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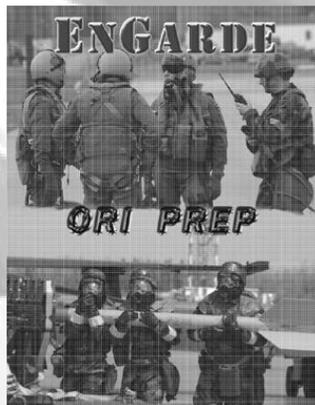
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About The Cover
174th Fighter Wing
members
honing their skills on
recent UTAs,
in preparation for next
year's Unit Compliance In-
spection (UCI).

Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals powered to meet all challenges, and win. We accept nothing less.

Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

The month of July was one of particular significance to the men and women of the armed forces in the City of Syracuse. In the first of it's kind ceremony, City of Syracuse Mayor Matthew Driscoll and County Executive Nicholas Pirro proclaimed the 9th day of July through the 11th day of July as Community Military Appreciation Weekend in the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse. The event, which was sponsored by the City of Syracuse and the Hancock Military Affairs Council, formally thanked the "Molloy Rd Militia" for their service to the country and our community. What made the event especially significant for me was the outpouring of support from our many neighbors and friends who came out to offer their thanks and appreciation.

The two-day event was designed to show support for Army and Air Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and Army Reserve units based along Molloy Road and elsewhere in the Syracuse area. The hope of local officials as well as people in our own backyard is that the area's most visible Military facility, Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, stays off the BRAC list.

On Friday, the event kicked off with County Executive Nicholas Pirro and Mayor Matthew Driscoll presenting me with a Proclamation of support from the County of Onondaga and the City of Syracuse. On behalf of all of the military units located here on Molloy Road, and the members of Hancock Field, I proudly accepted the proclamation. This act is very significant regarding the health and future of Hancock Field ANGB with the next round of BRAC less than a year away. It was very apparent that the commitment and dedication of our local officials and our community is stronger than ever.

One of the most impressive parts of the ceremony was the inter-service color guard featuring every branch of service from the area. In spite of their very busy schedule, our honor

guard was able to coordinate and perfectly orchestrate the joint service color guard. Another highlight of the day was having the opportunity to give Mayor Driscoll an F-16 orientation ride. Giving the Mayor a chance to experience our aircraft and mission first hand is critical in educating the public on what Hancock Field is all about. It was a great experience for both of us.

On Saturday, the Navy Reserve, Army Guard, Marine Reserve, 274th ASOS, and the 152nd AOG joined the 174th FW inside the Executive Air hangar with various static displays. Visitors tried on Kevlar helmets and armored vests while 174th FW Security Forces and 27th BDE soldiers displayed weapons. Adults and children were able to hold an M-16, AK-47 rifles, M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon machine guns and various other weapons. The 152nd AOG was running a video of their recent deployment on one screen while another showed a PowerPoint presentation of the unit's mission.

Just outside the open hangar was one of our F-16s. Other vehicles set up outside the hangar included the 274th's Blue Humvee, a Humvee from the Marine Reserves, the MKT (mobile kitchen) manned by members of the Naval Reserves

I received many encouraging words of support from those in the local community who came out to enjoy the activities of the day. They spoke very highly about our place here in Central New York and our importance to the local community. As some of our neighbors walked around enjoying a wonderful summer day here in Central New York, they were also treated to our F-16s whizzing past the hangar, a sight that many of them hope to see for many years to come



TOTAL FORCE, FIT TO FIGHT & WE'RE AT WAR

By Chief Master Sgt. Mark Atkinson, 174th FW, Command Chief

Recently I have attended a couple of conferences as the Wing Command Chief. At both of these meetings the theme wrapped around three different areas. Total Force, Fit to Fight and We're at War. Speakers such as the Secretary of the Air Force John Roche right down through the General Officer ranks touched on all of these three subjects.

The very first subject brought up by all speakers was Total Force. The common phrase was "We maintained the tempo with out the serve". I heard it wondering if our parts might not be ing it. In my opinion, the most effective and efficient military organization in the history of our country. Performance and Cost are two of the main reasons why Pentagon Leadership has include the reserves in the fight.

One area the ANG can improve on in preparation for the fight is Fitness. We have recently started our Fitness evaluation program here in Syracuse. We have been exposed to a program that has become more relevant to our duties and will accordingly be-

come more compliance oriented. All Air Force gained personnel who are not on board with this cultural fitness change within the ANG will struggle when performing Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) duties. While performing during AEF duties we may be called to haul sand bags, build tents, and even run for cover. If we have not properly prepared ourselves we risk personnel injury and jeopardizing the accomplishment of the mission.

