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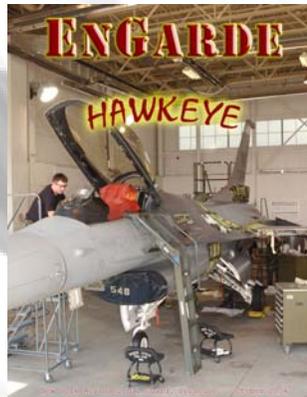
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174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all 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

Well, the Fair's over, the windshield is wet every morning, leaves are falling, and we're very close to Halloween and changing the clocks. You know what that means? You guessed it, our last transitional drill of the year is upon us (probably not your first answer). After a busy ORE August, and Family Day (congratulations to the chiefs, we'll need to bulk up for next year, or change the rules!) and Dining Out September, those of us not deploying to Air Warrior will be catching up on medical requirements, training documentation, process improvement, and the like, in preparation for the wild ride of the next few months.

It's imperative that we don't miss this opportunity to catch our breath. November will be a full-up dress rehearsal for the ORI, December brings the holidays and all the hustle and bustle of that time of year. Then we're into our first January drill (remember, no drill in July!!!) to tweak for our guests at the end of the month.

I'm happy with our pace to date as we prepare for a very important inspection. I did not want to push too hard or peak too early. I got my wish! But with that said, I'm happy with our progress to this point. I don't expect to peak in November, and that's good, because the team won't be here to witness it. I am, however, looking for another measured progression from our August effort. That progression starts individually with personal requirements,

and this is a good UTA to tighten those loose ends up. Remember, this is also the drill where all physical fitness testing should be complete. Put the donuts down and throw on those sneakers.

On Saturday, 25 September, we held a dedication ceremony of the Medical Group building in Brigadier General Doctor Ravindra Shah's name. Many of you knew him. He and I started our careers here, and became great friends. It is no accident that our Medical Group is one of the most respected in the entire Air Force. Dr. Shah had a lot to do with molding that organization, first as a Flight Surgeon, then as Group Commander, and finally as New York State Air Surgeon. He hired and mentored most of the current and past leadership, as well as many of the hundreds of talented medical personnel that have graced those halls in the past 25 years. He is sorely missed both as a leader and a friend. As he never was one to shy away from attention, I'm sure he has a smile on his face as he looks down over "his" building.



Colonel Anthony Basile
174FW Commander

EXCEPTIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAM (EPP)

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



This is the time of year that we start the process for EPP. This is a NY State program that is outlined in ANGI 36-2101. This program provides promotion opportunity for exceptional traditional guard members to SMS and CMS when Unit Manning Documents vacancies do not exist. Each Wing in the State may submit two candidates for consideration for each position. The NYANG EPP board will review the applicants and make the decisions. The Board is comprised of Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ)-NYANG Command Chief, the JFHQ-NYANG Human Resource Advisor, and each of the Wing Command Chiefs. The following are program guidelines

- Must be a traditional guard member
- Must not be excess to unit requirements or become excess within the subsequent two years following promotion
- Must meet the minimum time-in-grade (TIG) and time-in-service (TIS) requirements and be fully qualified in their Duty Air Force Specialty Code (DAFSC)
- Must have completed the SENIOR NCO Academy (in residence is highly desired)
- Cannot be promoted to a position two grades above the UMD authorization
- Must be within three years of qualifying for a reserve retirement

ment at the time of submission with 17 years of satisfactory service based on their current AF Form 526. Partial calculations are not authorized

- Must have three years of retainability prior to reaching age 60 and must agree to remain in the ANG for three years subsequent to promotion. Must agree to be transferred to the retired reserve or be discharged on the third anniversary of the promotion, unless assigned to a valid UMD vacancy commensurate with the member's grade (see attachment one). Demotion to a lower grade is not an option at the third anniversary
- First Sergeants (8F000) may also be considered for EPP
- Members promoted under this program are the sole occupants of the promotion authorization and UMD position for the three-year term of their promotion



I cannot stress enough the importance of a quality package. Applicants must be exceptional in Leadership and Job Performance, Self-Improvement, Base and Community Involvement and have accomplished other significant achievements to compete against the rest of the State. More to follow.....

Chaplain's Corner

By Major Douglas Decker, 174 FW, Chaplain



The liturgical calendar for the month of October is filled with special saints that share in God's glory and power. Some of the feast days include Guardian Angels October 2, St. Francis of Assisi October 4, and Ss Simon and Jude October 28. These are special days for us to reflect on God's special helpers to assist us with our everyday needs and crosses.

