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New York Air National Guard, Syracuse

*Welcome The 152nd AOG  
& 274th ASOS  
To Their New Facility*



*House Of Rep-Bill 3831  
Is For Real*

*The ORE Is Here*

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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

## *174th FW is Busy Busy Busy*

Well, after a couple of years of OREs, ORIs, HSI, ESHO CAMPs, AEFs, and ONE (three months of Operation Noble Eagle), we have actually found ourselves in a stretch of non-acronym associated fun times! As I write this article, TSgt. Charlie Frantz is upside down, going the speed of heat, sitting behind Lt. Col. "Omar" Bradley on a well-deserved F-16D orientation ride. The 113<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Washington, D. C., graciously loaned us their "family model" so we could catch up on the 20+ incentive rides that had accumulated. The jet flew perfectly, putting smiles on the faces of the recipients at a rate of three times a day for the whole week.

At the same time, we deployed 130 people and 8 jets to Tyndall AFB, Florida for two weeks. While there, we flew 125 sorties, live fired 6 AIM-9 heat-seeking missiles, 4 AIM-120 radar-guided missiles, and got ample opportunity to beat up on the F-15s. While I was there during the first week, I witnessed a very professional act, both on the flightline, and in the air. I also witnessed 130 unit members smiling and having a great time during their free time. Work hard, play hard, what a concept! If you run into a weapons loader in a beach setting, ask them to whip you up a mudslide. You won't be sorry!

The next few months also offer some fun times for the Wing. This year's Armed Forces Celebration at P & C Stadium will

be held 8 June. Major O'Brien has been taking meteorology classes, and she assures me that this year's event will have beautiful weather. We will be sending our F-16 static display to Jazz Fest, 21 – 23 June at Onondaga Community College. You'll also see our F-16 at Watkins Glen 8 – 11 August for a NASCAR Winston Cup event, and during the New York State Fair, as usual. The Great Syracuse Airshow is going to be held over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and will feature the United States Air Force Thunderbird Demonstration team. They just happen to fly F-16s, and will put on a great show.

While the weather continues to improve and we enjoy the outdoors more and more, let's not forget to be safe in our activities. The Air Force is having a terrible year so far with ground fatalities, both on and off-duty. Our fatality rate in all categories is roughly twice that of the previous year, and we haven't even started the 101 Critical Days of Summer, historically our worst period for off-duty accidents. Please watch out for hidden dangers for you and your families. We want to make sure that every one of you is around to keep this Wing strong, and enjoy the fun.



*Colonel Anthony Basile  
174th FW,  
Vice Commander*

## T-FLOAT

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



Approximately two years ago the director of the Air National Guard announced the authorization of a new program called T-Float. (Temporary Floating Chiefs Position) It was to be a three-year test program that offered expanded flexibility in the use of Chief Master Sergeant allocations throughout the Air National Guard. This program applies to those functional areas that do not have allocated career progression opportunities to CMSgt on the Unit Manning Document. No more than 15% of authorized CMSgt may be floated at any given time. Promotions may not exceed 100% of CMSgt authorizations and are managed by each state headquarters. Traditional Guardsmen, Technicians, and AGR members are eligible to participate in the program. Personnel promoted under T-Float will remain in Senior Master Sgt. positions. This program is administered by the Wing Command Chiefs through coordination with the State CCM. The CCM's meet quarterly

and review each units vacant E-9 positions if any and each units UMD for AFSC progression. The AFSC's that are eligible are listed both generically and also specific to each unit. An example would be a 1S091 (Safety) AFSC does not progress to a 1S000 on any of our state UMD's. The person in the 1S091 position could be eligible for promotion. The list we are currently working with has twenty-two AFSC's eligible. The 174<sup>th</sup> FW has not utilized this program to date, but the authorization is in place if the commanders elect to. Bottom line to all this information is for all members to do their PME in a timely manner. Never assume that you cannot get promoted to the top of the enlisted force.



*Command Chief  
Master Sgt. Mosley*



## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Doug Decker, 174th FW



Maj. Doug Decker

*Courage is easy to find at the 174<sup>th</sup>*

"And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, the great city and preach unto it, preaching that I bid thee." So Jonah arose and went

unto Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's

journey, and he cried, and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

Jonah is a man of courage from the Bible. Courage is defined as a person of integrity and possesses moral courage and does what is right even if the personal cost is high. We know many courageous people. Our parents, police officers firefighters...all these are courageous people. They do what is right even if the personal cost is high.