The reality of our times is that WE ARE at War. As a member of the military we are trusted with the security of our nation. As a part of the AEF we may operate out of high-risk locations and are expected to be able to react accordingly. All Air Force gained personnel may at some point be exposed to high-risk areas during their career. We have all signed up for what ever is required to insure the security of our nation.

The days of the ANG fighting for equality with the Air Force are over. We are a total Force. Not only will maintaining Fitness assist in accomplishing our mission, it is the right thing to do. We're at War and we must recognize that when called upon we may go in harms way. As guardians of our nation this is our mission.



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Bejian, 174FW



On my desk is a stack of recent photos of a piece of property that I own. More specifically, these are photos of three food plots and hunting areas I'm preparing for this fall's hunt. I didn't earn the nickname 'Rev Rambo' because I like to watch the deer and antelope play! Well anyway, I take such photos for a multitude of reasons. For one, I send the duplicates to my best friend (who lives in Alabama) because he comes up every year to hunt with me. Another reason is that these photos are a form of a journal.

It's said that a picture is worth a thousand words - well, why write when you can just look at a picture. But, I guess the biggest reason for my taking pictures is that with the pictures in hand, when I go back to each location, I can see the changes that have taken place. Most of the time, when I'm on my property, I'm in the midst of a project. Which means, I don't have time or take time to look. That's why I like to take pictures. A picture is a frozen moment in time. It shows what was. With that picture in hand, I can in quiet undistracted moments take as much time as I want to study and appreciate what was. These pictures also show what

never will be again. Change is an ever-present constant in our world. It's the only thing that truly stays the same.

Change--we love it and we hate it, we fight it and we embrace it. But most of the time, we fear it. In my mind it's like this: we have the past, which is fixed and will never change - just like a photo. We live though in the present - the camera is ready to snap a picture. But, the future is a total unknown. We think we know, and/or we hope we know what the future will be, but in truth, we have no clue. This can be and often is, very unsettling. This is why we often fear change. If and when this happens to you, I have a suggestion. Think about these words; "For I, the Lord, do not change." Past, present or future, the Lord changes not. For me, this truth brings a great deal of comfort and peace. My prayer is that this is true for you as well.

God's Blessings on you and yours.

Chaplain Tim

Uniform Board Releases Results

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, Air Force Print News

Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19. The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- ⇒ Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform.
- ⇒ Redesign the female lightweight blue jacket.
- ⇒ Authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors.
- ⇒ Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket.
- ⇒ Offer the A-line skirt as an optional item.
- ⇒ Redesign and revise maternity uniforms.
- ⇒ Authorize the black scarf only with all Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options.
- ⇒ Authorize conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses.
- ⇒ Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt.
- ⇒ Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform.

- ⇒ Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform.
- ⇒ Remove the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline.
- ⇒ Authorize wear of a backpack over both shoulders.
- ⇒ Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms.
- ⇒ Redesign the security forces beret.
- ⇒ Allow the wear of plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all female hair colors.
- ⇒ Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.

More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, being released this summer. Questions should be addressed to local military personnel flights.



Eagle Eyes

By 2d LT Tracy L. Schroeder, 174th FW, Security Forces Operations and Antiterrorism Officer



After the 2001 terrorist attacks the Air Force initiated a new program called Eagle Eyes. This program is executed by AFOSI, but is extensively supported by security forces. The program is essentially a large "neighborhood watch" program that enlists the eyes and ears of base personnel and the community in the war on terror by educating people on what to recognize as potential terrorist-planning activity. In our education efforts, this is part one in a four part series of articles focusing on the activities for which everyone should be on the lookout. This month's focus is on Surveillance.

Watch for someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating maps, or using binoculars and other vision-enhancing devices. Individuals drawing pictures or taking notes in an area not normally of interest to a standard tourist or showing interest in photographing security cameras, guard locations, or noticeably watching security reaction drills and procedures. In this manner, the terrorists intend to determine firsthand

the effectiveness of search procedures and to gauge the alertness and reaction of security personnel.

Terrorists conduct surveillance to determine a target's suitability for attack by assessing the capabilities of existing security systems and discerning weaknesses for potential exploitation. Terrorists closely examine security procedures, such as shift changes, access control, and roving patrols; citizenship of security guards, models and types of locks; presence of closed-circuit cameras; and guard dogs. After identifying weaknesses, terrorists plan their attack options at the point or points of greatest vulnerability.

Suspicious activities can be reported by anyone at any time to Security Forces at extension 199 or 1-800-982-3696. The next Eagle Eyes article will focus on Elicitation, Tests of Security and Acquiring Supplies. More information can be found in AFMAN 31-201V3.

