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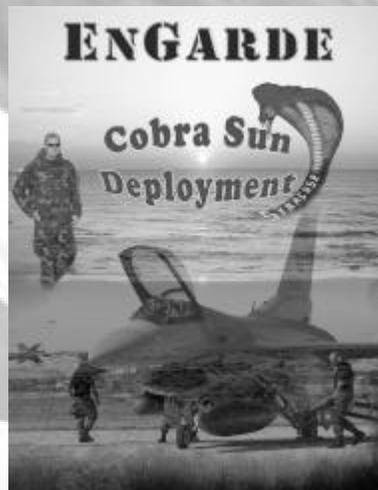


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About The Cover

The 174th FW recently deployed to Patrick AFB, Florida. This trip provided great "real world" training, with wonderful weather for all.

(Pictured Top left: SSgt Aaron Shaffer)

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

Lately I have been thinking about Ops tempo a lot. During the last 14 months we have seen a successful UCI, a successful HSI, a successful major deployment to Southwest Asia, and as I write this, a deployment of the C-26 and support personnel to SouthCom. Interspersed with all of this has been ongoing preparation for the ORI, training deployments of the Fighter Squadron, and deployments for elements of the GSUs. Through all of this the Medical Squadron has worked hard to ensure all deploying personnel were medically ready to go, while at the same time deploying many of its own personnel to these same AORs. We have had personnel deployed to several sites in Iraq, Qatar, and now Colombia both to look after others as well as our own.

The Readiness Center has made it clear this is going to be the tempo for the future. While we continue to train and prepare, we must simultaneously deploy and execute. Even now, we have individuals preparing to return to OIF and OEF, and are expecting new manning requirements from ANGRC, focusing more on deployment assets, and less on home station/peacetime assets. At the same time a new mission of medical response to Homeland Security events is being added to our tasking, to provide state and regional agencies with the support

to medically respond to a wide array of disasters and WMD events.

As the Medical Squadrons across the ANG respond and step up to these new taskings, it becomes essential that all personnel take responsibility for ensuring their medical readiness. From unit commanders, to First Shirts, supervisors, and individual members, we all have responsibility for ensuring compliance with medical readiness requirements. With the short lead times available to most of us these days for deployment, we can no longer afford to expect that requirements can be made up on the mobility processing line. Chances are, the individual who was going to give you the shot will be standing in line behind you. So when those lists are published on the y drive, check to see if your name is on them! Remember, none of our other weapons systems work unless the most critical one is at the top of its form – the Human Weapons System.



Colonel Reid Muller,
174 Medical
Squadron Commander



Enlisted Field Advisory Council (EFAC)

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



The mission of the EFAC is to propose solutions, changes and other policy changes that impact enlisted members of the ANG. This provides the enlisted members of the ANG a vehicle to express their concerns on matters that impact ANG enlisted members. The EFAC receives, reviews and classify recommendations to the Director, ANG through the ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM). This council will address issues that are ANG wide. They will not get involved with unit issues.

The EFAC membership is comprised of all ANG CCM's. One primary and one alternate State CCM are chosen as Regional Coordinators from each of the six EFAC regions. Additionally, State CCMs are selected by the ANG CCM to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman for two years. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and regional coordinators meet quarterly. Two meetings are held in the Washington DC area and two

meetings are held off site in locations around the nation so that the entire enlisted force can be part of the EFAC process.

To obtain the EFAC submission form, go to <http://www.Maxwell.af.mil/au/cpd/fsa/ANG/efac.htm> or <https://airguard.ang.af.mil/cf/cfc/efac/efac.asp>. Send the form and any supporting documentation to the 174FW Command Chief. Or if you would like, you may the e-mail the form directly to the EFAC Chairman at lori.casucci@riquon.ang.af.mil. Some of the issues the EFAC has worked hard to bring to you are; UTA out of quarter makeup policy, Funding for NCOA seminar attendance, Overseas ribbon expanded eligibility, Technical training initiatives, and others. If you have matters that impact enlisted members of the ANG, this is an excellent tool to address that issue.





Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj) Timothy C. Bejian, 174FW, Chaplain



Greetings From Your Chaplain

I think I really need to say from the start that I'm probably going to get into a lot of trouble for writing this article, but who am I to tell the Lord that I can't use the idea He so obviously handed me this morning. On my list of to-do's for today was this article and I knew that (as He always does) the Lord would provide the intro and the topic. So with this confident knowledge in mind, I prepared to leave the house. But first I sought out my wife to say goodbye. Well, putting all of my hunting skills and military training into the effort, I finally located my bride of 33 years in the bathroom where she was diligently applying makeup. As I stepped through the door, her back was to me, but I could clearly see her face in the mirror. As our eyes met, all I could do was stand there in silence, beholding this scene. Finally she paused and said, "And what do you want." It really wasn't a question, but it was enough to break the spell. "Oh, I'm leaving now" was my hurried response as I beat a hasty retreat and at the same time thanked God for the idea and topic. What my beautiful bride of 33 years doesn't know is that my silence, as I beheld this scene, was out of the will for self-preservation. The picture that came into my mind (and I didn't have the guts to say it out loud) was the

face of Mel Gibson as William Wallace in his movie Braveheart. Specifically, the scene where Wallace arrives for the first big battle with his face painted blue on one side.

Seriously though, all of us in one way or another apply makeup to our faces - even guys. What we apply is determined by the situation. Sometimes it's to hide something, or to enhance it. When I go hunting I apply camo face paint to make myself less visible. Others use makeup to be more visible. Whatever the situation, there is still just one common denominator. We don't want to be seen as we are. This doesn't mean that there is anything wrong or bad about us, though there may be. And here is the most interesting "makeup" I've ever seen applied - it's called a smile. Do you know that people who are hurting smile because they don't want anyone to know. You know, it's ok to hurt and not try to cover it up. As a matter of fact, the Apostle Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens." We all at times hurt and one of the most wonderful things that can happen in the midst of our hurts is when someone comes along side and shoulders our load. Don't cheat others out of the opportunity to show God's love and care for you.

God's Blessings



Where Am I Now?

By Technical Sgt. Peter K. Metz, 174th FW, Security Forces Squadron

Where am I now? Do I belong here? Do I have the required credentials to be where I am? Are the people around me where they are authorized to be? Some of our basic security issues can be handled by just asking ourselves these simple questions. FWI 31-12, Installation Security Instruction designates certain areas of the base as controlled or restricted areas, and also designates the requirements for access to these areas.

To understand the pre-requisites for entry into the base restricted area, we first need to know where those areas are and the area number associated with them. Hancock Field has four areas in the Installation Security Plan that are designated as restricted areas. They are the WOC, (Area 3) located in Building 643; the aircraft mass parking ramp and hangers, (Area 4); the aircraft mass parking ramp and hangers when PL 2 aircraft are parked, (Area 8); and the Command Post, (Area 16), also located in building 643. To gain access into one of these areas, an individual must have an AF Form 1199a, restricted area badge, with the appropriate number open. Simply put, if your job requires you to have access to the Command Post, then in order to gain entry into the Command Post, you need a restricted area badge with area 16 open on it. Personnel may be escorted into these areas, but only by someone with the appropriate area open, and an "E" next to that area designating them as an escort. In area 4, anyone with a restricted area badge may escort someone without one.

Everyone should be aware of the people in their work areas, and know what to do if you see someone who does not belong, or if

you see someone in the area without an 1199a. As TSgt. Nappa wrote about in last months EnGarde, a challenge could be as simple as asking someone who they are, or as in-depth as a full challenge. When conducting a full challenge, or when observing hostile action in your area, several steps need to be followed. Using the acronym SALUTE will help everyone know what to do should you see someone that doesn't belong or are observing a hostile threat. First, your work control centers should be notified of what is occurring. Then in following the "SALUTE" format relay the following information to your work centers: Size, for the number of people you are observing; Activity for what are they doing; Location for what their location is; Unit for any markings that may indicate who they are or what Unit they belong to; Time for time updates or what time this all occurred; and Equipment for what they are carrying or vehicles they may be operating. The Airmans Manual, AFM 10-100 also explains the SALUTE report on page 76. All this information passed on helps the Security Forces Squadron in determining the threat, and the appropriate response to that threat.