Our military family is a courageous wing of people. Each deployment we

are asked to do what is right and good even if the cost is high. Courage is a necessary ingredient of a military family and military member. It is a call and a duty for military members.

There are many courageous people in the Bible. Jonah is a wonderful example of a man of faith and courage. The story concludes... And God saw their works that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he while do unto them; and he did it not..."

## Memorial Day History

by Master Sgt. Gary Illingworth, 174<sup>th</sup> FW Historian

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day we honor those who have died in our nation's service. Over two dozen cities and towns have laid claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day, but in May, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson officially declared Waterloo, New York with this distinction.

Organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves even before the end of the Civil War. A hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping," by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". It's difficult to prove

conclusively the holiday's origins; it is more likely that Memorial Day had many separate beginnings.

Memorial Day was first officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on 30 May 1868. Then, flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South at first refused to acknowledge the day, and some still honor their Civil War dead on separate days. After World War I the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil

War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It's celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May, though several southern states still have an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.



Master Sgt. Gary Illingworth

## D O D N E W S

Defense officials are on the trail of anyone who has not paid their government travel credit card bill and those who've misused government purchase cards. A task force has been set up with the DoD Inspector General and Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and representatives from the Office of Personnel Management, Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget. Its objectives are to investigate and punish wrongdoers, develop reforms, and improve training and senior management enforcement. The DoD has issued about 1.4 million travel credit cards to individual employees and service members.

Last year, cardholders charged some \$3.4 billion using the cards. The department has also issued about 207,000 pur-

chase cards to persons authorized to buy office supplies and equipment. Last year, \$6.1 million was spent using DoD purchase cards.

Defense officials say users' current delinquency rate on travel cards is 11.7 percent and 3 percent for centrally billed purchase card accounts. Accounts are considered delinquent when payment is not made within 60 days.

Punishment for card misuse, fraud and abuse include termination of DoD employment, imprisonment, probation, restitution, fines and demotion, officials said. The credit card programs are a major part of the DoD's efforts to improve its business practices. The cards cut costs, free up funds for critical requirements and create the potential for accountability.

# Rules of Engagement – ORE (4 - 5 May 2002)

By Lt. Col. John Murray, 174<sup>th</sup> FW Exercise Evaluation Team Chief

**General:** All Operational Readiness Exercises (OREs) to include Command Post Exercises (CPX) will be evaluated using AFI 90-201 criteria, local operational checklists, and any organizationally unique procedures. These basic ground rules are to be used with the specifically tailored Exercise Objectives constructed for each exercise and will also be used to evaluate all scheduled Phase II OREs developed to support operational readiness efforts. All OREs will be designed to exercise, test and evaluate the 174th Fighter Wing's "capability to conduct prompt and sustained operations in wartime, and to identify deficiencies that adversely impact on the unit's mission capability".

## **Tasked Organizations:**

**174 Fighter Wing:** Command Post and Battle Staff as directed by the Wing Commander. **Operations Group:** Squadron Operations Center and Operations Unit Control Center. **Logistics Group:** Maintenance Operations Center, Transportation Control Center, Fuels Control Center, Supply Operations, LG Unit Control Center. **Support Group:** Survival Recovery Center, Damage Control Center, Communications Control Center, Services Control Center, Clinic (CCP) Control Center, and PERSCO.

**Basic Scenario:** The Wing has been deployed to an operational Area of Responsibility in which units are actively engaged in war operations. The location of Base "X" is of sufficient distance from active combat areas that effectively makes attack by ground forces highly unlikely. The enemy does possess limited missile capability and has extremely active terrorist cells located in the area.

**Schedule of Events:** All tasked agencies are expected to be in place no less than 15 minutes prior to STARTEX, have completed all necessary action to insure that the Control Center or Functional Area is fully operational, in communications with higher level Control Centers, and be ready to commence ex-

ercise activity immediately upon STARTEX. STARTEX: 1200, Saturday, 04 May 2002. ENDEX: 1200, Sunday, 05 May 2002

