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About The Cover

Hancock Field will celebrate its 5th annual Wing Dinning Out on Saturday night of the September Drill.

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



Colonel Anthony Basile
174FW Commander

September drill? Aren't we supposed to have summer first? The State Fair can't possibly be over already. Yep, it's all true. But there is still good news. It's Family Day at the 174th. This is the one UTA day during the year where by design we thank those who are the closest to us for all their sacrifices as we serve our country and community.

I know that we have been doing these Family Days for a long time, and there is the temptation to skip bringing your loved ones out here because we've "been there, done that". But that misses the point. The thank you is not only from us as individuals. The thank you is from the Wing. It's from our country. It's a visible sign of appreciation to those who support our nation from behind the scenes. It's important that they get to participate. It's important that all of us get to say thank you.

Over the past few years, I think we've done a great job of

spiffing up Family Day. Lt Col Timpano and her merry band of party planners have great things ready for our loved ones. Great food, music, crafts, and a host of other events that are destined to make this a truly fun day for all. You might even see our ever-increasing number of O-6s (can't seem to walk down a hall without bumping into a colonel) challenge the only other more senior (average age) group on base, the Chiefs, to a tug-of-war (Chief Will, you're too young, you can't play). The bottom line is that Family Day should be a great time for all, and I sincerely hope you'll bring your loved ones out to enjoy it. I look forward to see all of you and your loved ones there, and know that you'll enjoy seeing the Chiefs sliding across the grass.



ENLISTED COUNCIL

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



In an earlier article that was in the En-Guard, I talked about getting involved with organizations, committees and groups, either directly or indirectly. One such group is the Enlisted Council.

This council is comprised of enlisted folks that cover our entire Wing. They meet on UTA's and discuss problems that we may face here at work. More importantly, they brainstorm ideas to resolve these problems and present them to The Wing Commander through the Wing Command Chief. This council may be the single most important group within the Wing when it comes to affecting positive change that all personnel will benefit from.

You can be involved directly by being a member, or indirectly by supporting the folks from your area that are on the council. UTA's are extremely busy and it is difficult to take an hour out of a work center schedule. However, the positive change that can be affected by this council will pay dividends to all enlisted personnel. The following is some additional information from our Human Resource Advisor and Enlisted Council Member SMS Gene Roberts

Good Ideas Become Great Ones

The Enlisted Council is an organization of enlisted members from all facets of the base population, who brainstorm and find answers to problems they agree can be tackled by the group. These problems might seem small, and even trivial to some, when the change if effected, it's generally seen as good.

For example, a few years ago, coming into the base on drill weekends was a logistical nightmare because there was only the one lane to get in, which was the first of many stressors that occurred throughout the day. The Council discussed possible alternatives, and after working out the details, put in a plan to open both sides of the main gate for incoming traffic – a procedure that you probably take for granted today.

You have ideas, good ones, that could potentially make this unit not only good, but great. And as the saying goes, "No ideas are bad ones – only the ones we keep to ourselves". Let's get some new ideas on the table so the unit can again move in the direction of positive change – up. Good ideas can become great ones in the enlisted council.



Chaplain's Corner

By Maj. Douglas A. Decker, 174 FW, Chaplain



From 25 to 29 July 2004 Ch. Bejian, SSgt. Holden and myself attended the National Guard Chaplain Service Conference held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD. The theme of this years conference was: "National Guard Chaplain Service: Joint Response to State Emergencies".

The conference began with the military rites and rituals of Posting the Colors, National Anthem, Invocation, and Welcome. To give you a sense of the conference, I will share some key points of some of the main speakers. Major General Bruce F. Tuxill, the Adjutant General of Maryland National Guard, welcomed us to Maryland and the monumental city of Baltimore. Maryland is rich in history and revolutionary tradition. General spoke of the need for Family Programs in the military especially during deployments. He spoke of Outreach to local clergy and Vision of the Chaplain as Spiritual Leaders.