The concept of Angels has currently become popular in the movies and in different literature. We know of Angels from the different Bible stories. Stories of scripture briefly mention the archangels Michael and Gabriel and speak of Raphael only in the old Testament Book of Tobit. Each of these Archangels have special jobs and they served God without fail. In the New Testament Gabriel is the messenger who announces the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus. Michael appears at the head of the heavenly hosts, to conquer Satan in the great battle of the end time. From the paradise of the Book of Genesis to that of the Book of Revelation Angels fill the span of sacred history with their invisible presence and assistance.

They are the Lord's "angels" or messengers revealing his designs and carrying out his commands. Above all they sing God's praises, an immense host of adorers seen by the prophet Daniel and the apostle John around the throne of the living God. "Thousands upon thousand were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him." (Daniel)

Our Sunday worship joins the angelic worship of heaven. We offer prayers of praise to God and this joins the heavenly liturgy of worship, honor and thanksgiving of heaven. Our holy, holy, holy is echoed in heaven.

God gives each person a helper and guardian. This angel reference is found in the Book of Psalms. In Psalm 91 we read that a heavenly spirit is assigned by God to watch over each of us all the days of our lives. These angels guide and protect us. May God's Angels guard all of us. May the angels guard our military. May God's Angels watch over our country and our families. October 2 is the feast of the Guardian Angels.

OPSEC Defined/Responsibilities

By Maj Chris McDonald, 174th FW, OPSEC Officer



The Goal of OPSEC

The goal of OPSEC, as a countermeasures program, is to deny an adversary pieces of the intelligence puzzle. There is nothing new about the principles underlying OPSEC. In fact, we can trace OPSEC

practices back to the colonial days and the Revolutionary War. George Washington, our first president, was a known OPSEC practitioner. General Washington was quoted as saying, **"Even minutiae should have a place in our collection, for things of a seemingly trifling nature, when enjoined with others of a more serious cast, may lead to valuable conclusion."**

However, OPSEC, as a methodology, originated during the Vietnam conflict when a small group of individuals were assigned the mission of finding out how the enemy was obtaining advance information on certain combat operations in Southeast Asia. This team was established by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, and given the code name "PURPLE DRAGON."

It became apparent to the team that although traditional security and intelligence countermeasures programs existed, reliance solely upon them was insufficient to deny critical infor-

mation to the enemy--especially information and indicators relating to intentions and capabilities. The group conceived and developed the methodology of analyzing U.S. operations from an adversarial viewpoint to find out how the information was obtained. The team then recommended corrective actions to local commanders. They were successful in what they did, and to name what they had done, they coined the term "operations security."

OPSEC and Government Activities

Over the years it became increasingly apparent that OPSEC had uses in virtually every government program that needed to protect information to ensure program effectiveness. OPSEC professionals modified and improved techniques based on experience gained with many different organizations and in many various combat operations.

Today, OPSEC is as equally applicable to an administrative or research and development activity as it is to a combat operation. If OPSEC is not integrated into sensitive and classified activities, chances are that our adversaries will acquire significant information about our capabilities and limitations. It probably would have been difficult for the "Purple Dragon" team to foresee that, 20 years later, the methodology they developed would become a national program.

Eagle Eyes Part III

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 three in a four part series of articles focusing on the activities for which everyone should be on the lookout. Last month’s focus was on Elicitation, Tests of Security and Acquiring Supplies. This month’s focus is on Suspicious persons.

Suspicious persons out of place: People who don’t seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. This also includes multiple sightings of the same suspicious person, vehicle activity, separated by time, distance or direction and possible locations for observation post use. Look for individuals who:

- Stay at bus/train stops for extended periods while buses/trains come and go.

- Carry on long conversations on pay or cellular telephones.
- Order food at a restaurant and leave before the food arrives or who order without eating.
- Joggers who stand and stretch for an inordinate amount of time.
- Sit in parked cars for an extended period of time.
- Don’t fit into the surrounding environment by wearing improper attire for the location or season.
- Who exhibit unusual behavior such as staring or quickly look away from individuals or vehicles as they enter or leave designated facilities or parking areas.

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 Dry Run and Deploying Assets. More information can be found in AFMAN 31-201V3.

FOD Awareness Means Mission Success!

