesn't let anyone down because they acknowledge their responsibilities and act accordingly. Responsibility is a trademark of the Air Guard and of our unit.



The Ride of a Lifetime Maj Kate O'Brien, Logistics Squadron Commander

During these busy times how do you recognize your outstanding performers? Do you shake their hands and let them know they are doing a great job? Have you considered recommending them for a quarterly or annual award? Did you know that in addition to distinguished guests, our Commander gives special consideration for incentive rides to award winners? Specifically Airman of the Year, Airman of the Quarter, Outstanding Safety Award of the Year, Recruitment Award winner, and FOD Fighter of the Quarter recipients. Recently the 174th Fighter Wing borrowed a D-Model (two-seat) F-16 and gave many unit members the ride of a lifetime. Next time it could be someone from your shop!



PKI: A New Security Tool

By Tech Sgt Trinette Seburn, Wing Information Assurance Office



From July 2002 to November 2002, Hancock Field is scheduled to start implementing PKI for our "unclassified" communications. This major project will consist of issuing Common Access Cards (CACs) which houses the PKI certificates, installing equipment on each computer to read the CACs and train users on using PKI certificates. To start familiarizing users with this new tool, here is a great article on PKI.

"PKI" ... Electronic Key To The Future

by Chuck Courtney,
AF PKI Systems Program Office

Sending e-mail and electronic documents without digital signatures will soon be history because the Air Force is taking a giant leap into the digital age with the advent of the DoD Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). What is PKI? What do you need to know about PKI? Why is it being implemented? How does it work? What does PKI have to do with your job in Personnel, Security Forces, Aircraft Maintenance, Medical Support, Civil Engineering, or Air Operations? This article will answer those questions and provide insight on our "electronic key to the future."

The Air Force recently adopted a new Information Technology (IT) strategy, "One Air Force...One Network." This strategy includes establishing an Air Force-wide directory and consolidating e-mail servers. PKI is a key factor in achieving this strategy. Our "Air Force Vision 2020" acknowledges "information superiority" as a core Air Force competency. Today's Air Force mission is more complex and globally dispersed; electronic information we transmit is more varied while emerging technology is more sophisticated and accessible. Maintaining communications integrity is more challenging, and we need to trust our systems and modes of communication. Ensuring trust comes down to our ability to sign, encrypt/decrypt, and authenticate information. Users of government systems need (and should expect) system integrity; PKI-enabled applications will maximize system integrity.

What is PKI?

A Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI) consists of protocols, services, standards, and tools that allow improved secure communications over an unsecured network, such as the Internet. PKI supports a digital signature and encryption process, which uses electronic key pairs; each pair has one private key and one public key. By using your private key, you can place your digital signature on to documents and outgoing e-mail; you can also decrypt incoming e-mail. On the other hand, other people use your public key to verify your digital signature and encrypt e-mail to you. It's that simple. And for organizations hosting web sites, PKI can allow queries that ask visitors to authenticate their identity prior to allowing them access; this controls access to an organization's sensitive information.

Why PKI?

The new global culture of electronic information exchange and networking poses greater threats than ever before of fraud, e-mail eavesdropping, and data theft. By direction of Deputy Secretary of Defense directive (the *Hamre Memo*), all DoD departments and agencies are implementing PKI to ensure that information/data is transmitted securely across the Internet and all military networks. All unclassified e-mail transmitted through DoD channels will require a digital signature.

Registration

You will soon be registered for your PKI credentials, which consist of certificates and electronic key pairs that enable your ability to digitally sign e-mail and electronic documents. Through your orderly room, a time, date, and location will be set up for your organization's personnel to be issued certificates. The registration team will issue each person three certificates: identity certificate, e-mail signature certificate, and e-mail encryption certificate. After loading the certificates on your personal computer, you can start using PKI. In the interim, if you want more information, go to the Air Force PKI web site at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>.



