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The Cover Story

**Then Army Air Corps  
John Terry, standing tall  
at Ft Polk, Louisiana prior to  
the onset of World War II.  
CMSgt Terry was also  
an original member  
of the 174 TFW.**

**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

Hello and welcome to the March 04 Unit Training Assembly. After many delays on my part the commander has caught up to me, so now I write this article. Assigned as the Mission Support Group Commander (MSG/CC), I have the privilege to represent the many "other" squadrons/flights assigned to the 174th Fighter Wing. In a nutshell, the Mission Support Group provides a wide array of support involving all agencies except Operations (pilots), Medical (Doctors and nurses) and Maintenance (those that touch the airplane). You may ask yourself, what else can be left and this is what this article is about.

The MSG is a diverse mixture of skills and capabilities needed to meet the daily "support" requirements of the Hancock Field Family. This family includes the 174th Fighter Wing, the 152nd Air Operations Group, the 274th Air Support Operations Squadron, the 27th Army Brigade, the North East Air Defense Sector (NEADs), Det 1 (Range), Det 2 (FOL) and a large number of military retirees and dependents. Our extended family includes the AAFES Base Exchange, Columbia College, and the Naval and Marine Reserve Centers.

The many squadrons/flights assigned to the MSG include Security Forces, Civil Engineers (Firefighters, Readiness), Mission Support Flight (Recruiting, Retention, Personnel, Training, Student Flight), Communications, Services, Logistics (Supply, Wing Plans, Transportation), Environmental and Contracting. I have attempted on various occasions to develop a well-defined, focused statement of just what we do for each of you and this base. An ever-changing requirement, what I have it down to is we provide: people, training, protection, lodging, transportation, communication, supplies, shelter and meals. In providing this we are the conduit and tie to the local community and many state and federal agencies.

For those that like statistics, we provide personnel, contracting and logistical support for 1,500 authorized members and their dependents. We have a 24/7 presence on the base with Security Forces and Firefighters. We oversee the repair and replacement of 225 vehicles, 520 desktop computers, 125 laptop computers, 370 printers and 775 telephones. In 2003 we delivered and pumped 2,371,000 gallons of JP-8, issued 7,130 Common Access Cards

(CAC), purchased 1,310 airline tickets, shipped 2,890 packages and had 441,000 issues of parts and supplies. We served 11,400 meals, made 3,357 room reservations and represented the wing at 157 funerals or community events. The base has 57 buildings encompassing 558,882 gross square feet with all the associated lights, doors, roofs and boilers for each, sitting on 456 acres of managed land.

Second only to the Maintenance Group (MXG) in authorized personnel, the Mission Support Group has an authorized strength of 424 with 398 personnel assigned. In 2003 the MSG assisted in deploying 615 unit personnel, to 10 major exercises, with 245,000 pounds of cargo. All the squadrons/flights attached to the MSG, with the exception of Recruiting, have a wartime tasking and continue to be deployed under the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEF) plan, embedded in the Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) package. Often times the assignments do not coincide in time or location with the F-16's assigned, much to the disappointment of the Mission Support Group members. I can assure you that despite our "distance" from actually touching the F-16s, all in uniform share the excitement and pride in seeing them fly.

I would be deficient in my duties as a commander if I did not seize this opportunity to push two programs that I continue to hear many concerns about, Recruiting and Promotions. The unit's overall strength has fallen below 90% for the first time in many years, this equates to 150 vacancies. It is important for us all to be a recruiter and work to get the units strength back up. As for promotions, the March 04 Promotion Availability report shows there are 90 Technical Sergeant and 27 Master Sergeant authorizations unfilled throughout the wing. The single most evident holdup is the lack of Professional Military Education (PME). If you have any questions on promotion opportunities see your 1st Sergeant or section supervisor.

Let me close with this, do your PME, bring in a new recruit and I hope to see you over the March UTA.



Colonel Harvey VanWie  
174FW, Mission  
Support Group  
Commander

## The Best Assignment

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

During the February UTA a board was held to select my replacement as the Wing Command Chief. Hopefully the Wing Commander will make an announcement this UTA. Eight candidates have applied and are fully qualified to assume my current position. The selection process and recommendation to the Commander will be tough.

I would like to look back on my time as the Command Chief hopefully making a difference to the enlisted force at Hancock Field. Many new programs have surfaced to make life better. Some of these new programs are the Exceptional Promotion Program, T- Float, NCO/SNCO Induction Ceremony, SNCOA Competition and Performance Feedback System. All of these programs are designed to improve the potential of an enlisted persons progression. Ever since I have been writing articles for the EnGarde, I have stressed the importance of being ready for promotion. Every year that I review the eligibility of senior NCOs (E-7 & E-8), I find a large number of individuals that have not completed their Senior PME. That means they have missed a

chance for EPP. To date, our wing has promoted two E-8s, and 5 E-9s because of the EP Program. One Chief was promoted under T-Float at NEADS. Each quarter we conduct an NCO/SNCO Induction Ceremony where inductees are read the duties and responsibilities of an NCO/SNCO and sign a pledge taken from AFI 3626-18 (The Enlisted Force Structure). Competition is conducted each year for entry into the Senior NCO Academy. Each year we have submitted someone, we have been allotted a slot. The above results show the strength of this organization and our people.