By Captain Nick Lotito, 174FW, Maintenance Division Supervisor



Happy October !! I hope you and your loved ones are looking forward to the fall season of apple picking, leave changing, and Trick or Treating. Here at Hancock Field, we are in what has been a very long season...Construction Season. Although the season is winding down, it will not go away. Construction on base has become a very serious threat to our aircraft and thus why I am writing this article. FOD or Foreign Object Debris, is any item foreign to the engine/aircraft (paper, plastic, flashlights, tools, concrete, birds, even ice) that can reduce the performance of the craft and or engine.



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Here on base we have lots of FOD hazards, and they are everywhere. From gravel that migrates into tires and then on to the flightline to plastic bags that blow from unclosed dumpsters, the ways to FOD an aircraft or engine are varied.

In an effort to help reduce the potential, we have increased our FOD reduction measures. FOD walks are one of the best things we can do to control FOD. FOD walks are accomplished every Mon, Wed, and Fri with members from the FW and MXG. These members come out and walk, head down, looking for anything not firmly attached to the upper and lower ramp. You would be amazed at the amount of FOD collected on EACH walk. Thanks to all of you who participate and make a difference to aircraft safety.

The FOD Boss is another tool we are using more frequently. This ingenious device is towed behind a vehicle and uses small strips of carpet-like material to tease the small stones, debris and metal bristles into pockets that are emptied later. It can also

be used while it’s raining and does an excellent job on the tarmac finding loose asphalt pieces that are hard to see. Lastly, you will see the following signs on base:

These signs were provided by our Lockheed-Martin Rep and will help all personnel keep FOD foremost in their minds as they drive, jog or roller blade around base.

FOD Awareness (blue) signs will be at the base entrances to inform all personnel that FOD is an important issue at a fighter base, especially a SINGLE ENGINE unit. If you see paper or plastic blowing around, pick it up.

FOD Control (yellow) areas are interim areas that are the first step toward serious parts, tools and personal equipment accountability.

Lastly, FOD Critical (red) means we cannot tolerate a lack of vigilance or action to look for, identify, and remove FOD.

Our pilots and maintainers have seen the danger and destruction FOD can cause. Your assistance in eliminating FOD is very important. For help in big areas or with large amounts of FOD, call the CE help desk x446, if on the base proper, and the MOC x675 if on or near the flight line. Your quick phone call or effort to pick up a piece of paper, stone, or save us 1.2 million dollars worth of engine damage to craft. Thanks for your attention to FOD. It makes a difference.





Maintenance Group “Hawkeye” Inspection Team

By Major John R. O'Connor, 174FW, Maintenance Squadron Commander

Although the ORI is still 4 months away (That’s only 8 UTA days!), there’s already an inspection team in town and it’s called “Hawkeye”. As we continue to prepare for the January 2005 Phase I ORI, the Maintenance Group has organized a crack team of experienced technicians to give each of our aircraft the most thorough inspection possible prior to the IG Team’s arrival. Over the next 4 months, each aircraft will be inspected, defects will be documented, repairs made and forms checked to ensure that our jets are ready to go to war. This includes the airframe, engine, Alternate Mission Equipment (AME) and, of course, the always critical forms/CAMS documentation. The Hawkeye inspection is meant to be tough and to uncover any and all discrepan-

cies in order to get them corrected prior to the IG Aircraft Acceptance inspection.

The Hawkeye process represents a significant investment of time and effort on top of daily maintenance operations, and the decision to make it happen was not taken lightly. Maintenance leadership decided to initiate the team after careful review of recent ORI reports, ORI observation trips, direct input from units who have done well (and not so well) on recent IG inspections, and input from our own personnel who augment the ACC IG team and know through first-hand experience what the team is looking for. The IG Aircraft Acceptance inspections are the key to a successful Aircraft Generation process, which is a critical graded area on the Phase I ORI. One single primary aircraft rejected by the IG team can impact the entire





ORI grade. The bottom line is that as painful as the Hawkeye inspections can be (Believe me, they are!), units who invest the time and take it seriously have seen the efforts pay big dividends on their final inspection results. It's worth the effort!