## **Ground Rules:**

- Operations Flying Schedule: Will not be impacted by this exercise.
- Sorties and Air Munitions: Not tasked.
- Communications will be via radio, utilizing the command net, and telephone. Giant Voice will be utilized as required to support exercise response requirements.
- COMSEC and OPSEC and appropriate communications procedures will be followed at all times.
- The simulations or exercises initiated by the Exercise Evaluation Team as part of this ORE **DO NOT** constitute authority to compromise safety directives or procedures.
- Any safety violation observed by EET members will be corrected immediately and included in the exercise evaluation. Any safety violation of a sufficient magnitude to cause injury, loss of life, or damage to federal or state property is sufficient cause to temporarily suspend the exercise until corrective action is taken and completed.
- Transmission of Information: All written and verbal communications relative to exercises will be prefaced and ended with the statement "This is an exercise message/input."
- Exercise Completion/Termination: An exercise is automatically suspended if an actual emergency occurs. The exercise may be resumed as determined by the commander. Any EET evaluator may terminate an exercise for reasons such as safety; otherwise an exercise will continue until all required actions are completed or until an evaluator advises no further action is needed. In effect, you decide when an exercise is completed based on your assessment of what should be done and confirmation from the appropriate control center that all required actions have been completed.
- Personnel Participation/Uniform Requirements: All personnel are to par-

ticipate in the ORE unless specifically excused by their Unit Commanders.

(a) Participating personnel will wear the Battle Dress Uniform or flight suit as is appropriate for duty status

(b) Individual Protective Equipment (IPE) and Chemical Warfare Defense Equipment (CWDE) will not be used for this exercise.

(c) Exercise Evaluation Team personnel will wear the utility uniform and be identified as an EET member by wearing a distinctive EET badge.

(d) Unit personnel excused from the exercise will be directed to wear a blue uniform.

- The following areas are designated as non-exercise areas, inside: The Command Suite of Bldg. 174, the Dining Hall, and all classified or weapons storage areas.

- The following areas are designated as areas where Ground Burst Simulators and Smoke Grenades will not be detonated: Inside the Munitions Storage and handling areas (Bldg. 635, 636, 800), Inside the Fuel Storage Compound, Outside of the detonation pits constructed for this purpose.

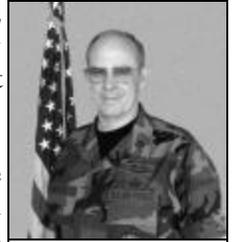
- Evaluation: The EET Chief will provide:

1. A scenario that tests the units ability to effectively evaluate the Wing.

2. An EET Report for all OREs not later than the UTA following the ORE.

- Unit Commanders and Functional Area Supervisors will:

Prepare for all OREs and make every attempt to maximize all training opportunities at the section level. Schedule normally scheduled training as well as required administrative and medical requirements. Personnel in training classes, completing administrative or medical requirements will respond to exercise inputs in the same manner as if they were located at a support base in an area of responsibility.



Lt. Col. John Murray

# Congressman Walsh Continues Legacy of Support

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeff Brown, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs Officer

Congressman James T. Walsh officially open two new facilities at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base during ribbon cutting ceremonies on 27 March. These modern facilities represent the latest in a long line of improvements that Mr. Walsh has secured through his leadership on military appropriations in Congress.

“Today’s opening continues our investment at Hancock Air Base,” said Mr. Walsh during the dedication ceremonies for the new 152<sup>nd</sup> Air Operations Group/274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron combined operations facility. “The 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and its associated units provide a valuable service to our community and our nation, and these continued improvements and expansions ensure that the men and women of the 174<sup>th</sup> have the resources needed to do their job safely, effectively and efficiently.”

Also officiating during the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Archie Berberian, New York Air National Guard Chief of Staff, Col. Robert Knauff, 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Thomas Webster, 152<sup>nd</sup> Air Operations Group Com-

mander, and Maj. Michael Wells, 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron Commander.

In addition to opening the new combined operations facility, Mr. Walsh also dedicated the new Aircraft Generation Equipment (AGE) facility, for which he secured funding, during his 27 March visit to the base.

Since 1996, Mr. Walsh, Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, has secured more than \$44 million for projects at Hancock Field ANG Base:

- \$2.2 million in FY1996 for construction of the medical facility
- \$4.5 million in FY 1997 for construction of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing headquarters facility
- \$9.5 million in FY 1999 for the parking apron, aircraft shelters and taxiway upgrades
- \$8.3 million in FY 2000 for the communications-electronics training/aircraft generation equipment facility
- \$5.5 million in FY 2000 for an addition to the Hancock Field Readiness Center
- \$9.1 million in FY 2001 for construction of a weapons release facility/GP



Congressman James Walsh

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- \$1.25 million in FY 2001 for construction of a small arms range
- \$1.5 million in FY 2002 for renovations of the grounds at Hancock Field
- \$2.5 million in FY 2002 for renovations to the composite readiness support facility

In addition, Mr. Walsh is responsible for securing newer Block 30 F-16s for the unit that are expected to arrive early next year, along with the military’s most advanced targeting pods that will enable our aircraft to utilize ultra-precise guided munitions.