Tech Sgt
Trinette Seburn

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released and returned to America. In April of 1775, he was elected delegate to the Continental Congress and in 1776 one of the signers. In the fall of that year his home was plundered, his belongings burned, and Mrs. Lewis was taken prisoner for several months and kept in deplorable conditions. Shortly after her release she passed away. He survived in poverty and died at the age of 90.

Lewis Morris was born in the manor of Morrisania, NY in 1726. At the age of 16 he entered Yale. Following college he returned home and to agriculture. Even though he was edu-

cated, he was thought to have a spirit too bold and independent, to act with the prudence which the situation seemed to require when the congress of 1774 convened. But in 1775 after the battle of Lexington, men of his spirit were now required. On 15 May of that year, he took seat in the congress and in 1776 signed the declaration. He knew the consequences and still signed. His property was destroyed and his land taken as anticipated. He left congress in 1777 and continued to serve in the NY legislature until he died in 1798. All four of these men had the same ideals. They knew well what a signature on that document would mean to their future and were willing to risk

A Visit with the Governor

by SrA Atwood, Security Forces Squadron

The Governor's visit was a result of a sunny day deployed in the desert. Master Sgt Fassett, Staff Sgt Kinane and I were wondering what we could do for the people of New York when we got home. The idea of flying a United States flag came up and the ball was put in motion. We had the flag sent over from home and flown over our Area of Responsibility. We speculated that the greatest challenge to accomplishing this mission would be to get Governor Pataki to come to the base to accept the flag on behalf of the New York State.

When we returned home I sent an email to the Governor's office telling them how I felt about doing my duty for our



Governor Pataki visits the 174th FW.

New York State flag and a United States flag flown over ground zero in New York City. These flags are symbols not only of this state and country, but also of the reason that we do what we do to keep our families safe and this country free.

These flags will be a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice that was made on September 11th by the Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Medical personnel, Military personnel and many civilians.

Personally, I was very impressed with our Governor's and the state's response during this crisis. He earned my confidence that New York State can get the job done. I also be-



Governor Pataki with the articles author, SrA Atwood.

lieve the Governor is very impressed with the 174th Fighter Wing and our immediate response. I believe that everyone that participated that day felt as proud as I did that the Governor would make time for us to stop by. This was probably the only time some of our families and unit members had the opportunity to shake hands with our own New York State Commander in Chief.

During his visit, Governor Pataki had a surprise gift for the 174th Fighter Wing. It was a great honor to receive a

state and country and asked how we would go about getting the Governor to accept the flag. The next thing I knew word came down that the Governor was making a special visit to the 174th Fighter Wing.



Governor Pataki speaks with Master Sgt Rotunno, Master Sgt Fassett, SrA Atwood.



Governor Pataki accepts the flag from the 174th FW.

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It was a proud day for the 174th Fighter Wing and the entire Hancock Field Team to have the Governor recognize the fact that we are ready and proud to do support our state and federal missions. Lets keep up the good work and the training and continue to do what we do best--be prepared to protect this nation when called upon.

COMBAT ARCHER APRIL 2002

by Major Eric Soucy, 138TH FS, Weapons officer

During the first two weeks of April, 125 members of the 174 FW deployed with eight F-16's to Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida, for Combat Archer. The purpose of the deployment was to accomplish aircraft reliability checks, by shooting live missiles, receive dissimilar Tactical Intercepts and Air Combat training for the pilots and provide live missile experience and training for the weapons loaders and maintenance crews. Along with these objectives, we also accomplished training and hands-on experience for virtually every shop and office on base that makes a deployment possible.

The first week went smoothly with excellent weather and lots of good flying. The pilots and jets arrived slightly behind schedule due to an unplanned stop for gas in Atlanta, caused by the scheduled tanker being delayed. Once we all arrived, the first day was used to get the necessary local area briefings and settling into our new operating area. With an early schedule planned all week, most of the troops found their way to the Days Inn Bayside fairly quickly. I don't think anybody managed to find the golf course the first day.