The Hawkeye Inspection Team consists of experienced technicians hand picked for the job based on their extensive knowledge of their particular specialty and overall experience level. Every major maintenance area is represented, to include our Lockheed Martin Tech Rep, Mr. Dave Galloway. Dave's knowledge and experience from the manufacturer's perspective is invaluable to our team's success. The Hawkeye Inspection Team is led by the OIC/NCOIC team of Capt Nick Lotito and SMSgt Mark Shearer (a veteran team member on 4 ACC IG inspections) and consists of the following maintainers:

APG (Crew Chiefs):

TSgt Ted Johnson
TSgt Pat Lamont

Propulsion:

TSgt Ralph Rochon
SSgt Chris Sandmann

Electric/Environmental:

SSgt Dave LeClair
SSgt Corey Larock

Fuels:

MSgt Dave Roe
SSgt Dave Kuchera

Structural:

TSgt Lyle Sharkey
SSgt Ed Peck

Hydraulics:

MSgt Dave Tripepi
TSgt Ed Heinz

Avionics:

TSgt Chris Zablocki
TSgt John Jones

Weapons:

MSgt Ed Pratt
TSgt Todd Marra

Life Support:

MSgt Harry Artemisio
TSgt Nicholas Lydell

Egress:

TSgt Thomas Nabinger

Quality Assurance (QA):

MSgt Chris McDonald
MSgt Charles Frantz

Tech Rep:

Mr. Dave Galloway

This team of dedicated pros will not only be responsible for the detailed Hawkeye inspections, they will also conduct a 'last look' visual inspection on each aircraft just prior to the IG team's arrival. This will give us an opportunity to address any minor problems that may have developed since the initial Hawkeye inspection, and make sure our jets look and perform their best. Finally, they will be on hand, along side the crew-chiefs, during the IG Aircraft Acceptance inspections to answer any questions the IG team may have regarding the condition of our jets.

The Maintenance Group is ultimately responsible for getting our jets to an inspection ready condition and, more importantly, keeping them there. The Hawkeye Inspection Team, with the help of all of our fine maintainers, is charged with making sure we reach that goal and doing everything possible to help the 174 Fighter Wing achieve our

ORI Goal Of OUTSTANDING!



Congratulations to the Maintenance Group Quarterly Award Winners!



Airmen of the Quarter
A1C Josh Vanwinkle
Weapons AMXS



NCO of the Quarter
SSG James Donnelly
Scheduling MOF



SNCO of the Quarter
SMS Dave Lathrop
Fabrication MXS

SECTION SPOTLIGHT



Name: Christopher Duffy
Rank: SSgt
AFSC & Title: 3P071/Security
Force Craftsman

S Sgt Duffy is a full time AGR with the Security Forces Squadron and has been with the Wing for four (4) years now. Prior to enlisting with the ANG, SSgt Duffy served six (6) years in the Active Duty Air Force and was part of the elite Phoenix Ra-

ven Program. While a Raven, he deployed to numerous hostile locations and provided security for aircraft, pilots, and cargo. Presently he is the NCOIC of the Standardization and Evaluation Program. During the 9/11 activation of the Security Forces, he spent twelve of the twenty month activation deployed to two separate locations. He has an associate's degree and has been recognized recently as the Squadron, Group and Wing NCO of the Quarter. On his off duty time, he enjoys working out, boating, traveling and reading. SSgt Duffy is very dedicated to the 174th and continuously puts forth 110% effort.

Name: Steven M. Sobus
Rank: SSgt
AFSC & Title: 2A652/ Aerospace
Ground Equipment Mechanic

S Sgt Steve Sobus is an Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic and has been a member of the 174 FW for eight years. He has participated in numerous deployments to include Combat Archer, Maple Flag, Combat Hammer, Enduring/Iraqi Freedom, and Cobra Sun. SSgt Sobus has contributed to the Air Force Suggestion Program and has profited nicely as a result, including a \$10,000 award. He is a member of the Base Pistol team, and augments Security Forces when needed. SSgt Sobus enjoys spending time with his two sons, and watching sports.



How to Keep Your Cholesterol in Check

By Major Priester-Bradley, 174FW, Health Promotion Educator

The word cholesterol invokes images of fat-clogged arteries and heart attacks in most of the guardsmen/women and their family members while performing cholesterol screenings during the family day event. It's quite understandable since high amounts of cholesterol in your blood can lead to heart disease. The truth is we need cholesterol for good health. Cholesterol is one of two lipids (fats) that move through our blood stream. Our bodies use cholesterol to build and repair cell walls and to make hormones. One form of cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) decreases our risk of heart disease. This "good" cholesterol helps clean fat from your arteries by carrying it to the liver for removal. The problem with cholesterol starts when we get too much of the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) which builds up in the arteries, clogging them. This "bad" cholesterol slows the blood flow and sometimes even stopping it completely. Every cell in our body needs oxygen and blood delivers that to cells throughout the body. If cholesterol clogs an artery leading to vital organs such as heart or brain the results can be deadly. However you can reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke or other dangerous effects of high cholesterol by educating yourself and your family.