We have heard it a million times before that security is everyone's concern. Today, this is true as ever.

With Security Forces tasking and manning, they can no longer perform the job without the help of everyone on base. It is imperative that everyone, no matter what your job, or what your rank, is aware of who is around you, be ready to act if there is someone who doesn't belong, and to act properly.

Size
Activity
Location
Unit
Time
Equipment

Pay Outstanding GTC Bills Online

By Maj. Chuck Hutson, 174FW, Base Comptroller

You can now make GTC payments online. Although split-disbursement of GTC payments is mandatory for military members and civilians, there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount does not cover your total GTC charges. For example, you may lose a credit card receipt; the foreign exchange rate may change before the overseas merchant charges your GTC account; you may make a mistake on your voucher that reduces the total payment, and subsequently the amount split-disbursed, or just delays processing of your voucher. In these and other situations, you will have a residual balance on your GTC even though you split-disbursed your payment.

As with any other credit card, it is the cardholder's responsibility to reconcile the statement and keep track of their charges. Your balance can be obtained at any time by calling the 1-800 number on the back of your GTC. But when you find that split-disbursement did not pay your bill in-full, you can log-on Bank Of America's MyEasyPayment website at www.myeasypayment.com and pay the outstanding balance. This feature is available to all GTC cardholders. You do not have to be a Bank of America checking or savings account customer. All you need is: (1) the dollar amount you want to pay, (2) your GTC account number and security code (from the back of your card), and (3) your checking account and bank routing numbers (from the bottom of your personal check). If you have questions about MyEasyPayment, contact Bank of America's customer service at the 1-800 number (1-800-472-1424) on the back of your GTC.

Travel Voucher Advice of Payment

By Maj. Chuck Hutson, 174 FW, Base Comptroller



Travel voucher advice of payment receipts is electronically delivered to your on-base e-mail accounts. In the past, these payment slips have been mailed to you. All unit members are authorized e-mail accounts and this is the most effective method to transmit the information to you. All members can access their on-base e-mail accounts from off-base by following the procedures at y:/procedures_and_checklists/extranet.doc. Also note that travel advice of payment is featured on MyPay, but unavailable to the ANG and Air Force. The feature only applies to our sister services.

Direct Deposit Changes

When you process a direct deposit form and submit it to the Financial Services Office, the change is updated in both the military pay system and the travel pay system. When you process a direct deposit form via MyPay, the change will only update the military pay system. If you want your travel pay to go to the same account, you must accomplish a direct deposit form and submit it to the travel section of the Financial Services Office.

Government Travel Card

When you move or change your mailing address, you should treat your Government Travel Card (GTC) as you would any other billing statement. Simply call the number on the back of the GTC and give Bank of America, your new address information. At the same time, you'll be asked to update your telephone number.

Section Spotlights



MEDICAL GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Name: Patricia Collins
Rank: TSgt
AFSC/Title: 4N071, Nursing Services
Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

TSgt Patricia Collins is a physical exam medical technician. She is also is the NCOIC of staff development for Nursing services and has been a member of the 174 FW for nine years. She has participated in Desert Strom and several other smaller deployments. TSgt Patricia Collins is an active member of the 174th Honor Guard and has participated in twenty-five ceremonies already this year. She voluntaries at the Rape Cruises Center, as well as voluntaries for a literacy program in the Syracuse area. Her hobbies include: cooking and spending time with her family. Some of the things that TSgt Collins likes about the NYANG: traveling around the country, participating in the Honor Guard and Job diversity.

MAINTAINANCE GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Name: Heidi Waldeck
Rank: A1C
AFSC/Title: 2A636, Aircraft Electrician
Hometown: Cazenovia, NY



A1C Waldeck has been learning the ropes (and wires) in the ELEV shop through a very challenging period. Her enthusiasm and support during Noble Eagle, UCI and Training Deployments has allowed her to maintain her training progress even in the face of reduced time available for training. A1C Waldeck is currently a freshman at Morrisville State College working on her degrees in Natural Resources Conservation. After graduation she looks forward to working in the Forestry career field and aspires to be a Forester down the road. She has a fiancée and a cat that keeps her company and supports her in her early dedication to the 174th Fighter Wing. Some of her favorite off duty hobbies include camping and hiking. She is a member of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. We look forward to many good years with A1C Waldeck in the ELEV shop and the 174th Fighter Wing.