10 Practical Medical Tips

"Exercise" Can Help You And Your Family

By Maj Janice Priester-Bradley, 174FW, Health Promotion Educator



1. Keeps your mind and memory sharp. Exercise improves short-term memory and reasoning skills.
2. Helps control your weight. By building muscle, you'll burn more calories even at rest, which will help you minimize the weight gain.
3. Protects your cardiovascular system. Physically fit are eight times less likely to die from heart attacks or strokes. Working out also lowers a person's risk of hypertension by as much as half.
4. Helps you beat stress-related disorders. Tension has a way of evaporating with your sweat. That's good, because stress is linked to insomnia, heart disease and headaches.
5. Gives you greater freedom of movements. Exercisers are less stiff, have better balance and agility and are less apt to be injured in a fall.

6. Builds bone strength and density. If you walk, run or do other weight-bearing exercise, you'll be less likely to suffer from brittle bones, or osteoporosis.
7. Keeps diabetes in check. Exercise reduces the body's need for insulin and your chances of developing adult-onset diabetes.
8. Helps you get a good night's sleep. Exercise helps us to fall asleep more quickly, sleep more soundly and awake feeling more refreshed and alert.
9. Makes you feel happy. Exercise activates the release of central endorphins, chemicals in the brain that produces a sense of well-being.
10. Provides an energy boost. Exercise boosts aerobic capacity; Exercisers don't tire or get winded as easily as inactive people and aren't as likely to feel wiped out at the end of the day.

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

DEADLINE: 8 AUG 04

By Master Sgt. Mary Gilchrist, 174th FW, Retention NCOIC

Application Package(s) must be completed and submitted to the Retention office NLT 8 Aug 2004 for the Fall Semester 2004. The program pays for Tuition, based on the cost of SUNY Tuition (\$4350/Year and \$2175/Semester) at SUNY/CUNY and Participating Private Colleges in New York State ONLY. You must apply for TAP and PELL by completing the

Anyone interested in attending College should contact the Retention Office for assistance.

RETENTION OFFICE for Application Packages, details, questions...MSgt Mary A. Gilchrist, mary.gilchrist@nysyra.ang.af.mil or TSgt Daryl Williams (315) 454-6161.

Free Application for Student Aide (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov.



June ORE - Phase One IS DONE

August ORE - Now It's Time To Run

By Lt. Col. Carey Merritt, 174 FW, EET OIC

In June, the Wing ORE focus was a “walk” through of Phase I taskings and requirements. By the time most of you read this, we will be intensely preparing for step two of the ORI, the August Phase One ORE. Our focus this time will change from a “walk through” mentality to a “more run through.”

Before I provide insight to August’s activities, let me share how well we did in June. Our objectives for the June ORE were simple: Move 100 people, 75 tons cargo, and 6 jets in a controlled manner. Our evaluators looked specifically at processes and leadership. An ORE report (#4-06) has been published and need to be shared with every unit member. Here is a summary of the Wing’s June ORE Performance.

Strengths:

- All Aircraft were generated and accepted – mission accomplished!
- Aircraft regeneration time was excellent – (this is a critical metric)
- All PAX processed, with no ineligible personnel put on an A/C
- 4 of 5 Chalks departed on time, (the first chalk was purposely held up for additional training purposes)
- PAX briefings were both informative and comprehensive
- Cargo processing went smoothly, with many “new” folks being mentored by some of our “old hats”
- Command and Control staff demonstrated good events accountability
- DSO Teamwork and attitude was excellent
- Mobility Bag Team was well organized and knowledgeable; flawless issue/accountability of chemical warfare and general purpose bags.

For an initial “walk though”, we are definitely off to a good start. However, as with anything worth evaluating in life, there were some items that need “additional attention.”

Areas for improvement:

- DSO vehicle operations proficiency- This is a SAFETY ISSUE
- Aircraft form entries need more attention to detail in their accuracy and completeness
- Aircraft acceptance procedures are a little rough, especially the communication piece between Operations and Maintenance
- Cargo holding area use needs base wide utilization
- PRF format needs standardization
- UDM’s tools need standardization and UDM’s need additional training

Overall, the Wing scored a “Satisfactory” for this exercise. Of note, the Wing’s leadership was strong at all levels. However, our evaluators recognized that our processes need additional attention. Remember, it is much easier to fix processes than leaders.

What’s in store for the August ORE?

- Our Evaluators will be both “174th” And “Peer unit ”
- We will move TWICE as many people (200)
- We will move TWICE as much cargo (150 tons)
- We will Gen/Regen more A/C (10)
- It’s also time to integrate Anti-terrorism actions into game. (FPCON here we go!)
- The pace will be faster and more intense, and we expect this exercise to be more results oriented
- Lastly, there needs to be validation of the improvements made since the June ORE

Now that June’s Phase I is Done, August means it’s Time To Run! Press on...