Here are some tips to keep your cholesterol in check:

1. Get Tested—high cholesterol does not have symptoms, you will not realize that it is present until it's too late. Your medical provider can give you a simple blood test to measure total cholesterol, HDL and triglycerides. Health experts suggest that adults age 20 and older need to have their cholesterol checked at least once every five years.
2. Understand the numbers—Cholesterol levels are measured in milligram per deciliter (mg/dl). The lower the number the better. For example, high cholesterol is 240 mg/dl or higher, borderline cholesterol is 200-239 mg/dl, and desirable level is below 200 mg/dl. In addition to measuring total cholesterol, medical providers often measure the amount of good

and bad cholesterol. Desirable levels of good (HDL) cholesterol and bad (LDL) cholesterol can vary depending on your age, gender, family history and health condition. See your medical provider about what levels are right for you.

3. Change your menu—If you want to lower cholesterol start with your plate. Foods high in fat and cholesterol contributes to high levels

of cholesterol in your blood. Health experts suggest no more that 30 percent of your total daily calories should come from fat. The worst kind of fat is saturated fat, found mostly in foods from animals (beef, pork, milk and cheese). Saturated fat is the main dietary cause of high blood cholesterol. Health experts suggest in contrast, polyunsaturated fats, found in sunflower seeds, corn and soybeans and monounsaturated fats in olive oil, canola oil and peanut oils can help lower cholesterol in your blood. By adding more fiber, fish, fruits and vegetables to your diet can also help. Foods high in soluble fiber (oat bran, oatmeal and beans) can help lower total blood

cholesterol. Fish such as salmon and mackerel contain omega-3 fatty acids, which may lower triglycerides in your blood

4. Cigarette smoking, physical activity and obesity can contribute to high cholesterol. Smoking damages the walls of your blood vessels making them act like Velcro, so the fatty deposits will cling and block blood flow. Thirty minutes of moderate exercise at least three times a week can help you lose weight, improve cholesterol levels and reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

If lifestyle and dietary changes are not enough, you may need to talk with your healthcare provider and they may put you on medication to lower your cholesterol. So my advice to you is to consider the tips of keeping your cholesterol in check.



Your Career

By Master Sgt. Danielle Brentson, 174 FW, Mission Support Group, First Sergeant

The Air National Guard has many established organizations and additional duties in place to make handling your career very easy. For example, Military Personnel Flight (MPF), Virtual MPF (VMPF), Finance, My Pay, Unit Deployment Monitors (UDM), Unit Career Advisors (UCA), 1st Sergeants, etc. As professional as these organizations are, they do not have a vested interest in your personal success or advancement. However, it amazes me how many people do not assume any responsibilities

for their own career and rely solely on these sections and additional duty monitors. Please keep in mind it's your career and ultimately your responsibility. Go in and look at your records on the VMPF, look at your My Pay record. Ask to look at your mobility folder to see what requirements are coming up. Learn to read a point credit summary sheet. Make an appointment with your 1st Sgt to discuss career issues. I could make a list a mile long, but this is my point: Your Career, Your Responsibility!

Base Announcements

OCTOBER COMREL

In preparation for Native American history month in November, Hancock Field is proud to introduce Mr. Nathan O. George as our guest speaker for the October Community Relations Luncheon. Mr. George is lead interpreter for White Pines Productions Living History Department, Oneida Indian Nation in Oneida New York. He serves as the departments lead interpreter for native warriors and specializes in historical interpretations dealing with Iroquois history in the French & Indian War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and the Spanish American War. Mr. George is an active partner with the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge, PA and is responsible for educating school children about American history. He also works with local and regional schools via an educational outreach program to help augment the New York State curriculum for American history. Prior to his current assignment Mr. George was the Community Relations Assistant for the Oneida Indian Nation. Mr. George was a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve from November 1983-October 2000. His assignments included Company First Sergeant, Company Gunnery Sergeant, Liaison for Community Relations and Communications Chief to name a few. Mr. George earned the following awards and decorations: Naval Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Southeast Asia Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Nathan O. George on Wednesday 27 October in the Dining Facility. Doors open at 1130, program begins at 1200. If you have any questions please contact Lt. Col Timpano at X139 for additional details.