After the building dedications, Mr. Walsh spoke at the monthly Barbara Aronson Community Relations Luncheon. One of his first points was to recognize the important role that Col. Paul Richter has played in moving our unit forward. “A great deal of recognition for the 174<sup>th</sup> FW’s stronger position within the Air National Guard should go to your commanders – Colonel Knauff, the Wing Commander, and Colonel Richter, the Support Group Commander. Both have done a tremendous job in preparing the unit for not only its current involvement in the war on terrorism but for future deployments as well.”

Later singling out Col. Richter, Con-



L to R: Colonel Robert Knauff (174th FW Commander), Colonel Thomas Webster (152 AOG Commander), Congressman James Walsh, Major Michael Wells (274th ASOS Commander), and Maj. Gen. Archie Berberian (NYANG Chief of Staff) participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new 152nd and 274th headquarters building.

gressman Walsh said, "I had the pleasure of having Paul serve as a member of my Washington staff as a Congressional fellow just a couple of years ago, and I certainly wish you well, Colonel, as you prepare for your retirement from the Guard. A member of the Guard since 1975, you will be missed."

Mr. Walsh cited the terrorist acts of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the subsequent response by our military forces as clear examples of the important role the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has within our community. "Not only did the 174<sup>th</sup> provide air protection during the days immediately following the attack, but the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing – including the 152nd Air

Operations Group and the 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron - have played major roles in our ongoing war on terrorism. We commend all of you for that."

Mr. Walsh then talked about several issues that he has taken leadership roles on in Congress, including reclaiming Onondaga Lake as community asset, pursuing the Destiny USA project to redefine our community as we know it today, developing a linear park along Onondaga Creek connecting various City neighborhoods and providing new recreational opportunities and public greenspaces, and the Syracuse Neighborhood Initiative to encourage new residential development in the City



Major General Archie Berberian  
NYANG, Chief of Staff

## Civil Air Patrol Scores High with ANG

By Maj. Jim Edmonds, New York State CAP liaison to ANG

The Joint Training Exercise, "Operation Thunderwart," involving the Central New York Group - Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the 274th ASOS NYANG, and the 104th FW MAANG (flying A-10 Warhogs) was a complete success.

An initial orientation briefing was conducted by Maj Mike Wells, 274th/CC, to train CAP people in the overall exercise plan, message formats, and the use of the encryption tables. In addition, NCO's from the 274th as well as Maj. Wells continued to provide oversight and guidance during the two day exercise. The basic Mission Management skill of the CAP members proved to be an excellent foundation from which to progress into this new tasking and environment. A period of learning of about two hours was necessary to become familiar with the military procedures for accomplishing the mission management tasks that are equivalent to our own. However, throughout the exercise new phrases, acronyms, etc. were introduced which did slow down the process until a Guardsman could define the term and explain its usage.

It was determined that CAP members could operate semiautonomous in a National Guard mission, but that it was very important to have one Guard NCO available as a liaison to

help when a new term surfaced or situation developed. Several Syracuse area-specific issues were identified, such as where to locate the communications center and the analysis team and how to improve in erecting a 40 foot antenna mast. Those items will be compiled in a local Mission Essential Task Listing and a Facilities Plan for the CNY Group. As a result of this joint training operation, four lessons were learned:

- 1) The CAP has the organization, training, and equipment to assist the Air National Guard in certain aspects of its own training, and probably actual mission tasking.
- 2) The Air National Guard can benefit from the assistance of the CAP in that we can fill specific support roles (mission management, communications, aerial observation, etc.) that will enable the Guard to conduct more complete and complex training at the local level, rather than waiting for their Annual Training when other Guard units are activated to provide these support functions.
- 3) The Incident Command System Form 220 (Air Operations Summary) was inadequate for the detailed tracking of sorties flown from Barnes ANGB to the Yankee MOA. It became necessary early in the exercise to compile the necessary detailed operations information on the Air Combat Command Form 1,

white boards, and ad hoc forms were created for this purpose. The discontinued CAP Air Operations Tracking Forms would have helped greatly in tracking the air sorties and providing the necessary level of detail.