“Back to the Future...”

By Lt. Col. Scott Poppleton, 174th FW,

The 174th Fighter Wing jumped back to the future with a great deployment to Patrick Air Force Base the 1st week of April led by the 138 FS/CC LTC Ted Limpert. Due to the hard work of many, especially on the part of the NCOIC Senior Master Sgt. Darryl “Get the jets ready” Nielson and 1st SGT Joe “I’ve planned another Party” Healey, the wing was able to accomplish some great training in Florida. Here is the recap.

Logistics Readiness Squadron was key in obtaining both a KC-10 and a C-5 to refuel 10 aircraft, and move multiple pallets and personnel straight from SYR (Hancock Field) to COF (Patrick AFB) and back. A short 2.5-hour trip each way, Florida didn’t seem that far. Munitions

MISSION:

- * Deploy 126 Personnel & 10 F-16’s to Patrick AFB
- * Safely Fly 100+ missions
- * Drop 16 GBU-12’s/56 BDU-50’s at Avon Park
- * Attack Enemy MIGs over the Atlantic
- * Execute Sortie Generation Ops (SGO’s)



folks built up the GBU’s/BDU’s, while MX +OPS Groups set up our bare base facility together in a C-130 fuel barn. ISU’s were unloaded, 10 Code One jets were ready to start the week of Surface Attack Tactic – SAT (Bombing), Dissimilar Air Combat Training – DACT (F-16 vs. F-15), and Combat Search and Rescue Training –CSAR (F-16’s w/HH-60G Helos).

The training was superb. All Maintenance elements worked together to provide more than the scheduled Code One jets as well as inspecting and loading aircraft in a combined effort (SGO’s), simulating a combat environment. No missions were cancelled for MX or for the weather. The SAT, DACT and CSAR missions incorporated assets and ranges that are difficult to obtain in our local training area – adding sharpness to the combat ready blade. Sixteen pilots were able to drop GBU-12’s (500 lb. Laser Guided Bombs) using Targeting Pods at Avon Park. Six 4vX DACT missions were accomplished with the Florida Air





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Operations Support Flight Commander

National Guard F-15's from Jacksonville and 3 CSAR missions were accomplished with the "Jolly Green" HH-60G Helicopters from the Reserve Unit at Patrick. In a fierce "Turkey Shoot" bombing competition involving 10 separate graded elements, Lt. Gary "DWAYD" Charlton was named the winner achieving a near perfect score. Congrats !

Other bits and pieces added greatly to the weeks events....The 301st Rescue Squadron was gracious enough to provide great host unit support. They also provided us with the opportunity to act as survivors on one of their training missions - a rare opportunity for some of our maintenance folks to get a unique perspective of Florida and the local beauty. Our Services personnel prepared daily lunches in the gazebo right outside our hangar - setting a standard that will be hard to beat. Pass the Dinosaur BBQ and salt potatoes again please. Our SP's kept our jets safe throughout the nights. 138th FS Life Support, "Victoria"- Our Flight Doc and MX hustled to make sure folks were trained and the F-16D was flown twice daily to achieve 10 separate rides for individuals throughout the 174th, and also for two selected members from the 920th Rescue Wing - Chief Master Sgt. Roe and Major JR Matthews.

The Deployment 1st Sgt, Master Sgt. Joe Healey set up numerous after work "social" opportunities to share stories, tell lies and build esprit de corps within the unit. Of course no trip to Florida would be complete without a visit to the Patrick O' Club, local eating establishments and a hospitality check of Doc Gibson's new Florida digs. WOW! Space cadets have overrun the club but the base is still an excellent deployed training base. All said and done, many individuals pitched in to make this deployment an effective and enjoyable time. Thank you. The bottom line -- we all returned better trained than we left, ready to go to combat as a team in the future.