What Do I Take On a Deployment?

By Chief Master Sgt. Bud Conto, 174th FW, Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) NCOIC

We should know that during all deployments and deployment exercises you should hand carry any mobility equipment that you were issued (flak vest, Kevlar helmet, web belt, gas mask), your current ID card, current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), dog tags, deployment folder (shot records, locator card, training records), Restricted area badge if issued, and your weapon (if issued). Don't forget glasses/gas mask inserts/contact lenses, hearing aids, and ear protection. Normally not required for exercises, but in case of an actual deployment any required medications for the planned duration of the deployment plus 30 days.

Personal Bag — There are some basic items that you take in your personal bag on almost every deployment. These include, uniform sets, undershirts, undergarments, socks, cold/wet weather protection, athletic gear, civilian clothing, towels, washcloths, baby wipes, coat hangers, battery operated radio/CD player/alarm clock, extra batteries, flashlight, insect repellent, sun block, sunglasses, toiletries (toothpaste & brush, shampoo, soap, razor, lotions, and tissues), some Ziploc bags one with laundry detergent (depending on the deployment location, laundry facilities may not be immediately available).

Keep in mind that you might not be able to get to your Personal Bag until many hours after you have arrived at your final destination.

Hand Carry Bag — You may have heard stories about or experienced first hand a "Military Air" trip that didn't quite go as planned. This is why it is recommended that you have a Hand Carry Bag. This bag should contain underwear, any medica-

tion you may need and toiletries, enough to get you through a day or two at a location other than what was intended.

Ditty Bag — This bag holds your Individual Protective Equipment (IPE), it is normally carried through the mobility line and then palletized. You are sometimes required to hand carry this bag to your destination. It contains your individual equipment belt, helmet, canteen, canteen cup, canteen cap, canteen cover, and gas mask. You normally inventory the other bags during mobility processing and they are bulk shipped to your deployed location, if required. They consist of the following bags.



A Bag — General Purpose — This bag is issued to all deploying personnel. It consists of sleeping bag, insect repellent, ammo pouch, poncho, mess pan, utensils, and first aid kit.

B Bag—Cold Weather— This bag is issued to personnel deploying into cold-weather climates. It consists of mittens, lined field cap, extreme cold weather parka, extreme cold weather boots, and cold weather socks.

C Bag—Chemical Defense Ref AFI 32-4001— This bag is issued to personnel deploying into nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) medium and high threat areas. A full issue consists of four complete chemical warfare defense ensembles (CWDE).

D Bag—Aircrew Protection— This bag contains aircrew protective equipment. Upon deployment, aircrew members should have checked or hand-carried a D-1 bag (containing one complete aircrew ensemble) on to the aircraft. The remaining D bag items should have been palletized and shipped as cargo.

ORI Online Tool Kit

By Maj. Michael F. Adamitis, 174th FW, Communications Flight Commander

As the ORI approaches, the base had been busy laying the groundwork for an "OUTSTANDING" rating. An ORI requires personnel to familiarize themselves with numerous Air Force Instructions, checklists and other important information. To aid in this the Communications Flight has developed a new ORI Toolkit.

This toolkit is a "one-stop shopping" site for all your ORI needs. Much like the Air Force Portal the emphasis is to consolidate all ORI information from the different organizations on base. One of the main features of the toolkit is a navigable calendar identifying events and milestones. As you move from month-to-month simply click on a specific day and that day's

event or milestone will be displayed. The toolkit will also include links to other pertinent websites, publications, medical requirements and OPSEC/COMSEC information and the base telephone book among other items.

We expect the Toolkit to be fully active for the August UTA and it can be found at: <nysyra05\Audio Visual\ORI Webpage\html Files\htm/default.htm>.

All requests to post information on the ORI Toolkit should be passed to Lt Tim Martin of the Logistics Readiness Squadron.



OPSEC Alert - Identity Theft

By Maj. Chris McDonald, 174FW, OPSEC Officer



Charles Cadden and Mike Kane, U.S. Secret Service In a small town, somewhere in the USA, an unsuspecting woman inadvertently throws out a pre-approved credit card application she received in the mail. At the local landfill, a man who routinely watches and waits for such an occurrence captures enough information to “steal her identity.” Only later, when the woman receives harassing phone calls threatening to foreclose on her car, home, and livelihood due to bills in excess of \$300,000, will she begin to realize the full extent of this theft.