I look forward to helping my replacement be as successful as possible in the best assignment that I have ever had. I thank the entire base for all the support and respect I have been given.

On a different topic, Sunday afternoon of the March UTA, there will be an awards/blues formation in the main hangar, bldg 610. Uniform will be blue shirt (either long sleeve or short), short all weather blue jacket, and hat. Ribbons and tie are optional. Women can wear either slacks or skirt.





# We All Need Cleansing!

By Chaplain (Maj) Tim Bejain, NEADS Chaplain Office



Recently, I had a most interesting and potentially dangerous experience. I was doing the laundry and no, that wasn't the dangerous part, although some of you men out there might think so. It's amazing how much house work you can do and still be a man but that's getting away from the story line. So, as I was saying, I was doing the laundry. Actually, I was watching TV with my dogs while there was a load in the dryer, when I heard a very loud THUD. Well, my wife wasn't home at the time so I knew that she hadn't fallen over or dropped anything. Since my dogs were on the couch with me, I knew that they hadn't gotten into any trouble. So I decided to investigate and it's a good thing that I did. I moved cautiously through the house - military training and all that - peering into each room as I went. Finally, I got to the bathroom, where the washer and dryer are, and I looked in. BUMMER!!!! Actually that's not what I said, but the Lord has forgiven me. What I saw was a one gallon plastic jug of Clorox on the floor, the cap two feet away and most of the Clorox spreading rapidly.

Operational Risk Management (ORM) to the rescue - our Safety Officer would have been proud of me. Thank God for vent fans in the bathroom - that took care of the toxic fumes. But what to do with the spreading liquid Clorox? Truth be known, if my wife ever finds out what I did, all the ORM in the world won't

save me. The hall linen closet is just opposite the bathroom, so I opened the door and looked to see if there was anything really... really absorbent inside. Just so happens there was--two really nice thick off-white woven cotton **throws** --usually draped over furniture. These I grabbed and used to mop up all the spilled Clorox - and there was a lot of it too!!

Now what? Well I knew that if I didn't do anything, the Clorox would destroy the **throws** (they were turning purple but don't ask me why because I haven't a clue), so, I threw the **throws** in the washer (nice touch huh), turned it on and waited to see what came out. The **throws** that had been off-white and now turning purple, came out really, and I mean really, clean and bright white. Clorox is interesting stuff. It doesn't hide or cover up the stains, it removes them.

Well now, you may be asking yourself; "where is the Chaplain going with this one"? I'm glad you asked!! There is a scripture verse in Isaiah (1:18) where Isaiah is quoting the Lord. "Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool." Isn't it comforting to know that God has done something about all the stuff that stains us. And all we need to do is sit down and reason with Him. And like the Clorox, He doesn't hide or cover up the stains, He removes them. Why don't you take some time and talk with the Lord. He is in the business of cleaning up messes.

## Dress and Appearance

By 1st Lt Andrea Bastedo and 2nd Lt. Anthony Buccì

*Each month we will focus on a particular item for proper wear of the uniform and correct grooming requirements for the male and female of today's Air Force.*

### Proper wear of a mustache by Air Force members

The exact wording of the Air Force Instruction says; "It will not extend downward beyond the lipline of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth. (This does not apply to individuals with shaving waivers.) It is important that all of us who chose to wear a mustache understand this instruction, for two important reasons. First of all, we all serve as a role model for our junior personnel; with this in mind it is imperative that we set a good example of Dress and Personal Appearance. Secondly, anytime we have visitors to the base or we step outside the friendly confines of this unit we are being watched by our neighbors within the community. Remember you only get one chance at making a positive first impression!

### Body Piercing

With all of the changes in today's fashion world have any of you wondered what the military deems appropriate in regards to body piercings? According to AFI36-2903: "Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform)." **Exception:** Women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced or clip earring per lobe. Matching earrings must be worn and should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe, unless it is the connecting band on the clip.

So, in short, if we can see it, you can't pierce it.



# Military Travel Information from Your TMO Office

By 2nd Lt. Timothy T. Martin, 174th FW, Logistics Readiness Officer



As the operations tempo continues at a high rate, more and more members are required to travel in an official capacity. As you are planning your trip please ensure the following information is obtained prior to requesting travel through the Transportation Management Office.