- 4) The National Guard seemed very pleased with our performance (we were invited to participate in a large scale joint training operation, "Patriot 2002") and we appear to have proven our worth.

All of the training objectives of the CNY Group were met and we were repeatedly congratulated and thanked by the members of the 274th for helping them meet their own training objectives. It was determined through the success of this exercise that the Civil Air Patrol, in its capacity as the Auxiliary of the US Air Force, does possess the capacity and capabilities to assist the National Guard in its own training operations. The CAP's methods and procedures, and more importantly it's "culture," not only permits but invites cooperation between the Air National Guard and the CAP. Members of the CAP were able to fill critical support roles in this joint training exercise.



Maj. Jim Edmonds  
NYS CAP Liaison to  
ANG

# House of Representatives: Bill 3831

By Staff Sgt. Pete Terry, 174 LGS, Production Control Technician

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Rep. James Saxton, Republican from New Jersey, introduced legislation to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. The legislation, taken at face value, is intended to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from age 60 to 55. A Congressional clerk has assigned the bill number 3831 and it has been referred to the House Armed Services Committee.

This bi-partisan piece of legislation boasts original co-sponsors; Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Chris Smith, R – NJ, Rep. Rob Andrews, D-NJ, Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-NJ, Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-NJ, and Rep. Frank Pallone, D-NJ.

Along with the support of these distinguished Representatives, HR 3831 has received considerable support from professional military organizations such as AFSA (Air Force Sergeants Association) who very proudly participated in the introduction of the bill to Congress, and AFA (Air Force Association) – who for several years has supported this effort through the voices of the Air National Guard Advisory Council along with efforts of the Reserve Advisory Council.

This legislation is considered by many to be thought provoking and is hoped to stimulate debate concerning inequities that affect Guardsmen and Reservists when compared to our Active Duty brothers and sisters. Many supporters intend for the bill to not merely reduce the age for receipt of retirement payments, but to force lawmakers into re-thinking policy that is currently in place and considered by many to be outdated and designed to support a force committed to a far lower ops-tempo than that of today's Reserve Components. Saxton reflected on that thought during the introduction of the bill by stating, "With the reliance on the Reserves and National Guard system since the end of the Cold War, it is proper that they be treated appropriately. The age limit for the Reserve component was set decades

ago when the Reserves were not relied upon the way they are today".

Supporters hope for this "first-step policy" to lead to discussion amongst committees concerning inequities, to name a few, such as Aviation Career Incentive Pay, Enlisted Career Incentive Pay, Foreign Language Proficiency Pay, and Submarine Duty Pay. Under United States Code Title 37, Section 301d, these incentives are payable to traditional Guardsmen and Reservists only at the rate of 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the active duty rate per month for each training period performed. Again – thought provoking –



Congressman Saxton, one of the author's of HR 3831, meeting with New Jersey Air Guardsmen on military issues and modernization.

why does a Guardsman/Reservist receive only 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the proficiency pay of an active duty troop while the Guardsman/Reservist is maintaining the same level of proficiency?

HR 3831 is an initial measure and will require significant co-sponsorship within the House and even more importantly, support from grass root levels to include Guardsmen and Reservists themselves. Co-sponsorship will come when constituents voice their support to their elected officials as it is the responsibility of each voter to be informed and communicate with representatives, state, local, and national, on issues of concern. Lawmakers are easily reached through written correspondence. Postal along with email addresses of all Senators and Congressmen can be obtained by visiting Votenet at [www.congresshandbook.com](http://www.congresshandbook.com).

By visiting the Air Force Association's website at [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org), under the Government Relations Category and Contact Congress sub-category, one can send an electronic message directly to a Senator or Congressman.

Today, as we all know, ops/pers-tempo within the National Guard and Reserve has reached an unprecedented and sustained high that places significant draw on equipment and personnel alike. Still National Guard and Reserve units across the nation have seamlessly transitioned from a force in reserve to a reserve force – a force now recognized as indispensable to the nation's defense from the earliest days of a conflict. Consistently serving alongside our Active Duty brothers and sisters in all major conflicts, National Guard and Reserve forces have become an integrated portion of the Total Force. With the objective being a truly integrated Total Force, we can no longer make rigid distinctions among Active, Guard and Reserve forces when discussing incentives and benefits. HR 3831, if passed, will open the door to a very long tunnel of other initiatives that must be taken to eliminate inequities that currently exist between the components. These initiatives will require support from all levels, most importantly from the field – the grassroots of the operation – you and me.