Children's Christmas Party

This year's Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 12. Look for the sign up sheet in the November EnGarde issue!



The new Base Exchange, located in building 612, is estimated to celebrate their grand opening on 16 October 2004.

NYC Art Society Continues 52-year Partnership with Air Force

by Capt. Jason Medina, Air Force Print News

9/14/2004 - NEW YORK -- Civilian artists unveiled a bit of recent military history at an Upper East Side event Sept. 10, carrying on an American tradition that dates back to the Revolution.

The artists, members of the New York City-based Society of Illustrators, have been embedded in Air Force operations to create original pieces that will help preserve aerospace history. The 64 new pieces, inspired by Operation Iraqi Freedom, are being displayed at the society's Museum of American Illustration here and soon will be formally donated to the Air Force's art collection.

Keith Ferris, perhaps the world's most renowned aviation artist, has been donating art to the Air Force for more than 40 years, including his 25 foot-by-75 foot B-17 Flying Fortress mural displayed at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

Mr. Ferris, the son of an Army Air Corps pilot, said his dreams of becoming an aviator were shot down when he was 21 because of serious allergies. But thanks to the art program, he has been able to fly in almost every fighter in the Air Force inventory and log

more than 500 hours of flight time since his maiden sortie in 1951.

"Safe to say that I spent the rest of my career staying as close to the Air Force as I could," said Mr. Ferris, who also spent two months at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. "I'd like to think the civilian world enlisted me."

The history of embedding artists in war dates back to the Roman Empire and evidence of American artists on the front lines can be traced to the American Revolution. The newly created Air Force inherited an art collection from the Army Air Corps and soon looked to the Society of Illustrators to identify qualified civilian artists to participate in its own program.

Artists are not paid for their work, but the Air Force reimburses their travel expenses.

Among the society's most prominent names are Norman Rockwell, Charles Dana Gibson and James Montgomery Flagg, who produced the "I Want You" Uncle Sam recruiting poster in 1917.

AWESOME PICNIC...GREAT TEAM WORK... WONDERFUL WEATHER...AND ALL OF OUR FRIENDS !!!!!

These are just some of the words to express my feelings for our 2004 Alumni Picnic. I was so pleased with the whole event that the wonderful feeling I left with is still around. It's a big challenge to pull it off without a hitch and my picnic committee needs to be commended. Pat & Chuck Normanly, Dick Brady, Frank Duester, Vince Coon, Sylvia King, Don Whiting, Jack O'hara, Mel Denny, Gary Berberich, and my wonderful spouse, John. Plus not to forget all those in the background, our DJ, bartenders, the South Shore Assn and the Kohutanich's who did the serving. Our big winner of the day on the 50/50 raffle was Bill Daniels who won \$150.00. A big thank you to him as he gave his awesome winnings back to the Assn as a donation. THANKS BILL!!!! We had some great door prizes and raffle items. One of our raffle items was made and donated by John McNamara, handmade trunk with the ANG insignia on the front. This item was won by Chuck DeMayo and he was thrilled, but felt that it belonged in an appropriate place – his idea was to put it in a place of importance for the Alumni in the new, soon-to-be All Services Club. Alumni memorabilia could then be kept in it. Nice touch Chuck and we will see that it is well taken care of.

One of the most important parts of our picnic was the sentimental, as well as spiritual service at our Memorial Park with Chaplain Don Whiting officiating. It was a bittersweet moment in time but with the cadre' of family and friends participating, I know that our families were consoled. There were about 30-40 in attendance and it was beautiful day. Twenty new names were engraved over the previous week so that all would be ready for the ceremony.

Next on the Assn agenda is the election of new officers and board members. Voting will be during our October meeting, so the results will not be published until the November En Garde. I will be sending out an email to all those on our list with the results. A heartfelt thanks to Floyd Dufore and his committee for taking this seriously and doing a great job preparing for the nomination and voting process. I love when a plan comes together.