Identity theft is quickly becoming one of America’s fastest growing industries. Operating under a variety of methods, identity thieves are obtaining key pieces of our identities and fraudulently using that information for various illegal reasons. Your Social Security number, driver’s license number, credit card number, or other personal identifiers will easily do the trick. And, yes, that unopened, pre-approved credit application that you tossed out this morning with the coffee grounds could allow someone to rob you of the one thing you may have thought was completely safe, your identity.

The safeguarding of your personal information is critical and there are steps that can be taken to combat identity theft. The following information can be used to reduce the amount of personal information that can be exploited:

Release your Social Security Number (SSN) only when absolutely necessary because it is the key to your credit and banking accounts. Do not have your SSN printed on your checks. If your state uses your SSN as your driver’s license number (e.g. Virginia), apply to have it changed.

Order Social Security Earnings and Benefits Statement once a year to check for fraud by calling (800) 772-1213. If your SSN is fraudulently used, report it to the Social Security Fraud Hotline at (800) 269-0271.

Reduce the number of credit cards you actively use and cancel all unused accounts. Keep a list/photocopy of all your credit card information, and if fraudulent charges appear on one of your accounts, call the Consumer Credit Counseling Service at (800) 388-2227 for help in clearing false claims from your credit report. Shred any pre-approved credit applications, credit card receipts, bills, and other financial information that you don’t want before tossing them into the trash. If you do not have a home shredder, use the office shredder.

Order your credit report once a year from each of the following three major credit reporting bureaus to check for inaccuracies and fraudulent use of your accounts (consider removing your name from the market lists to reduce the number of pre-approved credit applications you receive in the mail):

Equifax Credit Reporting Bureau, P.O. Box 740250, Atlanta, GA 30374. To order a copy of your credit report, call (800) 685-1111, and to remove your name from receiving pre-approved credit offers and marketing lists call (800) 567-8688 or write the above

address.

Experian Credit Reporting Bureau (Formerly, TRW), P.O. Box 1017, Allen, TX 75013. To order a copy of your credit report, call (888) 397-3742, and to remove your name from receiving pre-approved credit offers, call (800) 353-0809 or write to the above address.

Trans union, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634. To order a copy of your credit report, call (800) 916-8800, and to remove your name from receiving pre-approved credit offers and marketing lists, call (800) 680-7293.

Reduce the amount of junk mail and unwanted telemarketing calls by writing to the following:

For unwanted junk mail, contact the Direct Marketing Association’s (DMA’s Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008 and request that your name along with your home address be removed from all mailing lists.

For unwanted telemarketing (phone) solicitation, contact the DMA’s Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014 and request that your name be removed from their direct telemarketing list. Also, be aware that, when dialing an 800, 888, or 900 number, the company you dial will probably capture your name, address, and telephone number. Dialing *67 before any call should, in most states, conceal your identifiers.

Note: These two DMA exemption requests must be filed separately and are only good for five years, at which time you will have to make another removal request. The DMA only accepts written requests; however, a general information number for DMA is (212) 768-7277.

Identity theft problems continue to grow, and so does the access to personal information compiled in private and government databases, including thousands of records available on the Internet with little or no privacy protection standards. Your personal privacy and identity are paramount. Practicing or following some of the above suggestions will reduce your risk from threats associated with identity fraud. However, your best defense continues to be your AWARENESS of OPSEC principles: you must control information about your capabilities, your intentions and your identity, and take steps to keep this information out of the hands of those who would use it against you.

To obtain a better understanding or learn more about Identity Fraud, you can click on the internet to: Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, www.privacyrights.org, which has several articles, books, and other links to Identity Fraud, including credit reporting laws such as 15 USC 1681, The Fair Credit Reporting Act.

As always, protect your mission, protect your agency, and protect your family. If you have any questions or comments concerning OPSEC then contact the 174th Fighter Wing OPSEC Officer; Maj. Chris McDonald at X231.

THINK OPSEC – A life could depend on it!

Section Spotlights



MAINTAINER SPOTLIGHT

Name: James W. Donnelly
Rank: SSgt
AFSC & Title: 2R151/ Maint. Prod. Mgmt.
Hometown: Syracuse, NY

SSgt James Donnelly works in Plans and Scheduling, part of Maintenance Operations Flight, and has been a member of the 174 FW for 1 year. He was prior Navy with 5 years active duty and 3 years reserve working as an Aviation Maintenance Administrator. He was recently accepted into the Syracuse Fire Department and will be attending the Syracuse Fire Department Academy this August. His interests include snowboarding, playing paintball, mountain biking and attending music concerts. His community involvement includes: City of Syracuse Volleyball League, Notes to Neighbors through the American Lung Association and the Hope for the Bereaved Annual Golf Tournament. SSgt Donnelly's plans for the future include finishing AFSC upgrade training, a BA in Political Science, and possibly a future in local politics.