## [Armed Forces Reserve Medal Update](#)

Any reservist who involuntarily is mobilized in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom is now eligible to receive the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device. Reservists who volunteered for service in these operations also are eligible for the award, Army officials said, but their orders must specifically cite that duty is in support of the war-on-terror operations. For more on awards, decorations and insignia, visit [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=VETERANS\\_AWARDS\\_AND\\_DECORATIONS.HTM](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=VETERANS_AWARDS_AND_DECORATIONS.HTM)

This year's All Services Club Shuffleboard League finished up in April. The teams enjoyed weekly competition and camaraderie. All teams wish to thank Master Sgt. Marilyn White for the wonderful appetizers and dinners throughout the season. Marilyn also took the additional work of acting as league secretary, making schedules, tracking team rankings, and keeping all players informed. THANKS MARILYN!

### All Services Club election results:

President- Mike Drake  
Vice President- Gary Scheirer  
Secretary- Keith Fleury  
Treasurer- Tom Brown  
Board- Mike Silkworth  
Board- Darryl Elkie  
Board- Chuck Normanly  
Board- Rita Scheirer  
Board- Marilyn White  
Board- Kyle Laitenberger

The 2002 Komen Race for the Cure will be held on Saturday, 18 May 02, at the NYS Fairgrounds. If you'd like to be part of the base team you can forward your registration form and check or money order to Chief Master Sgt. Laurie Radke at 174 MDS or to Master Sgt. Marie Nowlin at 174 LGS.

Participants can choose a 5K run/walk or a 1-mile walk. The registration form can be found at y/fs base/Medical or [www.komen.org/syracuse](http://www.komen.org/syracuse). Registration is \$20 if received by 7 May 02. (Race day registration is \$30.) We'll coordinate registration turn-in and pickup/distribution of your race day goodies. Visit the website for additional pre-registration information and on-line registration.

The odds are alarming that the effects of breast cancer will personally touch most of us at some time in our lives. The Susan G Komen Foundation is the nation's largest private contributor to breast cancer research. Please join us and show your support for this very important cause. *Thank you!*



174th Fighter Wing

May UTA  
Pay Date:  
15 May 02

Next UTA  
1-2 June 2002



### Come join the fun!

The All Services Club will be conducting their annual volleyball tournament. Saturday of the May drill will be the first tournament with June and July open for grudge matches, and August will be the final. Same rules as last year with teams of six to eight people. Teams must have a designated captain and names of all players by 1400 on Saturday. Call First Sergeant Tom Lathrop at ext. 610/685 with Team names, captain, and members. Only 8 slots for teams will be available, so get'em together and be ready to play.



### MENU

Please refer to your OPORD  
for May 02 UTA Menu

Meal Counters: Report at 1000  
Saturday FW Sunday SG



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PATRIOT EXERCISE

Volunteers are needed for the Patriot Exercise at Fort Drum, NY from 28 May to 15 June 02. This is an Aeromedical Exercise involving British and American forces with an enhanced communication package in support of their mission. All AFSC's are welcome and will be used in a support role. Any interested personnel are asked to contact: Lt Col Armand Gabriele/ Lt Col Nicholas Vero (152nd AOG) DSN 489-9605 or COM 315-454-6605.

### Youth Supports Family Support Office

Volunteering some time to support Family Readiness from left to right are the son and daughter of Tech Sgt. Bill Schroeder, Josh and Samantha, the son of Master Sgt. John Urbaniak, Eric and the Family Readiness Director, Chris Muszinski. The young people were the first "official volunteers" and were rolling and stuffing "Your Guardian of Freedom" posters into mailing tubes. The posters will be sent to family members of the deployed Security Forces. Family Readiness has completed moving into their new office space located in room 128 within the Medical Building. The new Family Support office has received furniture and welcomes everyone to stop by, say hello and receive a tour. Office hours are daily from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and are available on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

# Let's Roll ! (P.S. Hey, where are we going, anyway?)

By Lt. Col. Scott Poppleton, 138FS

As we reflect back on the successful completion of our first Operation Noble Eagle Tasking, it is a source of pride to know how well the 174<sup>th</sup> stepped up to the challenge. We did great. But quickly after our last tasking was completed, the obvious question remains...what's next?