Valid travel orders    Name (as it appears on your ID Card)  
Social Security #    Rank  
Dates of travel    Rental car information if authorized  
Your Work /Home #    Your Orders Clerk name and Ext.  
Departure location and destination (return date if less than thirty days)    Date you want to pick up your tickets

We will make every attempt to accommodate your requests. The following criteria is utilized in processing all requests IAW the applicable Defense Travel Regulations:

1. OCONUS (Outside the Continental United States) travel will utilize the government contracted "Patriot Express" rotator to the maximum extent possible. If mission need dictates use of other means of transportation the following must be obtained:
  - a. A notice of non-availability from local SATO office through TMO.
  - b. Letter from unit commander authorizing the use of com-

mercial mode of transportation.

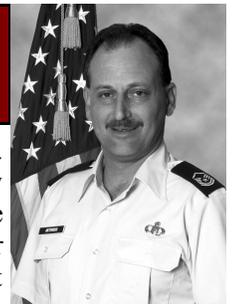
NOTE: Commercial travel is not the norm in OCONUS travel, it is the exception. Seats have already been purchased by the government for this travel, utilizing commercial travel can result in a duplicate charge to the government.

2. CONUS (Continental United States) travel will utilize the government carrier authorized for that travel location. Requests for specific airlines are not authorized, as government carriers will not be utilized.
3. All travel requests will be processed through the unit orders clerk utilizing 174FW TMO Form 1, orders clerks have copies of this form.
4. Travel tickets will not be processed or released to the unit member until certified official travel orders are obtained by TMO.

Following these guidelines will make processing your trip smooth and painless. Travel safe and have a good trip! If you have any questions please contact: Master Sgt. David Shaffer: 315-454-6105 or AIC Leanne Holmes: 315-454-6106

## Night Vision Goggles

By Master Sgt. Harry L. Artemisio II, 174th FW, Life Support Superintendent



Night vision goggles (NVGs) have become a key technology for military operations at night. The NVGs are a helmet-mounted system that provides operators improved situational awareness during periods of low natural illumination. Batteries power the night vision system, which then amplifies ambient light from sources such as the moon, stars and sky glow so the viewed scene becomes clearly visible to the operator. A light-emitting diode (LED) indicator on the helmet mounting plate assembly blinks if the battery voltage drops below safe limits. The goggles can be adjusted for distance between the operator's eyes, vertical distance, tilt, eye relief, diopter setting and focus. In addition, the system may be flipped up and stored away from the eyes in an emergency or when not in use.

Here at the 174th FW, night vision goggles play an important role for our fighter pilots allowing them to fly night missions by greatly improving their vision to near daytime quality, however the visual scene viewed by the pilot is green in color, requiring greater care by the pilot in identifying their targets.

The Life Support shop here in the 138 FS has the responsibility of taking care of the night vision goggles. We perform scheduled inspections and repair them if they're broken. We are responsible for issuing each set of goggles and installing the mounting brackets on each pilot's helmet ensuring all

pilots are ready for that night's mission. Each NVG is assigned to and signed for by each pilot. We then place the unit in the NVG room, which has been modified for the use and testing of NVGs. At this point the pilots take over. They don their helmets and then mount the NVG onto the mounting bracket. They will then turn off the room lights and turn on the NVG bracket. They then look into the ANV-20/20 tester to focus the goggles working to obtain 20/20 vision. After they have finished focusing their goggles with this tester they are ready to fly with them.



When the pilots return from their night missions we inquire with each pilot on the performance of the NVGs. If the pilot had any problems we can then test and trouble shoot the goggles using an ANV-126. The NVG's are then accepted back, inspected, cleaned and stored for the next night mission. We must also inspect each pilot's helmet, remove the bracket and test the batteries prior to storing them for the next night mission.

The life support shop takes great pride in our work. Your LIFE IS OUR BUSINESS.

# Chief Master Sgt. John K. Terry

## The Ole' Chief

By Tech Sgt. Pete Terry, 174th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Some knew him as John, some knew him as Jack, some Chief, some as Dad and God only knows what other names people may have had for him. I knew John Kenneth Terry as Gramps.

On January 23, 1923, John K. Terry was born in Solvay, NY. John, who was the son of Polish immigrants, was once John Kenneth Trzesniewsky until his father, Peter, decided that if the family was going to live in America then they were to have an "American" sounding last name and Terry represented an abbreviated version of the original. Throughout his childhood, Gramps, along with so many other children in the world at this time, would rarely find times to be easy. There were stories that he used to tell us of him and his siblings hanging around the old train tracks in Solvay to collect coal that had fallen from the locomotives so that it could be used to heat the home that housed himself along with his siblings and his Aunt and Uncle, who primarily raised Jack from the time that he was a young child to the time that he entered the service.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, Gramps enlisted his service to the United States by joining the Army Air Corps. During this time, John would learn the science of aircraft maintenance while flying in the South Pacific on B-17's and B-29's. Gramps, being no stranger to hard times, faced even more while fighting in the war. On a daily basis the Chief and his craft endured frontline combat and on multiple occasions suffered horrific enemy fire. After one excruciating bomb run over Axis targets the crew was forced to ditch. Before ditching, the Aircraft Commander ordered the crew to lighten the load and toss everything not needed to keep the craft airborne. After the plan to stay airborne failed, the crew was forced into crash-landing the aircraft onto a beach on an island in the South Pacific. After the dust had settled John discovered a bayonet that had missed the evacuation and somehow was lucky enough to win this bayonet as a war trophy.