FIGHTER WING SPOTLIGHT

Name: Angela Wonoski
Rank: SSgt
Age: 30
AFSC & Title: 65F/Military Pay Tech.

SSgt. Angela Wonoski joined the 174th Fighter Wing 1 May 2004. She has been assigned to the Financial Services Section at Hancock Field ANGB. Prior to joining the 174th SSgt Wonoski spent 10 years on Active Duty in the Army Finance Corps, where she served tours of duty in numerous CONUS and OCONUS locations before special assignment to DFAS-Rome. She has worked all areas of finance including Accounting, Travel, and Military Pay and has an Associates Degree in Accounting from Mohawk Valley Community College. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Finance at SUNY Institute of Technology in her time off. She also enjoys skiing and other outdoor activities in addition to raising a daughter and working on home improvement projects on a recently purchased home.

Columbia College

By Master Sgt. Rosemarie Murray, 174th FW, Base Education NCOIC

Effective August 2004, Columbia College will be increasing tuition costs to its students. As many of you know Columbia College offers many degree programs to our military members as well as to members of the local community. The new tuition rates are as follows:

Undergraduate Tuition	\$140
On-Line Tuition	\$185
Graduate Tuition	\$250



Columbia College has long been a part of the history of Hancock

Field. The staff and instructors work closely with the 174FW to provide outstanding academic programs. Recently, Columbia College became a test center for the DANTES/CLEP eCBT tests. This program enables military members to take computer based college-level exams and obtain their scores the same day. This program has proven very helpful in assisting our members who are pursuing their Community College of the Air Force degree.

If you have any questions about the programs offered by Columbia College, please call their office at 454-6238.

Retirements and Enlistments for Apr to Jun 2004

Enlistees

2LT Bonnie Bennion, LR
TSgt Dennis Beckwith, MXS
SSgt Jeffrey Davis, FW
SSgt James Jarmacz, LRS
SSgt Roman Lopez, CES
SSgt Stephen Para, SFS
SSgt Richard Peirson, AMXS
SSgt Michael Pettinelli, CES
SSgt John Ploehn, LRS
SSgt Phillip Romo, MDG
SSgt John Scheele, MDG
SSgt Scott Spier, MXS
SSgt Robert Stanhope, CES
SSgt Thomas Viscosi, MXS
SSgt Angela Wonoski, FW
SRA Ryan Bleyle, Stu Flt
SRA Michael Brown, LRS

SRA James Burless, Jr., MDG
SRA AnnTheresa Coutee, MDG
SRA Peter Coutee, CES
SRA Joseph Gosselin, SFS
SRA Wayne Lawton, CES
SRA Bradley Mathewson, CF
SRA Kevin Sanders, SVF
SRA Jason Smith, AMXS
SRA Andre Turco, MXS
SRA Michael Warner, 274th
SRA Kenneth Whitney, Stu Flt
A1C Ashley Calabrese, Stu Flt
A1C Frankie Clark, MDG
A1C Robert Coulter, Stu Flt
A1C David Densmore, Stu Flt
A1C Ryan Donnelly, Stu Flt
A1C Ryan Hernandez, AMXS
A1C Scott Hisel, Stu Flt

A1C Douglas Murdie, Stu Flt
A1C Daniel Omara, Stu Flt
A1C Megan Reed, Stu Flt
A1C Michael Taylor, AMXS
AMN Andrew Watling, SFS
A1C Sara Wood, Stu Flt

Retirees

Lt Col R. Paul Mathis, FW
CMSgt Robert Wright, 274th
MSgt James Campbell, SFS
MSgt Gene McIntyre, AMXS
MSgt George Sobus, MXS
MSgt Richard Woods, MOF
TSgt Michael Connors, MXS
TSgt Douglas Glover, AGS
SSgt Robert King, MXS

Congratulations!

Base Announcements

Congratulations!

The following unit members have recently been awarded their Community College of the Air Force degrees.

SMSGt Ronald Houghtalen, Logistics
MSgt Brad Addison, Human Resource Management
MSgt Dennis Reinhard, Aircraft Systems Maintenance Technology
MSgt William Taylor, Computer Science Technology
TSgt David Marinkov, Instructor Of Technology and Military Science
TSgt Tobias Shelley, Fire Science
SSgt John Citrullo, Avionics System Technology
SSgt Aland Sanchez, Financial Management
SSgt David Leclair, Aviation Maintenance Technology

Captain Lotito Receives Award

Capt. Nicholas Lotito, 174 Maintenance Division Supervisor, was recently recognized as the Reserve Officer Association (ROA) Central New York Chapter, Junior Officer of the Year for 2004. Capt. Lotito is a life member of ROA and has recently been nominated to the local ROA executive committee. The ROA, like MANY/NGAUS, is an active organization concerned with the reserve component issues that affect personnel and mission viability. Congratulations to Capt. Lotito for his recognition and continued dedication to the 174th Fighter Wing and the Air National Guard.