Early the next morning, on the drive to get to Tyndall AFB, most folks found out what caused that funny smell in the air in Panama City. A well-bated paper mill provides for an odoriferous sensation at the hotel when combined with a tactical eastern wind. At the end of the week, we barely noticed the smell. At work, everybody put in 100% to make operations work as smoothly as possible. Without missing a beat, the jets were ready to fly, the missiles were ready to be shot and the adversaries were ready to fight. Over the next couple of days, we managed to successfully shoot the six AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles we had been allocated. The weapons crews performed flawlessly, providing us with perfect missiles and rails, maintenance ensured our jets were ready when needed, and the pilots ensured that the drone fleet (the remote controlled airplanes), continues to have a need for new drones. The ad-

versaries quickly learned that the real Tip-of-the-Spear isn't really in the active duty Air Force with the Lieutenants and Captains, but rather in the Air National Guard with the crusty old Majors and Lt Colonels.

Throughout the week, the early schedule allowed folks to take advantage of the local scenery. Most of the popular seafood restaurants were quickly discovered and it was brought to my attention that some troops were unhappy with the seafood selection and took to the sea themselves. I think one of the fish caught was twice the size of the boat and had to be let go again! At the end of the week, the hotel manager provided a nice spread for us, which was a good ending for the first group. Saturday marked the changeover for most of the pilots and some operations

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personnel. The C-23 arrived with the rotation group and departed on Sunday with the return group heading back to Syracuse.

Unlike the first week, the weather was not cooperative on the second half and resulted in several cancelled flying periods and reduced air to air training. Despite heavy periods of rain and windy days, we still managed to successfully launch the four AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles. As with the first week, we again performed flawlessly on all accounts and continued to deplete the drone inventory. The schedule changed often and the flying periods alternated between early and late goes, so as usual, the 174 Fighter Wing pulled



Major Eric Soucy, 138th FS,
Weapons Officer

together and made it all happen. We managed to find some clear airspace to get good training with the F15's. Several of the sorties were generated during heavy rain periods, so hats off to the maintainers and End-of-Runway crews that made it all possible. A wet suit would have been a better choice of uniform in place of the standard BDU set.

On Friday, we prepared the jets for the return flight home and packed up operations. The pilots and senior enlisted supervisors catered an outdoor party at the Bayside Inn to thank everybody for their efforts over the two weeks. Several awards were presented. Outstanding performers were: SrA Nathan Huskins, TSgt Timothy Sikora, MSgt Joseph Healey, TSgt Timothy Gay, TSgt Paul Schneller, and TSgt Todd Marra. Atta-Boys were given to: SSgt Marny Riopelle and SSgt John Jones Jr. Job Well-Done plaques were given to: SSgt Peter Terry and MSgt Thomas Brown. Aircraft High Flyer awards went to: TSgt Joseph Rehm, TSgt Tery Glover, TSgt Brian Butka, SSgt David Briggs, MSgt Mark Haynes and SrA Nathan Huskins.

Saturday came quickly and we launched the jets home on schedule, with the remaining personnel "hopping" on the three C-130's to return to Syracuse. Overall, the deployment was a huge success, providing the wing with exceptional training and a good morale boost. Combat Archer was a welcome event on the 174 FW's busy schedule.

Financial Planning Available for Service Members

Service members who are interested in getting a financial plan to lower their monthly bill payments and take advantage of current low interest rates can now get started online. As part of Military.com's free financial services for service members and veterans, those interested in money management can receive a free confidential debt analysis and learn about their options for effectively reducing monthly payments and building or repairing credit. For more information or to receive a free debt analysis, go to: http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=debt_lead_form.htm&area=Content

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"Sunshine and Your Skin"

*By Capt. Mary Pontecorvo
Health Promotions Officer
174th Medical Squadron*

Now that summer is approaching us, so is the sun worshipping ritual. While fair-skinned individuals who burn easily face the greatest risk, **NO ONE** is immune to skin changes that result from sun exposure. The sun causes aging of the skin more so than anything else does. There are two types of non cancerous changes: Lentigenes and Telangiectasia. Lentigenes are irregular areas of pigmentation known as "sun spots". Telangiectasia, are sun damaged vessels that are superficial and appear as red lines. These usually occur on the face and neck.