Following the defeat of the Axis forces, Gramps' tour with the Air Corps was finished and would return to Central New York where he would be re-assigned as a Reservist to Griffiss Air

Field in Rome, NY. Shortly after returning from the theater, Gramps would purchase his home in Syracuse and marry the daughter of Tyrolian immigrants, his wonderful wife of 53 years, Lillian Terzolo. During his tour with the Reserve unit in Rome, Gramps along with a handful of other World War II heroes, would find themselves at the Jefferson Street Armory in Syracuse as the founding members of what would become the 174th Fighter Wing.

Following the formation of this would-be wing, Gramps would find himself surrounded by people who would become life-long friends. Best friends, worst enemies, acquaintances. Jack would eventually find himself out of town frequently as the aspir-



ing Chief Master Sergeant would travel from Phalsbourg, France to Cannon Air Field, and, among many others, one of Gramps' favorite spots: San Antonio, TX. The maintenance depot at Kelly Field in San Antonio was a hot spot for Aircraft maintainers in the 60's and 70's and Gramps was an Aircraft maintainer at the top of his game. He would work on everything from F-86's to A-10's where he would be one of the key players from the maintenance arena during the acceptance of the Thunderbolt from Fairchild Republic.

On January 23, 1983, at the age of 60, Gramps was forced into retirement from the 174th Tactical Fighter Wing, but not until a letter written by Gramps and answered directly by President Ronald Reagan informed him that the Federal Government was regrettably not willing to increase the retirement age from 60. The Chief felt that he was too young for retirement and had several more valuable years to serve his nation with. True as it may have been, Gramps retired and began his tour with the 174th Alumni Association and as a volunteer with the Syracuse Police Department where he spent more than 20 years of his life, made new friends and built another of his several professional families.

It was in this post-enlisted stage that I got to know Gramps. I knew him as the busiest retiree that I had ever met, always working, always attending meetings, never stopping unless it was to spend time with his family that he loved and cared for so much. Gramps never ever stopped until the job was done and the mission was complete.



Jack Terry, always the life of the party. Behind John is his brother Bob, also a former member of the 174<sup>th</sup>.

Gramps was indeed a Christian man. He lived a life that emulated the teachings of the word and strived to become a better man each and every day. A man who never gloated, never took anything he didn't earn, and never hesitated to come to the aid of his fellow brothers and sisters. Gramps, although outspoken about many things in life, especially when it came to tech-orders and aircraft maintenance, was entirely soft-spoken about the aid and assistance that he brought to so many. The financial assistance that was given in times of need, the prayers for others that were made in times of despair, the faith and assistance that was provided to St Lucy's church and the Christian community, and the millions of wonderful memories that he provided for all of his friends and family. Gramps was a truly good person and personified the word man and what it means to be a good one.

On January 9th, 2004 Gramps was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and spent the remaining hours of his life surrounded by loving and ever-thankful family. Approximately 20 hours following the diagnosis, on January 10th, Chief Master Sergeant John Kenneth Terry, Gramps, joined the "Supreme Commander" in heaven. Left behind were his many friends of the 174th and the legacy that they built together along with the Syracuse Police department where he was known as "Uncle John". John's sister, Alice. Gramps' beautiful wife and tremendous Grandmother, Lillian. His four children and their spouses, John and Linda Terry, Tom and Deah Terry, Steven and May-lou Terry, and Kathy and Jack Armstrong. Grandchildren Jennifer and her husband Paolo Pastore, Brian, Matthew, Joshua, Brittany, my soon-to-be better half, Dawn, and me. Great-grandchild Joey Pastore. Along with everyone else that knew Gramps we will never forget the infinite lessons that we learned from Gramps and we won't ever forget the greatness that was brought to this world by



John & Lillian Terry: June 10, 1950: A UTA weekend where a wedding took priority. Then 174th Commander, General Michael Maione, ordered unit members to attend Jack & Lil's wedding reception rather than attend drill.

Gramps and all of the experiences he endured. Through Gramps' hard times and difficult experiences we were able to learn and thrive from the lessons learned. I won't ever forget Gramps and will never stop missing that thunderous voice that always provided a voice of reason. We will all miss him indeed but rest-assured that Gramps continues to watch over us from "The Big Hangar in the Sky" as he did here on Earth and continues to keep us "true to the Tech-Order". In the words of my Grandpa, Chief Master Sergeant John "Jack" Terry: Roger & out – Keep 'em flying – The Ole' Chief.