2004 New York State Fair Military Exhibit

It is that time of year again to begin preparing for the 2004 N. Y. State Fair. The 174th has always had an impressive display at the Fair and we are working on a better one for this year's fair. We are always soliciting volunteers to work the N.Y. State Fair and will begin accepting names on the July UTA. If you would like to work at the fair contact SMSgt. Fox. for a sign up form, take that form to your supervisor for their approval and return the approved form to SMSgt. Fox. We will operate two shifts as we have done in past years, and we will need personnel to help with set-up and tear down of the exhibit. If you have any questions, please contact SMSgt. Fox or CMSgt. Heckman.

Get Well Wishes

MSgt. (Ret.) Maureen McNamara, 174 Alumni President is recovering at home from lower back surgery and is doing well. If you would like to send her a card, her home address is: 347 Winks Road, Central Square, NY 13036.

BX Sidewalk Sale UTA Weekend ...August 6, 7, 8!

We're moving...Everything must go!
For you're eating pleasure buy a grilled hotdog and a soda prepared by your friendly AAFES staff!
Merchandise outside is cash ONLY!
Watch for in-store specials!

Hancock Field Family Appreciation Day!!!

You are cordially invited to attend Hancock Field Family Appreciation weekend on September 10-12 at Memorial Park. This years event will include some old favorites from last year along with some new and exciting adventures for the whole family.

The always popular Ft. Drum Commissary truckload sale will be set up Friday and Saturday at the AGE Shop, Building 700. You must have a military ID to make purchases. The commissary accepts cash, and major credit cards. There will be many special sales and great prices!

Another highlight of the weekend is the Annual Wing Dining-Out on Saturday evening at the Genesee Inn. Finally on Sunday from 1200-1600 be prepared to tempt your pallet, test your trivia and exercise your muscles in a fun filled family day. Carnegie Cafe will provide another delicious lunch, but, wait, save room for the all-you-can-eat ice-cream sundaes courtesy of O'Brien & Gere. Rock-n-roll trivia, tug-o-war, Humvee rides, horse drawn carriages, live music and a dunking booth are just a few of the activities waiting for you. Can you think of anyone you'd like to dunk?

All of the members of Family Appreciation weekend want you and your family to enjoy a safe and memorable weekend. Please take a few moments to review the "Tips for Family Day Fun" with your families. All of us at Hancock Field look forward to seeing you in September.

Tips for Family Day Fun

- All members entering Hancock Field must have a valid military ID or have your name pre-registered with Security Forces. If you plan to invite someone without a military ID please call Lt Bucci or Sra. Strong at X651 with their name and vehicle information. This will ensure they get to participate in the fun. Without a military ID or pre-registration they will not be cleared to enter the installation. Please cooperate!
- Members outside of commuting distance are authorized to have their dependents stay in their assigned hotel room. If you and your family will need a hotel room for Saturday evening please make sure you pass that information to your First Sgt. and MSgt Haines.
- Be sure to get a Family Appreciation Day Program. This will tell you the location and times all of the events. If you need more information, just look for a Family Day Staff. They will be identified with special name badges.
- There will be two large white tents set up in Memorial Park. One will be the food tent and the other will be the Activity tent. The Trivia Game will be set up in the Activity Tent. Hint: This year's theme is Music.

Alumni Picnic, Saturday August 14th:

Plans are being finalized for this year's picnic at the All Services Club. We will have some door prizes as well as the 50/50 Raffle as always. South Shore Assn will again be providing the wonderful BBQ chickens. The cost of this year's tickets is \$6.00 as prices have gone up all the way round. Last year we had some good card games and we'll look forward to that again. We are hoping to have music provided by a DJ.

Speaker:

Our guest speaker for August 19th will be Charles "Pappy" Patchin, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Army Special Forces. He is affiliated with VFW Post 1832 in Mattydale. He has proved to be quite the animated speaker and has many a story to share with us. If you have someone who is a great speaker and would like to present to our group, please contact Frank Duester at 685-3041.

Taps:

It is always a sad duty to report those of our Alumni that have passed away.

Charles Dirksen, CMSgt. (Ret.) passed away on 22 May 2004. His wife Elaine survives him. Charlie was in A/C maintenance on base. Cards may be sent to 7253 E. Maritime Dr, Tucson, AZ 85705.