Major General Paul J. Sullivan presented a lecture on the theme of Transformation. The Guard is experiencing transformation at many levels. The current status of the world continues to make many demands on our military members. Deployments are numerous and the sacrifices are many. Lieutenant General Daniel

James III entitled his remarks, "Its a Whole New World". His emphasis is: chaplains are a part of the military team. They bring peace and calm to the team. They bring balance in the midst of a stressed world.

We were glad to see a few familiar faces: Ch. Ellington and Ch. Charbonneau. They are regulars at the Guard Bureau. They know their jobs well and keep us up to date with new training and requirements.

Much of Wednesday, 28 July, was dedicated to the Army. The Deputy Chiefs of Chaplains, Chaplain (BG) David Hicks presented a talk on the importance of the Ministry Team in the Army. The Ministry Team serve the military near and far with spiritual guidance and help. He also share with us his walk with the Lord.

These gatherings are very good for us as military members. They educate us and motivate us with new ideas and renewed energy. We connect with other chapel teams from around our country. We hear their stories and we share our stories. In two years we will gather in Oklahoma City.

May the Lord bless our Military and their families.

Three Sundays in the Twentieth Century

By Maj. Chris McDonald, Wing OPSEC Officer



Let me set the stage by telling you what happened on three Sundays in the twentieth century. There is a common thread that ties together the events that occurred on these Sundays, and our being here today is particularly tied to the most recent of these Sundays. The dates of the three Sundays are June 28, 1914; December 7, 1941; and February 6, 1965. Sunday, December 7, 1941, "a day that will live in infamy," was, of course, the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the first day of America's combat involvement in the Second World War. What happened then in 1941 echoed what happened in 1914. No, it wasn't the date when the guns started the firing on the Western Front but, in retrospect, they were the first shots of the carnage called World War I. On that Sunday in 1914 in Sarajevo a young Serbian nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, fired two shots and killed the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife Sophie. The response of the Austro-Hungarian Government to the assassination led to a train of events that soon engulfed all of Europe. It was the opening bell for round one of a three-round conflict that has consumed most of the twentieth century: World War I, World War II, and the Cold War.

Sunday, the 6th of February 1965 is an outgrowth of the Cold War. And while it is not imbedded in our nation's memory like December 7, 1941, it is no less significant because its was on that date that the longest war in America's history can be said to have begun. In the early morning hours at a town called Pleiku, some two hundred miles north of Saigon, a platoon of Viet Cong troops made a surprise attack on American military personnel at the air-

field there. Eight Americans were killed and 119 wounded. This was a direct assault on Americans whose role in Vietnam up to that time has been purely advisory. This was not the first attack upon American personnel and equipment in the south, but it is the first attack that resulted in a continuing American Military response. (I use the word "continuing" to distinguish our response at this time from the quid pro quo response to the Gulf of Tonkin incident six months earlier.) With President Johnson's approval, a campaign of fighter-bomber strikes against military targets in the North Vietnam was begun. Known as "Rolling Thunder," these air operations played a unique role in the emergence of OPSEC as a concept and as a program.

The first Rolling Thunder mission was flown on February 11, 1965 four days after the attack at Pleiku and one day after another bloody attack on American personnel at Qui Nhon. Our war had begun, and I do wonder whether we would all be here today if Gavrilo Princip had missed on that Sunday in 1914. We can only speculate idly about this.

As the Rolling Thunder missions continued to be flown in the weeks and months that followed that Sunday in early 1965, they were accompanied by normal military concern over retaining the element of surprise. This concern gave the rise to a Joints Chiefs of Staff-initiated undertaking to identify any actual or possible sources that the enemy might exploit to derive forewarning or fore knowledge of our intentions. Such identification could provide a rational basis for the development of countermeasures. This undertaking, of course, was the genesis of OPSEC and began a train of events, which has finally brought all of us here today.

How did we do for the August Phase 1 ORE?

By LTC Carey Merritt, 174FW, EET OIC



Well, we made it through the second lap on the road to the ORI. Below is some of the observations the Exercise Evaluation Team members made during the UTA. We also had a number of peer unit evaluators on base providing us with some real objective insight.