## From Our Hearts To Yours, A "Thank You" Letter from Mrs. James Kingsley

How grateful the girls and I are for our Family there at the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Words can't begin to Express our Appreciation for All that you have Done to Help us through such a Difficult Time these past five months. The Outpouring of your Hearts, Prayers and Financial Support has been Immense. All of the hours that the Crew from the Weapons Shop Donated from their own Paid Leave, the Donations made at "The Family Day", the Golf Tournament for Jim. The Visits at the University Hill Hospital, Words of Encouragement, Hugs, and Cards have been an Extension of our Lord's Arms that have so surrounded us and have kept us Lifted Up Physically, Spiritually, & Emotionally. Our Heartfelt Thanks & Gratitude to Lockheed & Martin for their Donation of the Life-Like Models of the Jets for the Auction held on our behalf. We Truly Feel that are Part of The Air National Guard Family there in Syracuse, N.Y.

*Thank You and May God Bless Each One of You!  
Jim (now Present with our Lord),  
Megan, Moriah, & Sarah Kingsley*



Col. Tony Basile, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Commander, Mrs. Megan Kingsley, and Command Chief Master Sgt Ted Mosley.

# What It Takes To Turn A Jet!

## Air Crew Life Support



OIC: Maj. Donovan C. Pieterse  
NCOIC: Master Sgt. Harry L Artemisio II  
No. People Assigned: 11  
Existing Vacancies: 0  
Location on Base: Operations  
(Bldg 643)

**Job Description:** Inspects, maintains, and adjusts aircrew life support and chemical defense equipment such as flight helmets, oxygen masks, and other types of aircrew life support and chemical defense systems. Issues and fits aircrew life support and chemical defense equipment. Installs and removes aircrew life support aircraft equipment. Uses various types of test to conduct reliability testing on aircrew life support and chemical defense equipment. Maintains inspection and accountability documentation on life support equipment issued to aircrews or prepositioned on aircraft. Conducts aircrew life support continuation and chemical defense equipment training classes. Instructs aircrews on equipment use, operation, and capabilities. Teaches aircrew techniques such as evasion procedures, emergency egress, combat survival procedures, environmental hazards, and other survival actions. Plans, directs, organizes, and evaluates aircrew life support operational aspects necessary to meet operational readiness. Provides staff assistance to subordinate units. Conducts quality assurance inspections for compliance with policies and directives. Identifies and documents equipment and personnel training discrepancies and recommends corrective action.

**School Requirements:** 1T1X1, Basic Aircrew Life Support Specialist Course, 32 Days, Sheppard AFB, TX.

If interested contact: Master Sgt. Harry L Artemisio II 315-454-6207.

*“What it takes to turn a Jet” is a new monthly EnGarde feature that will be highlighting various areas on base. This project is intended to educate all of us to the various and numerous functions required in launching a jet.*

## Air Fuel Systems



OIC: Maj. O'Connor  
NCOIC: Tech Sgt David Roe  
No. People Assigned: 19  
Existing Vacancies: 7  
Location on Base: Fuel Cell Hangar  
(Bldg 628)

**Job Description:** Removes, repairs, inspects, installs, and modifies aircraft fuel systems including integral fuel tanks, bladder cells, and external tanks. Maintains associated hardware and equipment. Advises on aircraft fuel systems removal, repair, and installation maintenance procedures and policies. Recommends corrective actions and resolves problems using technical publications and analytic techniques. Performs maintenance on aircraft fuel tanks and cells. Performs entry and maintenance in confined spaces. Removes, repairs, and replaces malfunctioning components. Prepares aircraft surfaces, and applies sealants, adhesives, and associated chemicals. Supervises, inspects, and evaluates aircraft fuel systems maintenance activities. Cleans fuel cells and tanks, and inspects for foreign objects, corrosion, cell deterioration, and fungus. Stores, handles, uses, and disposes of hazardous material and waste. Initiates deficiency reports, maintenance analysis documents, technical data changes, and equipment records. Records information on data collection forms and automated systems.

**School Requirements:** 2A6X4, Aircraft Fuel Systems, 37 Days, Sheppard AFB, TX.

If interested contact: Tech Sgt. David Roe at 315.454.6479

## Fire Protection



OIC: Major Earl Evans  
NCOIC: Master Sgt. Jeff Chrissley  
No. of People Assigned: 27  
Existing Vacancies: 2  
Location on Base: Fire Department  
(Bldg 644)