Kenneth Paxson, CMSgt. (Ret.), passed away on 29 Mar 2004. He survived by his wife Theodora. Ken was the AF Advisor from 1958 to 1961 for the F-86H before the unit left for France. Cards of condolence may be sent to 39820 US Hwy 19N, #127, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689



Who is this pin-up beauty?
Major (Ret.) Pat Normanly, Chu Loi, Vietnam, 1971.

David Hamlin, Col. (Ret.) died suddenly on 10 Jun 2004. Col. Hamlin had been 174 FW Commander, and had been a naval aviator from 1967 to 1975. His wife Bonnie survives him. Condolences may be sent to 6883 County Rd 30, Bloomfield, NY 14469.

Thurlow "Dibbs" Diller, SMSgt. (Ret.) Memorial Service was held on 29 Jun

2004 at the Maurer Funeral Home in Liverpool. Chaplain Don Whiting gave a wonderful eulogy which I will have available via email if you wish a copy (just let me know jmcnamal@twcny.rr.com); 174FW Base Honor Guard did full military honors and a flag was presented to Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Curtis Irwin who in turn presented it to Mark Tanski. Mark was a very close friend of Thurlow's and took care of him the last few years. We also received word of the passing of two of our Alumni's mothers. Sadly, Hildegard Schempp, age 94, mother of Gen. (Ret.) Paul Schempp passed away at the end of June. Sympathy may be extended to the family at 107 Copleigh Dr, Syracuse, NY 13209. Irene Amele of Williamstown, NY, the mother of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Reginald died on 1 Jul 2004. Condolences may be sent to 3133 Cold Springs Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

New Members:

A hearty welcome and a thank you to our newest Alumni Assn member:
Lt. Col. (Ret.) R. Paul Mathis

Trivia & News:

The Alumni Assn would like to extend a special "Thanks" to all the members of the Base Honor Guard who have gone above & beyond the call of duty these last few months. It is greatly appreciated!

Next Meeting:

Will be Thursday, August 19th. We're growing and seeing many new faces at our meetings. We'd love to see some more...c'mon on down!

DDONNEWS

Reservists, Guard May Get FICA Reimbursement (Re-Printed from the Armed Forces News Issue: Fri, July 9, 2004)

Mobilized National Guard and Reserve members and their employers may be in for a refund on some taxes the employers paid the federal government. Retired Army Reserve Lt. Col. Frank Scattene, a certified public accountant, has found a government rule stating Guard and Reserve service members are exempt from paying taxes on supplemental income" used by employers to pay into programs such as Medicare and Social Security. He said employers may file

an amended tax return, using Form 941 to seek adjustment under special rules of Section 6413 of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations 31.6413 (a)-2. Under this procedure, the employer would receive both the employer share and the employee share of the erroneously paid FICA tax, he explained. He added that, if the employer declines to reimburse the FICA to the employee, the Guard or Reserve member may file a refund claim using IRS Form 843.

JFTR Changes Reimbursement of Tolls

Tolls on mileage-only claims for members

commuting to and from the base are no longer reimbursable per the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR). Generally, this should not impact members traveling on the NYS Thruway as Thruway passes are available to guardsman traveling to the base in both UTA and active-duty status (not available for AGR or technicians commuting). If you have not been using Thruway passes for official travel, they are available in your unit orderly room. Tolls in conjunction with TDY travel, including guardsman not commuting are still reimbursable on the DD 1351-2.

174TH FIGHTER WING FORMAL DINING OUT

WHERE: Genesee Inn, 1060 Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY **WHEN:** Saturday, 11 September 2004
TIME: Cocktails: 1800 to 1900 Dinner: 1900 to 2100

COST
\$25.00 Per Person

UNIFORM
OFFICERS: Mess Dress
ENLISTED: Semi-Formal Dress or Mess Dress Uniform
CIVILIAN GUESTS: Formal Evening Wear or Business Dress Attire

SPONSORSHIP
Senior NCO's and Officer's are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Enlisted Member.

GUEST SPEAKER
Brigadier General Wilma L. Baught, Chairperson for Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE WING DINING OUT ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2004

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

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 50, ANG NCOAGA

Please return this form to MSgt Jeremia Farley, 174th Communications Flight/SCX
or SMSgt Joe Gianetto, 174th MOF/MXOP. As soon as possible, but NLT 30 August 2004,
to allow us to get a head count of those attending. You pay at the door...

***ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE 174TH FW, 152ND AOG, 274TH ASOS,
& THE 174TH ALUMNI, AND THEIR GUESTS***

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