Deployment Order Tasking (DEPORD):

The 174th FW was tasked to prepare 10 F-16 aircraft for deployment, deploy, and regenerate them for combat operations. The Wing chose to up the anti to 12 aircraft. In addition to the F-16's we were tasked to process 240 unit members and 120 short ton of cargo for deployment to a operating base in the AOR (base X)

(Sunday). Here are some of the high lights. When one looks at a Phase 1 (i.e. mobility) you can rate yourself two ways. One, can you mobilize your tasking in the given time frame of the Deployment Order? This is critical in demonstrating real world capabilities. We did demonstrate this!!!! Secondly, can you mobilize your tasking in the given time frame of the DEPORD, in accordance with the many rules and regulation set forth by the USAF. This we did not demonstrate, however, we did show significant improvement since June. We are at a proficiency level about where we expected, learning, enhancing and gaining, with some work to do. Taking care of our people, attention to detail, making sure we have the right tools, and setting high stan-

Strengths:

- Significant improvement across the board from June and through out the weekend.
- Strong cargo in check program, great pre staging operations
- Good information flow between Operations and Maintenance for A/C generation
- Deployment Control Center deployment status tracking system is excellent
- Force Protection threat assessment command and control is very good.
- Comprehensive PAX briefings
- All F-16 aircraft successfully deployed and regenerated
- Safety compliance was greatly improved

Areas for improvement:

- People management, got to have the right amount in place before we start
- Load Planning, too few people trying to excel with poor data in the LOGMOD database
- Personnel processing, the flow of the process is inefficient.
- Unit member corporate knowledge of FPcon level "Charlie " actions is lacking
- Too much cargo reaching pre-staging requiring re-work
- We looked a little flat at times, in November the pace will increase substantially
- Stricter adherence to good aircraft maintenance practices in general

Results:

We successfully generated 10 of the 12 aircraft, all Deployed, and all Regenerated successfully. Five of the eight chawks of people and cargo processed on time. Three chawks were held up due to delays in processing caused by lack of load handlers and equipment (Thursday), cargo preparation inadequacies prior to arrival at in check (Saturday), and personnel processing time delays

dards will get us where we want to be by January. This ORE showed us that excellence is not easy and to get there will be painful at times. Future success will be measured on whether our pain this month, was painful enough to enact the necessary corrective actions by our next ORE.....November. Press on.....



Hancock Field Family Appreciation Weekend

You are cordially invited to attend Hancock Field Family Appreciation Weekend. This year's event will include some old favorites from last year along with some new and exciting adventures for the whole family.

Friday and Saturday: The Ft. Drum Commissary truckload sale will be set up from 1000 to 1630 hours on Friday and Saturday at the AGE Shop, Building 700. You must have a military ID to make purchases. The commissary accepts cash and major credit cards. There will be many special sales and great prices! Some of the items for sale will be: Coffee, cereal, soups, cake mixes, rice, candy, spaghetti sauce, pasta, side dishes, instant potatoes, paper towels, toilet tissue, detergents, and much more! If you hold an active duty ID card, you are welcome to partake in this sale. They will accept checks, cash and credit cards as form of payment—NO debit cards will be accepted. This sale is not open to the general public. Authorized Commissary patrons only please!



Saturday evening: Another highlight of the weekend is the Annual Wing Dining-Out from 1800 to 2100 hours at the Genesee Inn. Guest speaker will be Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (Ret.), Chairperson for Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation.

Sunday afternoon (1200 to 1600 hours): Be prepared to tempt your palate, test your trivia and exercise your muscles in a fun filled family day. Carnegie Cafe will provide a delicious