Since this newsletter is always a month behind its hard to believe I'm sitting here in September writing about a November event, but here it is. Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 18th at the American Legion Post in Cicero, NY. ***This year our dinner will be prepared by their caterer.*** This will allow all members to enjoy the event. The cost is \$9.00 per person, beer and soda included. We will have turkeys to give away as door prizes as well as the 50/50 raffle and hopefully some other raffle items. The committee realizes that this is a substantial increase, however, where else could you go for some great comradery with old friends, reminiscing, eating a wonderful thanksgiving dinner and tipping a few brews.....and no one has to work all evening! That's right, no one will have to spend the evening serving the food etc. **NOTE: We would like each person and/or couple to bring a unwrapped toy marked for either a boy or a girl and the age it goes for. These will then be dis-**

tributed to a toy pantry for the holidays Enclosed in this issue is a blank reservation form to send in. I will also be sending out a mass mailing to all members with a form attached.

Reservations and money have to be in by November 6th.

We loved our August speaker, LTC Charles "Pappy" Patchin. He is a retired Army Special Forces member, works for Onondaga County Veteran's Service Center Agency. He spent 3 years in Vietnam and was a combat close air support pilot. He has interfaced with the 174th FW pilots on many occasions over his colorful career. He is the advocate for retired military dealing with claims against the government, for combat wounds received; service connected hearing loss and employee/employer relations. His speech was not only colorful, but informative and to say he was "animated" would be an understatement. We loved him and he thoroughly enjoyed his time with the association. If you know someone who is a great speaker, that would hold the interest of our group.....please let us know.

Taps: Tubbert, John D.

passed away August, 2004 in Ocala, FL. John was one of the original members of the 174TFW and a Mess Sgt. He was also a Life Member of the Alumni Assn. He is survived by his loving wife Ruth. Cards of sympathy may be sent to 5911 S. W. College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474

Simone, Redento J. passed away on August 24, 2004. Re was a proud veteran of WWII with the Flying Tigers. He was a charter member of the Boys From Syracuse and a Lifetime Member of the alumni assn. He is survived by his daughter Karlie & Edward Hamblin of E. Syracuse, NY. He is also survived by his brother Richard Simone. Condolences may be sent to 119 Kendall Drive. E. Syracuse, NY 13057.

Chamberlain, Worden age 74, died on September 4, 2004. Worden was a Med Tech in the 174th Clinic. He is survived by his wife Sonja and condolences may be sent to their home at P O Box 328, Weedsport, NY 13166.

Get Well Wishes to: We hear from our Chaplain that Charlie Metras is feeling considerably under the weather in his battle against cancer. Nothing would please him more than to receive some get-well cards or calls. You can contact him at 7179 Rosewood Circle, N. Syracuse, NY 13212.

Trivia & News:

Ed McNabb was the winner of the August 50/50 raffle and donated part of it back to the Assn. Thanks Ed!

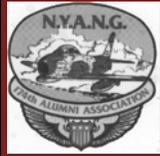
I received correspondence from Lt Col Dick Blansett, Commander 174th Air Guard (yes our own LTC Blansett)! This is a new organization who is looking for members. They will be holding drill meetings on Saturdays of non-UTA weekend. The first meeting is September 18, and the next meeting will be October 23. They meet in the Wing Conference from 0900-1300. If you would like to know more, contact LTC Blansett at (315) 457-7523 or email him at rblanset@twcny.rr.com.

Next Meeting:

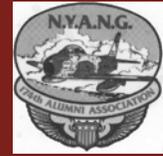
Will be Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 pm. This will be Election night so please be prepared to start on time.



L to R: Charles DeMayon, Thurlow Diller at Russian Garden of Remembrance 1961 in Berlin during the Berlin callup to France.



**174TH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**



WHEN: Thursday, 18 November 2004

WHERE: Cicero American Legion, Route 31, Cicero, NY

COCKTAILS: Start at 6:30 pm
Beer & Soda provided, Cash Bar for other drinks

DINNER SERVED: at 7:00 pm
Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Desserts, Coffee/Tea

COST: \$9.00 Per Person
Door Prizes and Raffles, 50/50 Raffle

PLEASE RESPOND BY: 6 November 2004

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I PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER ON 18 NOV 04

NAME:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
NUMBER OF GUESTS (COUNT YOURSELF)		AMOUNT ENLCOSED:	
PLEASE MAIL TO: MAUREEN MCNAMARA, PRESIDENT 347 WINKS ROAD CENTRAL SQUARE, NY 13036		<u>IN HOUSE ONLY:</u> RECEIVED: _____ # OF TICKETS: _____ RESERVED FILE: _____	

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