What It Takes To Turn A Jet!

Aviation Resource Management



OSF/CC: Lt. Col. Scott Poppleton
NCOIC: MSgt. Kyle Milk
Number of People Assigned: 3
Existing Vacancies: 1
Location on Base: Building 643

Job Description: Performs and manages aviation and parachutist Host Aviation Resource Management (HARM) and Squadron Aviation Resource Management (SARM) functions related to scheduling, standardization and evaluation, flying and ground training, aviation flight records, parachutist jump records and squadron operations. Operates and maintains the Aviation Resource Management System (ARMS). Performs aviation and parachutist resource management functions. Initiates actions to support aviation management policies and procedures, and conducts aircrew and parachutist interviews. Prepares and processes aeronautical and military pay orders and flight authorizations. Maintains control and accountability for ARMS data. Controls security access to ARMS data interfaces, and advises on matters pertaining to ARMS requirements and modifications. Inspects and evaluates production and maintenance of aviation flight and parachutist jump records, files, and reports. Evaluates completed work and group performance. Ensures functional directives are accurate and complete. Reviews aviation resource management procedures and recommends changes.

School Requirements: 1C0X2, 6 Weeks, Keesler AFB, MS

Special Incentives: N/A

If interested contact:
Lt. Col. Poppleton, @X210
MSgt. Milk @X205

"What It Takes To Turn a Jet!" is a monthly EnGarde feature that highlights various areas on base. This project is intended to educate all of us to the various and numerous functions required in launching a jet.

Electronic Counter Measures



OIC: Capt. Nicholas Lotito
NCOIC: MSgt. Michael Adams
Number of People Assigned: 9
Existing Vacancies: 4
Location on Base: Building 641, Room 128

Job Description: Maintain, troubleshoot, and repair electronic warfare pods and the complete software controlled test station and its operational systems. Responsibilities will be to repair, overhaul, troubleshoot and align the complete electronic test console for the electronic warfare pod. Analyze and evaluate complete system operation using a variety of general and specific test equipment, self-test and self-calibration computer programs and / or technical data containing schematic diagrams, signal flow diagrams, data flow diagrams, test procedures, program information and mathematical formulas. Utilize test equipment such as oscilloscopes, power meters, digital voltmeters, frequency and microwave counters, spectrum analyzer, frequency response test set and other test equipment.

School Requirements: 2A0X1D, 22 weeks, Keesler AFB, MS

Special Incentives: Environmentally Friendly work place, Computer and Electronic skills enhancement.

If interested contact:
Capt. Lotito, @X671
MSgt. Adams @X454

Communication, Network, Switching, & Crypto Systems



OIC: Maj. Michael Adamitis
NCOIC: CMSgt. Richard Deyulio
Number of People Assigned: 2
Existing Vacancies: 2
Location on Base: Building 642

Job Description: Sustains network infrastructure, cryptographic equipment, and deployable switching systems in a fixed and deployed environment. Sustains and operates systems through effective troubleshooting, repair, diagnostics and system performance analysis. Maintains, inspects and tests assigned systems. The individual coordinates with commercial service providers/depots to conduct tests of system components and assemblies in an effort to isolate their faults. Removes, repairs, replaces and restores systems or subsystems. Isolates malfunctions using troubleshooting techniques, diagnostic software, technical data, block diagrams, voltage and waveform measurements, and other tests requiring specialized test equipment. Repairs computer network systems and associated peripheral equipment. Test components using bench mockups and related test equipment.

School Requirements: 2E2X1, 5 months, Keesler AFB, MS

Special Incentives: Enlistment Non Prior & Prior Service KICKER, \$5,000 Bonus, and SLRP