Over-exposure is also the direct cause of most skin cancers. pre cancerous, flat, scaly, red exposure is cause of most Keratoses are and present as growths. Basal cell cancer is a slow growing tumor usually found on the face and neck. These present as pearly-colored nodules and may have a blood vessel over its surface. Squamous cell cancer grows quicker and can spread to deeper tissues and possibly lymph nodes if left untreated. Squamous cell cancer presents scaly and raised with an ulcerated center. Malignant melanoma is a deadly form of skin cancer. This tumor can begin as a mole and rapidly spread to distant sites or organs. Melanomas, may develop in anyone, but it tends to occur in individuals who frequently get sun burned.

Everyone is most likely familiar with basic sun-sense rules. Avoid sun exposure if possible, especially between 1000 and 1500 when the sun is most intense. **USE SUNSCREEN.**

Simply using a SPF 15 lotion will block out 95% of damaging rays. Sunscreen only works if you use it, and reapply it often. Know your skin! Remember your "ABCD" to identify any kin changes. Asymmetry: Moles are usually round and symmetrical. Melanomas may have irregular shapes. Borders: Moles have smooth even borders. A notched, uneven edge may indicate melanoma. Color: A mole is generally a single shade of blue, brown, or black. Melanomas are a mixture of colors and shades. Diameter: Moles are usually less than 1/4" in diameter. Melanomas grow rapidly and are larger. You are the only one that can protect your skin! Become familiar with colored spots and moles on your body. See your physician at the **FIRST** sign of change. Remember prevention and early detection can save your life!



Colonel Anthony Basile, Vice Commander, 174th FW, (left) poses for a photo with his father, Mr. Frank Basile. Both were in attendance at the 174th FW Range #35 at Ft. Drum for the international "Hawgsmoke" A-10 competition, hosted this year by the 104th FW, MAANG at the 174th FW FOL.

WHAT I BELIEVE!

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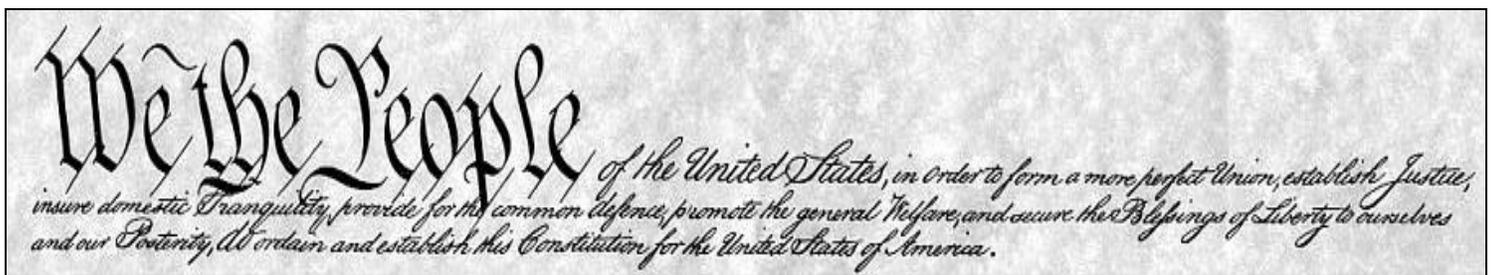
We The People” of the United State of America, living in a great republic with its Constitution and Bill of Rights were violated September 11, 2001. This date is burned into our memory as a cruel and lawless rapture of The WTC-NYC & The Pentagon. It is the loss of humanity that means everything to us, but obviously nothing to Bin Laden and his ring of terror. Our trust that our homeland is secure and safe has been painfully invaded. For those people who do not understand our resolve, perhaps we should remind

ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

The WTC stood tall that morning of the 11th, holding up humanity from around the world. The thunderous blow struck her heart and soul, as her unaware occupants worked on the world’s commerce and trade. Before she fell Ruby’s team of NYPD & FDNY tried to save these men and women.