**Job Description:** Plans, organizes, and directs all fire protection activities. Analyzes fire protection operations, determines trends and problems, and formulates corrective measures. Coordinates fire protection support agreements and pre-incident plans. Executes and enforces the Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program. Conducts and evaluates training on specialized fire protection equipment and procedures. Performs inspections and organizational maintenance on fire protection vehicles, equipment, and protective clothing. Provides fire prevention guidance. Performs project reviews to ensure fire safety feature adequacy. Inspects facilities, and identifies fire hazards and deficiencies. Determines fire extinguisher distribution requirements and performs inspections and maintenance. Establishes public relations and conducts fire prevention awareness and educational training. Controls and extinguishes aircraft, structure, wild land, and miscellaneous fires. Establishes an emergency operations incident command system. Drives and operates fire apparatuses, specialized tools, and equipment. Conducts hose evolutions and pump operations, and protects exposures. Preserves and protects emergency scene evidence. Investigates fires to determine origin and cause. Effects entry into aircraft, structures, and other enclosures. Shuts down engines, safeties ejection systems, and isolates utilities. Conducts search and rescue operations. Administers emergency first aid. Protects people and the environment from hazardous material releases.

**School Requirements:** 3E7X1, Fire Protection, 68 days, Goodfellow AFB, TX

If interested contact: Master Sgt Jeff Chrissley 315-454-6592

# Airmen of the Year Winners



274<sup>th</sup> ASOS NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Celio M. Castiblanco developed weapons, tactics lesson plans, training aids that assisted squadron as a valuable tool to ensure the personnel are current and familiar with the latest weaponry systems. He also Served as Special Forces Terminal Attack Controller (TAC) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).



174<sup>th</sup> FW NCO of the Year

Tech Sgt. Colleen E. Weed has been highlighted by ANGRC as one of the Equipment Managers who consistently meets or exceeds the required report deadline. She was identified as an outstanding Superior Performer by the ACC IG team. She achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in English through Columbia College, with a GPA of 3.8.



174<sup>th</sup> FW Senior NCO of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Shearer was responsible for the Accessories Element, Crash Recovery Program and Hydrazine Response Program evaluation, resulting in "complies with" ratings and the highest overall rating of any unit, Guard or Active duty in last 3 years during the 2003 Air Combat Command Inspector General Unit Compliance Inspection. Congratulations Mark!

# A Salute to the 2003 Retirees

Lt. Col. Steven Thomas, FW  
 Tech Sgt. Howard Joy, LRS  
 Staff Sgt. Franklin Perrigo, LRS  
 Chief Master Sgt. David Benson, MAI  
 Master Sgt. Dickinson Fowler, CES  
 Tech Sgt. Kris Olson, LRS  
 Tech Sgt Warren Saunders, LRS  
 Master Sgt. Frank Wise, MCF  
 Tech Sgt. Dennis Sonnacchio, Det2  
 Master Sgt. Gary Illingworth, FW  
 Master Sgt. John Sullivan, CES  
 Master Sgt. Lawrence Hills, CMF  
 Tech Sgt. Tony Hall, MXS, Mar  
 Master Sgt. Clement Terino, MXS  
 Capt. Denise Kashuba, MDG  
 Master Sgt. Robert Keegan, CES  
 Master Sgt. Daniel Leskinen, CES  
 Master Sgt. Marie Nowlin, LRS  
 Tech Sgt. Brenda Siegel, LRS  
 Tech Sgt. Wannetta Flynn, MSF  
 Master Sgt. Carlton Derby, MXS  
 Tech Sgt. Timothy Hannon, MXS  
 Master Sgt. Donald Nelson, MXS  
 Senior Master Sgt. Susan Cenci, SVC  
 Staff Sgt. John Morgan, SVC  
 Tech Sgt. Lawrence Elsner, CES  
 Tech Sgt. Stephen Kimmick, Det2



Master Sgt. James Kadlecik, FW  
 Tech Sgt. John Graf, CES  
 Tech.Sgt. Daryle Bitely, MXS  
 Master Sgt. Paul Gorman, MXS

Senior Master Sgt. Paul Olszewski, CES  
 Master Sgt. James Olin, CES  
 Master Sgt. Forrest Batchelor, LRS  
 Maj. Gregory Bembenek, 138FS  
 Staff Sgt. Todd Johnson, SFS  
 Senior Master Sgt Charles MacNabb, CES  
 Master Sgt. Edward MacNabb, CES  
 Tech Sgt. Johnny Gavin, CMF  
 Tech Sgt. Frederick Pollard, LRS  
 Chief Master Sgt. Vladimir Lepsky, MDG  
 Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Whitman, AMXS  
 Tech Sgt. Dennis Spiegel, MXS  
 Master Sgt. Mark Elhage, MXS  
 Chief Master Sgt. Harold Bill, SFS  
 Lt.Col. Anthony Cerminaro, MDG  
 Master Sgt. John Urbaniak, SFS  
 Master Sgt. Thomas Benjamin, MDG  
 Master Sgt. Joann Fiore, FW  
 Master Sgt. William Elderbroom, CES  
 Tech Sgt. Wilson Mejias, MDG  
 Senior Master Sgt. Michael Drake, LRS  
 Master Sgt. Jane Miller, MDG  
 Chief Master Sgt. Ernest Mance, MDG  
 Master Sgt. Calvin Salladin, SVF