I'll be upfront with you, I don't know where we will go next. From where I sit, we've been pinballed through so many AEF's I feel like the patch maker in General McPeak's days. But that uncertainty is not a source of anxiety or to be read as a sign of weakness. I trust that our wing and national leadership will make the right decisions concerning our future combat operations. Although I cannot read the tealeaves and tell you what AEF the future will bring, I can tell you what we should be doing now to prepare for the future.

**1. Train for war.** It goes without saying that this is why the taxpayers have invested HUGE amounts of money in our equipment and salaries. But we still come up with so many CRITICAL (not!) things to do that have nothing to do with our wartime skills. Each supervisor needs to ask, are my daily duties helping us prepare us for my wartime job? Is my planned drill training for my guardsmen preparing them to do theirs?

For those that fly and fix airplanes for a

living, that happens every flying day. But as many of you know better than I, some AFSC's have a very difficult time practicing their wartime job. Supervisors need to take care of their subordinates and create opportunities for their people to practice those critical tasks that are usually only thrown at us in ORE/ORI scenarios...Self aid buddy care, EOD marking + plotting, Mortuary affairs, Munition build up and Loading, etc. The list is as long and diverse as are our AFSC's. If you haven't had a chance to practice yours—ask your boss when would be a good time to do that?

**2. Be ready for worldwide deployment.** While assigned to the 20<sup>th</sup> ASOS at Ft Drum, the commander activated the recall roster at 0400 and set up the unit mobility line in preparation for a "real world" wartime deployment. Although they had me fooled for a while (it was a "pretend" wartime mobility line), it reminded me what I signed up for. The interesting part was the number of people that approached their boss and said they had a reason they couldn't go. Some were obvious...mostly medical problems, broken leg, bad back, etc. Some were more subtle...legal problems, pending divorce, dependent care problems. Need-



LTC Scott Poppleton, 138th FS/DO, and Capt. Dan Tester, discuss the importance of being prepared for worldwide deployment.

less to say the boss at the ASOS told them all they were going (it was their duty) and let them stew on their "last minute" problem until he revealed his motive.

Here we should be beyond such games but we might need reminding that when we put on the uniform that is what we sign up for. Ask the folks that work for you if all their affairs are in order so that you could call them next Tues and ask them if they are ready to go...can they say yes? If they can't, work with them to clear up those issues. Maybe it involves trip to the dentist or the Doc. If they can't clear it up then they are collecting a paycheck without being able to do their job. Look to find them a position that does not have a mobility commitment. Invite them to your next social function not your next war.

Really it doesn't really matter what AEF we are in next. Call it AEF "Let's Roll." And I would go farther to say it doesn't really matter if the plane takes off and heads east or west. If we spend our time **training for war** and are **ready to deploy** then the rest will be just the last minute details as to whether we bring the extra long johns or suntan lotion. Let's Roll !



The planes are ready to roll...are you?

# ALUMNI NEWS

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

Work continues on our new web site, with changes being made on a daily basis. Our ultimate goal is two fold. First to bring attention to our Association and the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, and secondly to provide the very best service we can to our members. We think we are on the right track, and there is still more to do, but we could also use some help. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you think would be useful, e-mail them to Jim Monroe at: chiefm174@a-znet.com. If you have yet to log on to our web site, you can do so by typing in 174thFWAlumni.org. If you are unable to log on using the alpha address, you can use the IP address <http://67.105.233.221/174th/index3.asp>.

As we stated in last month's Alumni News, on 30 May 2002, the Base Honor Guard will once again be performing a Memorial Service to honor those veterans of the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing who are now deceased. The service is open to everyone, and because it is a time to honor our old friends and comrades, we would like to have as many of you present as possible. If you have never attended this service, the Honor Guard does an excellent job in exhibiting the professionalism, dignity and pride befitting those who have given so much for their country. The service will begin at 11:30AM and last for about twenty five to thirty minutes. Following the ceremony, we are inviting all participants and attendees to attend a small informal luncheon at the All Service Club to help us celebrate the occasion. We hope that you can attend, we'd love to have you.