If interested contact:
Maj. Adamitis, @X236
CMSgt. Deyulio @X179

Safety 101

By Master Sgt. Al Nall, 174th FW, Ground Safety NCO

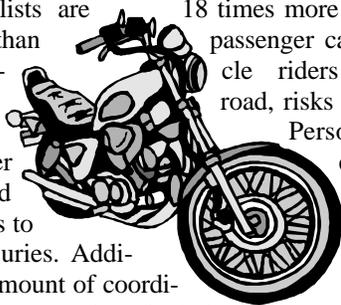


Summer Safety

During the last week of April we literally went from snow to 80-degree weather overnight. That rapid transition also brought instant change in boating, motorcycle use and other summer fun activities. That can only mean we have entered the 101 critical days of summer. While this isn't an intro college course for freshmen, it is unquestionably the most hazardous time of year so a basic review is always a good idea. If you are working outside during the warmer days, be sure to hydrate with water. Be careful about how much time you spend in the heat or sun. Take frequent breaks and get into an air-conditioned building if you feel dizzy or faint. Be familiar with the signs of heat illness and be sure to keep an eye on the people you are working with.

Motorcycle Safety

The Motorcycle Safety Course is up and running and we will probably schedule at least one more class for the riding season. Check with the Safety Office for upcoming course dates. In the meantime please remember that motorcycle riders assume a much greater level of risk than the rest of the motoring public. Did you know motorcyclists are 18 times more likely to die in a traffic accident than passenger car occupants? Although motorcycle risks on the road, risks can be controlled and minimized. Personal Protective Equipment, rider education and awareness, and the best defenses to riding sober are and mitigate injuries. Additionally, it takes a considerable amount of coordination and balance to ride a motorcycle. Alcohol use greatly reduces those skills and your ability to react. Know your limits, and ride within them. Motorcyclists must ensure they have all done that is possible for a safer ride. Check your lights, horn, controls, and tire pressure before getting on your bike. Remember to always wear PPE and be well rested before you ride. Reduced risk does not mean reduced enjoyment. Always take weather, the environment, your skill level and the limitations of a motorcycle into consideration. Taking the proper amount of time to prepare and educate yourself will result in a more pleasurable



riding experience.

Boating Safety

With the abundance of lakes in the Central New York area, our waterways are seeing an increase of boating traffic every year. The safe operation of a boat depends upon the level of knowledge, skill, judgment and maturity of the operator. Deficiencies in any of these areas could easily result in a marine accident. New York State law requires all boating operators and passengers have an approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board with them. Know the area where you are boating and familiarize yourself with all applicable regulations.

In New York State if you wish to operate a motorboat and you are:

- Under 10 years of age, a person 18 or older must be on board.
- 10 to 18 years of age, a person 18 or older must be on board, or the operator must hold a Safety Certificate.
- 18 Years or older, you may operate a motorboat alone

Starting this year all operators of personal watercraft are required to complete PWC education. In addition to learning the basics of how to handle a PWC, attendees will also learn about boating regulations, reading buoys, boat handling, and other boating safety related topics. With so many challenges to safe boating, it should go without saying that boating and alcohol don't mix. Since one-third of all boating fatalities are alcohol related, many people just don't get it. It is illegal to operate a boat, or allow someone else to do so, while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol can decrease your ability to operate a boat and erode your sense of balance. If there is enough interest, the Safety Office will sponsor another Boater Safety Course this season. So sign up before you miss the boat! For more information on safe boating, check out www.boatsafe.com or contact the US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety. Enjoy the remaining 101 days, if you made this far you get an A!



Health Promotion Program

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

I am Major Janice Priester-Bradley of the 174th Medical Group and I was appointed base Health Promotion Educator in April of this year. In this role I will be focusing on educating base personnel concerning health and wellness initiatives. Health Promotion (HP) is the science and art of helping people change lifestyle behaviors to move toward a balance of physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual health. This program will improve readiness of unit members at the same time develop healthy lifestyles through awareness and educational support systems for all 174th Air National Guard personnel and their families. Since health and wellness encompasses so many aspects of our lives, I will be supporting the strategic plan already developed by the Air Force Surgeon General office as a guide to plan, implement, and evaluate this program. I will be collaborating with the Air Na-

tional Guard Bureau, other professionals/paraprofessionals on base and with community agencies to identify health needs, and to develop this program to meet the health needs identified. My assessment tool, A Healthy Lifestyle Survey/Questionnaire, will be issued this month to all base personnel, please comment on any special needs that you would like to incorporate into this program. I was formerly the 174th CPR Program Director and have been with the 174th Medical Group, Nurse Corp. since 1995. The health promotions program was previously coordinated by Captain Mary Pontecorvo from the 174th Medical Group. Feel free to contact me anytime ext.659.