Patriots throughout America and the world grieve at this sudden

citizens hold onto what we are all about. When I imagine all the people living in a better world, I imagine all nations each living under a constitution similar to ours, in republics that respect human dignity and the law. That is what our flag stands for, and what makes it the sacred symbol we salute. Perhaps we can’t force our liberty and justice on all nations, but we can and will make them understand we will fight to keep it.



them of what it means to be Americans living under a Constitution. Our Constitution Preamble says it all. “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to

senseless loss of humanity. We all feel the pain of those losing friends and family, and especially for children losing a mom or dad. So I say to you Patriots from every state in the union, and other American supporters, thank you for your dedication to the flag, your country and sense of duty as our nation comes together as one in unity and it’s



Base Announcements

The All Service Club Board is looking for individuals who are interested in working on an entertainment committee

To qualify you must 1) have a valid club membership 2) be dedicated to working on issues for club entertainment.

This committee would be looking for monthly entertainment or schedule sports events throughout the year, to be scheduled on drills. The club is looking for promoting fellowship within the unit and to bring business into the club to promote the move to the new location.

If interested please call. Please forward to guardsmen or any one that might have an interest in supporting the All Service Club providing they meet the above requirements.

Call Master Sgt. Marilyn White at 454.6672.

Application Announcement for Intermediate Service School and Senior Service School AY 03-04

Major or Major selectee with less than 16 years total commissioned service and a service commitment of 3 years may apply for attendance at Intermediate Service School.

Lieutenant Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel selectee with less than 25 years commissioned service and a 3 year service commitment may apply for attendance at the Senior Service School.

ISS/SSS locations requires a top-secret clearance with SCI access.

Applicants may apply using the guidance provided in ANG 02-066, which was forwarded to each unit education-training manager for dissemination. This guidance is also available in the Wing Education Training Office.

Suspense date for applications for receipt in the Wing Education Training Office is 15 August 02. Applications received after that date will be returned without action.

Any questions may be directed to SMSG. Kathie Hepp ext 147.or Maj Hisel ext 155.

New Director of the ANG confirmed

The U.S. Senate confirmed our new Director, Gen. Daniel James III, on Tuesday 14May02. Gen. James is currently working on his transition plans and we will share more information with you, as it becomes available.

The Thrift Savings Plan

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Open Season is 15 May through 31 July 2002. During this Open Season there is no change to the maximum contribution limits. Eligible technicians covered by FERS may contribute up to 12% and those covered by CSRS may contribute 7%.

Technicians wishing to make a new election or increase their current election to the maximum percentage should submit a TSP Form 1 to Tech. Sgt. Rivers during the Open Season Election Period. These changes will become effective as follows:

- TSP 1 received by 12 July 2002
will become effective: 3 July 2002
- TSP 1 received by 27 July 2002
will become effective: 28 July 2002
- TSP1 received by 31 July 2002
will become effective: 11 August 2002

Questions regarding the TSP should be directed to Tech. Sgt. Rivers at ext.141.

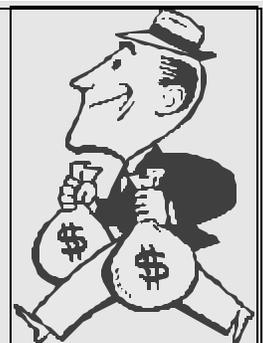


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Meal Counters: Report at 1000
Saturday FW Sunday SG



July UTA
Pay Date:
24 July 02
Next UTA
10-11 August 2002



Wilson Introduces Guard and Reserve Retirement Bill

Author Unknown

With the support of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) and two other prominent Reserve Component organizations, Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina recently unveiled new legislation, H.R. 4676. The piece of legislation will allow National Guard and Reserve members who have served 20 years or more to be able to begin to draw their retired pay immediately upon retirement.

"The retirement program for the Reserve Components has gone unchanged since 1948. We believe it is time to allow members to receive their retired pay immediately upon retirement," stated MSG Michael P. Cline, Executive Director of EANGUS.