## TAPS

In the March issue of the Alumni News, we published a picture of John Theisen and Jim Lee that was taken some years ago, during a deployment to Patrick AFB, FL. Recently we were saddened to hear that Jim died on February 9th, 1999. While assigned to the 174<sup>th</sup>, Jim worked in the CAMSQ Avionics Section, both as an Air Technician and Guardsman. He stayed for several years, then in July 1981 he transferred

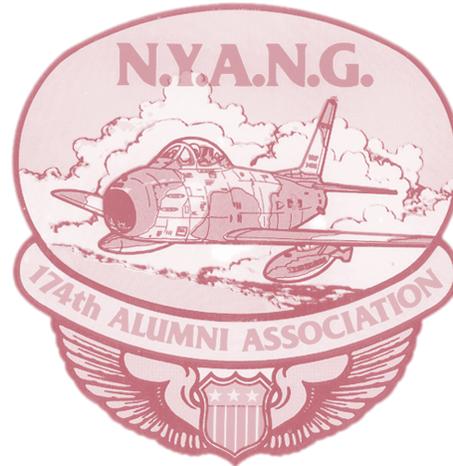
to the Air Force Reserve at Griffiss. Eventually he moved to Florida.

## New/Reinstated Members

Bernie Duerr, Dick Forth, Richard Goodwin, Ed Noeller, Gerry Parker, Tim Webb

## More News & Trivia

\* Our life membership roster continues to grow. On 12 March 2002, Life Membership cards were issued to Betty and Herm Absher bringing the grand total of Life Members to 54.



\* If you attended the April meeting, you know that the March meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to the Base being closed for inclement weather. If you attempted to attend that meeting and was turned away by the Security Guard at the gate, we apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused you. One can bet that this will not be the last time something of this nature happens, so please bear with us.

\* Do you know how to display the American flag? If not, here are a couple of the rules that seem to be overlooked the most. 1. When displayed on buildings and stationary flagstaffs 24 hours a day the flag should be properly illuminated. 2. Do not allow the flag to touch the ground. 3. This one is not listed in the protocol for displaying the flag, but should be. When displayed on a motor-

car, the flag should not be allowed to deteriorate to the point that it reflects an attitude of disrespect for it and the country it represents.

\* We are always in need of pictures for the Alumni News, so if you have one that you think our members would be interested in seeing, send it to us and we will have it published. We do however, reserve the right to reject any photograph that we deem to be unsuitable or inappropriate in any way. If you have a scanner, and email capability, you can send your photo to: chiefm174@a-znet.com. If you do not, mail your photo to Jim Monroe at 114 Blanchard Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209, or bring it to one of our monthly meetings. All photos will be returned to their owners

\* Did you know that the Office of Personnel Management has issued an interim rule that allows Tricare and Tricare for Life annuitants and former spouses to suspend their Federal Employee's Health Benefit (FEHB) enrollments without endangering their ability to return to the FEHB program in the future. For more information regarding this change, contact the Retirement Information Office at 1-888-767-6738.

\* Remember, our summer picnic this year is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, so be sure to mark it on your calendar so you won't forget.

## Retirement Party

Chief Master Sergeant Gary A. Scheirer's retirement party will be held on 15 June from 1300 to 1900 hours at the Kirkville Fire Department. Contact MSgt Terri Scanlin, 454-6149 or SMSgt Kathie Hepp, 454-6147, or MSgt Kevin Scanlin, 454-6276. Deadline is 4 June.

## Next Meeting

**Thursday, May 16, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.**

# Community Calendar of Events

Projected calendar of events for this spring/summer.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
27 Mar	152/274 Bldg Dedication	152/274 & Dining Hall
3 Apr	Boy Power Dinner	On Center
20 Apr	Commissioner College	On Base
24 Apr	COMREL (TAG as speaker)	Dining Hall
27 Apr	Police Explorers	On Base
18 May	Race for the Cure	Downtown
18-19 May	Major Accident Response Ex.	P&C Stadium
27 May	Memorial Day	Various Towns
29 May	COMREL (Mayor Driscoll)	Dining Hall
30 May	Memorial Ceremony	Hancock Field
1-2 Jun	Annual Great NE Airshow	Oneida Co Airport Recruiting
8 Jun	Armed Forces Celebration	P&C Stadium
21-23 Jun	Jazz Festival	OCC Campus
6-7 Jul	Syracuse Airshow (T-birds)	Syracuse Airport
8 Jul - 2 Aug	Galaxy	On Base
13 Jul	Geneseo Airshow	Geneseo, NY
14 Jul	Boilermaker Road Race	Utica, NY
11 Aug	NASCAR Race	Watkins Glen NY
22 Aug - 2 Sep	State Fair	NYS Fairgrounds

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