Base Announcements



Correction to May Issue:

On the back cover of our May issue, an error was made on the rank of one of our retirees. It should read SMSgt William Verity. Our sincere apologies and best wishes to you in your retirement SMSgt Verity!

COMREL

Earle Reed will be the ComRel speaker for Wednesday June 30th. He is the founding race director of the Utica Boilermaker 15-K, which he directed for the first 24 years.

All Services Club Announcements

June UTA: DJ – “The Speed of Sound”, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Strawberry Daiquiris & Pina Coladas

Membership cards cost \$10 per year. If you do not have a current card, please purchase yours at the door or contact MSgt Rita Scheirer at X60 . There will be a cover charge of \$3 if you do not hold a current club card. Renew yours now!

A drawing is held every Saturday night of the UTA for current club members. You must be present to win. The cash prize starts at \$25 and increases \$10 per month if we do not have a winner for that month. Show up this drill – hey you never know – this could be your lucky month.

The All Services Club will be relocating in the near future. A large part of the moving expense and building expense will be coming from our fund raising. Please remember this when we offer raffle tickets each month. It's your club - please support it!

2003 Gerrit D. Foster, Jr. Outstanding Military Personnel Flight Achievement Award

Congratulations to the 174th Military Personnel Flight who finished in the top 10% of all Air National Guard MPFs. Not only did they perform superbly, but also their package was extremely well written. Keep up the great job!

Education and Training News

Members who would like to take advantage of college level testing now have two choices to complete an examination. For those who wish to take a computer-based test, E-CBT's will be available at Columbia College. Personnel may contact the Education and Training office or their unit training managers for a list of guidelines requiring the registration and administration of these tests.

Beginning in April 2004, the Education and Training office will resume administration of paper based DANTES/CLEP tests.

With two choices available, why let the opportunity to earn college credit pass you by? Please call the Education and Training office at extensions 147, 148 or 409 if you have any questions.

New Vacuum Aided Mobility Packaging System (VAMPS)

Arrives at Hancock Field

By Lt. Tim Martin, 174FW, Logistics Readiness Officer

A new tool has arrived at Hancock Field to assist in Mobility Storage. It is the Vacuum Aided Mobility Packaging System (VAMPS). The system is designed like a “giant food saver”, and will greatly improve the storage and shelf life capabilities of the Mobility Storage area. If you have an inclination, stop by and watch it work. You'll be amazed with its capability! Below are pictures of the machine and its results.



Top Photo: The VAMPS Machine.

Center Photo: VAMPS machine with a complete A-Bag (sleeping bag included) before and after!

Bottom Photo: SSgt Rust with a cold weather parka in his right hand and the same parka after the VAMPS machine.

ATTENTION.....ATTENTION.....
.....ATTENTION to details is what our Association needs right now! I'm making this my first statement of the article because we need your help. One of the greatest things to hit communication circles is the availability of the Internet and E-mail options. However, the drawback is that if you don't have a "good" address to start with, you're out of luck reaching that other person. We are experiencing far too many "fatal errors" when we send out messages, which then takes more time to find the address and then delete it. I'm never quite sure the rest of you get the message after that point. Please take one moment and send me your email address via my email – put the actual full address in the text portion and double check it. We can then make all the changes to the master list. This is imperative, if you want to be kept apprised of current happenings. My address is: jmcnamal@twcny.rr.com.

It was with great pleasure that we were finally able to present CMSgt. (Ret.) Jim Monroe, outgoing Alumni Assn President with a flag flown over the Capital and a Certificate of Appreciation to go along with it. A "thank you" to First Sgt Leon Sadler for taking the necessary steps to see that Chief Monroe received this honor. We hope you will have great pleasure with this Chief. Jim Shanahan, Vice President did the honors.

The 174FW/MPF has requested that if you have an address change, please send it directly to the Alumni Assn, 6001 E. Molloy Rd, Mattydale, NY 13211. We will then make the changes to the roster.