When the events of 9-11 transpired, National Guard and Reserve members did not wait for the call to action, they responded. Units from the Massachusetts Air National Guard were the first to respond to fly Combat Air Patrols over New York City. Units from the North Dakota Air National Guard responded to Washington, D.C. and the Pentagon. While mem-

bers of the New York National Guard and other Reservists responded to Ground Zero, members of the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland National Guard responded at the nation's Capitol. The days of the weekend warrior are long past. Today in the National Guard and Reserves, it's not if you will be called to active duty, but when you will be called to active duty.

With this legislation, members of the National Guard and Reserve would qualify for an immediate annuity based on the current point system upon completion of a minimum of 20 good years for retirement. There would be no change in the way Reserve Component retirement is computed.

President George W. Bush, in Charleston, West Virginia, on Feb. 15, 2001, said, "Guard and Reserve members display values that are central to our nation's character, courage, and sacrifice and demonstrate the highest form of citizenship. And while you may not be full-time soldiers, you are full-time patriots."

Annual Walk Fitness Evaluation

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 footgear to complete your walk. Starting times to be announced. 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):

AGE (Years)	3.0-Mile Walk Time (Minutes)	
	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

Correction

In the June issue of the EnGarde the back page photo titled "New Recruits", the drill instructors are from the 98th Training Division, U.S. Army Reserve and not the 27th Brigade, N.Y. Army National Guard.

Retirement Party for Senior Master Sgt Warren Gomon

20 July 2002, 5 p.m. Cocktails, 6 to 9 p.m. Party
VFW Post 9596, Taft Road, Syracuse

\$15.00 per person
RSVP No Later Than 15 July 2002 to:
Master Sgt Todd Sargent, 454-6166
Or
Senior Master Sgt Michael Drake, 454-6105

Community Calendar of Events

Projected calendar of events for spring/summer

Date:	Event:	Location:
21-23 Jun	Jazz Festival	OCC Campus
26 Jun	COMREL	Dining Hall
6-7 Jul	Syracuse Airshow	SyrAirport
8 - 19 Jul	Junior Police Academy	Hancock Field
13 Jul	Geneseo Airshow	Geneseo, NY
14 Jul	Boilermaker Road Race	Utica, NY
31 Jul	COMREL	Dining Hall
11 Aug	NASCAR Race	Watkins Glen
22 Aug - 2 Sep	State Fair	NYFairgrounds

2002 STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SIGN-UP

The 2002 New York State Fair will run from Thursday, 22 August through Monday, 2 September (12 days). This year we will start setting-up the exhibit on Monday, 19 August and will take it down on Tuesday, 3 September. We will need 6 people for set-up and tear-down and 10 to 12 people to run the exhibit each day of the Fair. Again this year, you will be given free admission to the Fair and free on-grounds parking. The hours of the exhibit will be the same as last year. The exhibit will be open from 10 AM until 8 PM. "A" shift will report at 9 AM and will work until 3 PM. "B" shift will report at 2:30 PM and work until 8:30 PM. The uniform during exhibit times will be BDU's, blues or civilian attire (reference: Commanders Policy Letter 01-01).

The procedure to sign-up is as follows:

1. Have me place your name (tentatively) on the roster.
2. Fill-out the information on this request.
3. **Have your supervisor sign this request indicating approval and state whether your requested days are included as part of your 15 days annual training or you need additional days for the State Fair (see below).**
4. Return the request to me. I will then check your names as confirmed and send you the admission and parking passes as soon as I receive them or hand them out at the meeting on the August UTA.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Chief Master Sgt. David Benson at 454-6689 or 6468 during the day or 699-5164 evenings.

NAME _____ RANK _____
Section _____
Supervisor Approval _____ Ext. _____
Home Address _____
Phone
(Home) _____ (Work) _____
Dates Requested _____
Total Number of Days Requested _____
RUTA's _____ SQ has Man-days _____ Additional Man-days required _____
Shift Requested "A" _____ "B" _____

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