*Congratulations!*

# Base Announcements

## 174 Fighter Wing 06-07 Mar 04

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>OPR/OCR</u>
UTA	Awards/ORE Phase II C2 Exercise	
	Readiness/CONOPS Training	CEX
	Crash Recovery Exercise	MXG
	Beddown Exercise	CES
	DSO Training	LGRR
	Awards Ceremony (Blues Formation)	CCE
17	St Patrick's Day	
<b><u>AWARENESS ITEMS:</u></b>		
8-11	Night Flying	
10-26	CE Deployment for Training, Israel, 30 PAX	
TBD	152nd AOG Austere Challenge, GE	
TBD	Fire Fighter AEF tasking for 90 days	

### **Col Basile would like to announce the following:**

"From a VERY strong pool of candidates, CMSgt Mark S. Atkinson has been selected as the next 174th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, vice CMSgt Theodore W. Mosley." Thank you to ALL the applicants, and congratulations, Chief Atkinson!

CMSgt Atkinson's start date in his new position will be approx 1 Apr 04. His office will be located in the Command Suite, phone x102, office symbol 174FW/CCC.

### **FEEA Scholarship Application Now Available**

The Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund recently announced that applications for its 2004-05 scholarship program are now available. Eligible applicants are civilian federal and postal employees with at least three years of service, and their dependents. Dependent applicants must be full-time students in an accredited degree program and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Employee applicants must meet the same academic criteria, however, they may be part-time students.

### **All Services Club Announcements**

March UTA: St. Patrick's Theme- Prizes - BINGO

April UTA: Specialty drink night – serving Margarita's...come join in the Fiesta!

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 X606. 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!

We are still selling "Dog Tags" for the display in the new Club. If you would more information, you may obtain an application up at the Club or see MSgt Terri Scanlin.

### **Girl Scout Cookie Sale!**

On drill Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Dining Hall from 1030- 1300, Junior Troop 675 from Mexico NY will be selling Girl Scout Cookies. Come and help support our troop get to Darien Lake for a 2 night 3 day end of year field trip.

### **Comrel Guest Speaker**

The Comrel guest speaker for March will be Marilyn Higgins, Vice President, Economic & Community Development, Niagara Mohawk, A National Grid Company.

## The Early Bird Gets the Tuition Worm

*Master Sgt. Mary A. Gilchrist, 174<sup>th</sup> FW Retention Office Manager*



Well it's TAX time. It's time to think about filing out your 2004 – 2005 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) application if you plan on attending school for the Fall 2004 or the Spring 2005. Applications can be found at your school Financial Aid Office or on the Internet at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

As you all know this is a mandatory step in the application process for the use of the State Tuition Program. The earlier you apply for your PELL and TAP grants, the easier the process is to qualify for the tuition benefit. Once you file your taxes, my advice to you is to fill out your FAFSA as soon as you can so you can have your grant awards all set by the time you apply for the tuition.

If you are a student who plans on attending part-time, you HAVE to apply for your Aid for Part-time Study through the school for

that semester.

During both the MAY and JUN UTA there will be a Tuition briefing for all personnel who plan on attending College in the fall and using the State Tuition to help. There will be applications (DMNA Form 96-1) on hand to be filled out and handed in. Please bring your tax information with you as you will need this information for your application. Also bring any questions you may have about the program or school itself.

Remember DMNA Form 96-1 must be completed for each semester. The cutoff for the fall semester is tentatively the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Aug Drill. Please don't wait for the last minute.

Any questions regarding the tuition program can be directed to Master Sgt. Mary A. Gilchrist, your Retention Office Manager at 454-6161 or send an e-mail at [mary.gilchrist@nysyra.ang.af.mil](mailto:mary.gilchrist@nysyra.ang.af.mil).

*"A great man is not counted by how many footsteps he leaves, but how deep they are when we try to follow"*

On Saturday, January 10, 2004 this organization lost one of its most cherished members, Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) John K. Terry. Chief Terry knew my family well. He worked with our dad Senior Master Sgt. (Ret) Whitman "Coach" Brady for over twenty years, he watched three of us grow up, join the unit and prosper. For myself, he was the epitome of the "The Boys From Syracuse", a family oriented, dedicated, patriotic gentle man. He was so proud to be a part of the 174th and the military, which he cascaded down to each and every person he touched. Just ask anyone how his "popping up" with a Mary Jane or Tootsie Roll Pop put the spring back in your step after a long, tedious drill weekend. His gift was to make people happy, to laugh, to see the big picture. With a total of 39 years of military service from WWII, Pacific Theater, to The Berlin Crisis where he saw duty in Phalsbourg, France, to the Vietnam Era which took him to Clovis NM and back to NY ANG until retirement. His patriotic duty didn't stop at his job. He was a founding member, past Secretary and Membership chairman of the Alumni Assn. As Membership Chairman, he was ardent about recruiting and retention of members, using every means available to him to ensure a solid organization. He established a program to assist widows/widowers of deceased Association's members. He was one of the front runners for bringing the Memorial Park to fruition.....we can never thank him enough for this. Here are just a few of the wonderful e-mails we received when members were notified of his passing:

"I got the feeling this afternoon that John was sitting on a contrail, looking down at me and chuckling. I have been doing the Alumni updates for John for several years, and I've NEVER had a problem with spreadsheet formats. This morning it had me talking to myself. That reminded me that besides his admirable balance of empathy and seriousness, he also had a streak of impish humor." (Tim Myers);

"We'll be at our best for John on Thursday. I am sure he will look down and be pleased. After many years of service it will be an honor to send him off as only he would want. He will be deeply missed" (Joe Gianetto/Honor Guard);

"Thank you for the sad, sad news about John. We have lost a good pal. I know I would not have gotten along without him after Eddie died. He was a blessing to me at that time. I for one as well as many other widows feel so fortunate to have had him in our lives." (Marilyn Hopkins);

"Seems like there is not enough ink nor paper to express my sadness. I was home over the holidays and had a chance to talk to John. I did get to let him know that he was one special person, responsible for bringing me up in the "The Boys From Syracuse". Always a smile and an offer to help, what a great lesson he taught me for life!" (Jim Evans);

"I am one of the first three females in The Boys From Syracuse and one of the two who went to France. John and I have e-mailed miles and miles of foolishness to each other, it is with sadness that I remove him from my address book". (Kathy Boychek)..

*Chief Terry.....you will never be forgotten!*

### Taps:

John K. Terry, Chief Master Sgt.(Ret) died on January 10, 2004, our deepest sympathy to his wife Lillian and children. (See Above).

Egbert Ives, Master Sgt.(Ret), passed away on January 12, 2004. He was a member of the 174th Services Flight with military career from 1975 to 1989. Cards may be sent to HC62 Box 73, East Branch, NY, 13756. Our sincerest sympathy to his family.

Marie A. Hann, wife of Robert R. Hann a Life Member of the Association, died February 1, 2004 after a long illness with Leukemia She is survived by her husband and two daughters. There were no immediate funeral arrangements. Cards may be sent to 111 Emerald Dr, Liverpool, NY 13088. Donations in Mrs. Hann's name may be sent to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of CNY.

### Sick Call:

Adolf Ziorjen has been quite ill and is in a nursing home in Ormond Beach, FL. Cards may be sent to their home at 5 Golden Bear Path, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

### News:

We desperately need you to advise the Alumni Assn if your e-mail addresses have changed! It is very frustrating when sending out important messages of deaths, meetings changes etc. and have so many returned. If you're not sure - email me at [jmcnamal@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jmcnamal@twcny.rr.com).

We are still looking for volunteers to step forward to take over the Alumni Association's Entertainment Chairman and Membership Chairman positions. For more details of position responsibilities join us at the next meeting or speak with a Board Member or myself.

Our Sunshine Chairman is Chief Master Sgt.(Ret) Don Whiting. If you know someone who is ill or in the hospital, or if one of our members have died, please make sure the Don Whiting knows. His e-mail is [deacondon@worldnet.att.net](mailto:deacondon@worldnet.att.net) or notify the base and they will let us know. This information helps us in many ways for roster data input, scheduling of engraving for memorial park, connecting with our Association families, so it is an important piece of information that needs to continue to be passed along.

Our next meeting will be March 18, 2004 at the Base All Services Club at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Come on out and BRING ANOTHER ALUMNI FRIEND....we'd love to see you.



Chief Master Sgt. John Terry reviewing some final notes as the photo above was taken on Chief Terry's last work day before retiring from the unit. Chief Terry loved the 174<sup>th</sup> and serving his country so much that he wrote personal letter to then President Ronald Reagan requesting a extension waiver. He felt that 60 was to young to retire.

**The Men and Women of Hancock Field**  
request the pleasure of your company at a  
**Retirement Reception honoring**  
**Chaplain, Lt.Col. R. Paul Mathis**  
on Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2004  
at the Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, East Syracuse, NY



**Social ~ 1800**

**Dinner ~1830**

**Menu~** Cheese & fruit, salad, pasta bar, turkey & roast beef carving, oriental selections, and dessert/coffee display  
~Includes soft beverages, tax, tip, gratuity &gift ~ Cash bar

**Cost ~ \$20.00 per person payable by check made out to:**  
**"174FW Welfare Fund"**

**Dress ~ Business Casual, female equivalent**

**Please RSVP with payment NLT 24 March 04 to:**  
174FW/CCE, 6001 E. Molloy Rd., Syracuse, NY 13211-7099,  
Or in person to Lt. Col. Timpano or Lt. Bucci

*For additional information, please call x139 or x651*

*~Please note that seating is limited~*

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