Our second speaker, Mr. Mark Kirsche of NY Life and his training associate Shantina Hines were welcomed at the April meeting. He presented a power point program on Long Term Care insurance, Q & A followed. Mr. Kirsche relayed to me that he had a wonderful time and felt very welcomed by the Association. If you have any further questions, you can reach him at (315) 449-8649 or at markkirsche@hotmail.com. He and his associate were presented a 174FW Alumni Assn t-shirt with our logo transfer on it.

Kudo's to Frank Duester our Program Chairman. He has Senator John DeFrancisco as our July 15th speaker, and Lt. Col. (Ret) Charles "Pappy" Patchin, Army Special Forces as our August 19th

speaker. Fran Scharoun gave us the intro to "Pappy" as he likes to be called and he is very excited about joining us for our meeting. He says he has some "good Ole stories" to tell.

All memberships that expired on **31 Dec 2003** that aren't paid by **31 May 2004** will be terminated. We hope that this is an oversight and look forward to hearing from you.

Taps:

Arlene Dressler, wife of Maj. (Ret) Erik P. Dressler, PAO passed away after a lengthy illness. Cards of condolence may be sent to 812 Fairway Circle, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Sick Call:

Bob Laird of the Jet Engine shop is feeling very under the weather says his brother George Laird. Bob has a recurrence of lung cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation therapy. He would love to hear from old friends and you can contact him at 104 Lakeview Drive, Whispering Pines, NC, 28327-9408.

Remember to please contact the base, Chaplain Whiting or myself if you receive information on someone passing or ill. We rely on you greatly! His email is deacondon@worldnet.att.net and telephone is (315) 699-0215.

News:

We have a member seeking one of the round, brass USAF Retired grave markers. If you know where to get these – please let us know.

Jim Shanahan has contacted the Nerz family – their father donated the pictures hanging in the All Services Club. They want the pictures back, and will be working with an art brokerage house. They have graciously stated, that any proceeds from the sale of the art will be donated to the 174FW Alumni Assn. Jim hopes to have Mr. Nerz's son attend our May meeting. We will let you know the outcome next month.

Changes: Bureau of Naval Personnel DSN 882-4885 or Comm (901) 874-4885.

New Members:

A hearty welcome and a thank you to our



Bob Musengo about to make an announcement at an Alumni picnic of past.

newest Alumni Assn members: **William Elderbroom, Laurie Radtke, Kevin Scanlin, Teresa Scanlin.**

Trivia:

Tomb of Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb and why?
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin the return and why?
3. Why are his gloves wet?
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?

(See answers below.)

Next Meeting:

Will be Thursday, May 20th and the June meeting is June 17th. There will be a Board of Directors meeting to follow the June meeting.

Trivia Answers:

1. 21 steps. It alludes to the 21 gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. 21 seconds for the same reason as answer 1.
3. His gloves are moistened to prevent his login his grip on the rifle.
4. He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder again.

Hancock Challenge

Where: 174th Hancock Field, Syracuse, NY 13211

When: July 11, 2004

What: Teams of four personnel to compete in a series of events.

Who: Everyone that is willing to put a team of four personnel together to compete in the Hancock Challenge.

All enlisted and commissioned personnel are encouraged to compete.

Why: To have a little fun and healthy competition. Bragging rights are also at stake.

Events:

- 1. Push-up competition. (All personnel-combined scores)**
- 2. 1-mile Litter carry. (3-personnel will take turns carrying one team member on litter switching at will)**
- 3. M16A2 disassembly/reassembly. (Last team member to complete last leg of ruck relay -Timed Event)**
- 4. Sit-up competition. (All personnel, combined scores)**
- 5. 100-meter sprint. (All personnel, combined scores)**
- 6. 4-mile road march relay. (Each person will do 1-mile)**
- 7. 2-mile run relay. (Each person will do ½ mile)**
- 8. 800-meter HUMVEE push. (All personnel)**
- 9. Tug of War competition. (All personnel - Elimination Tournament)**

Note: Please contact me via e-mail with Team Captain, members, Team name, and section by June 15, 2004.

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