lunch from 1200 to 1400 hours. O'Brien & Gere will be serving the all-you-can-eat ice-cream sundaes from 1300 to 1500 hours. At 1400 hours, ice cold beer, donated by the All Services Club, will be served. Disc Jockey SSgt Alan Dobransky will be entertaining us with his music from 1200 to 1600 hours. The Combat Arms Firing demonstration will be given by the 174th Security Forces Squadron. All members and guests can compete in the various Family Activities such as the Fitness Competition, Water Balloon Toss and Basketball Free Throw. The Tug 'o War Challenge will be exciting as teams vie for the coveted trophy. The Music Trivia Game will test your knowledge on Jazz, Oldies, Rock and Roll, Country and Children's music. The more you know, the bigger the prizes. Humvee rides will be offered by the 274th ASOS. Something new this year is the horse drawn wagon rides offered by MSgt Aaron Correll of the 274th ASOS and TSgt Sherry Correll of the 152nd AOG. Also added this year is a dunking booth. Be sure to stop by and see who you can try to dunk! There will be a schedule posted of who is getting dunked at what time. The events and activities will be located throughout the base. Be sure to get your map and schedule so you won't miss out on the fun!

Tentative Schedule of Events

(See Family Appreciation Weekend Program for Final Times and Locations. The Program will be available from the Civil Air Patrol Cadets or you can pick one up from the Sign-In Table at the Lunch line.)

- Catered Lunch, 1200 to 1400 hrs
Food Tent at Memorial Park
- DJ Music by SSgt. Al Dobransky, 1200 to 1600 hrs
Food Tent at Memorial Park
- Ice Cream Treats, 1300 to 1500 hrs
Activity Tent at Memorial Park
- Music Trivia Contest, 1300 to 1530 hrs
Activity Tent at Memorial Park
- Tug O' War Challenge,
Competition times to be posted. West of Activity Tent
- Family Activities, 1300 to 1530 hrs
West of Activity Tent
- Basketball Free Throw, 1300 to 1530
Bldg. 645 Westside Parking Lot
- Humvee Rides, 1300 to 1530 hrs
Pick up point is in Picnic Area
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, 1300 to 1530 hrs
Bldg. 645 Westside Parking Lot
- Combat Arms Demonstration, 1400 hrs
Between Bldgs. 632 & 634

- All Services Club Beer Booth, 1400 to 1600 hrs
Food Tent
- Chapter 50 Gift Shop, 1300 to 1530 hrs
Memorial Park Area
- VA Medical Representative, 1300 to 1530 hrs
Activity Tent
- Surprise visitor for the children!, 1400 to 1500 hrs
Memorial Park



Tips for Family Day



- All guests entering Hancock Field must have a valid military ID or have your name pre-registered with Security Forces. If you plan to invite someone without a military ID please call Lt Bucci or Sra. Strong at X651 with their name and vehicle information. This will ensure they get to participate in the fun. Without a military ID or pre-registration they will not be cleared to enter the installation. Please cooperate!
- Members outside of commuting distance are authorized to have their dependents stay in their assigned hotel room. If you and your family will need a hotel room for Saturday evening please make sure you pass that information to your First Sgt. and MSgt Haines.



- Be sure to get a Family Appreciation Day Program. This will tell you the location and times all of the events. If you need more information, just look for a Family Day Staff. They will be identified with special name badges.
- Lunch will be served at 1200 hours. All enlisted traditional Guardsmembers and Technicians must sign in prior to proceeding through the meal line. Guests, officers and AGR's

do NOT need to sign in. There is no charge for this meal.

- There will be two large white tents set up in Memorial Park. One will be the food tent and the other will be the Activity tent. The Music Trivia Game will be set up in the Activity Tent. To play the Music Trivia Game, you must first pick up an "Album Cover". Take your album to each of the Trivia tables and have it annotated with your score. Each table will offer you a small prize after you have successfully answered your trivia question. After you have finished answering questions from all of the five different trivia tables, you can then take it to the Prize Redemption Table to collect your prize. Be sure to get your picture taken for the cover of your album.



- Look for signs directing you to the Humvee Rides, and Horse Drawn Wagon Rides.
- The Memorial Park area will be designated as a No Hat/No Salute area. ***This will be effective after the National Anthem has finished playing.*** (NOTE: The DJ will announce the proper protocol for the playing of the National Anthem.)
- If an emergency situation should arise, please contact one of the Family Day Staff Members for assistance in calling the base 911 number. Please do not use personal cell phones to call 911, as we will be utilizing the base emergency function.





Government Quarters, Meals and Proportional Per Diem

By Maj. Chuck Hutson, 174 FW, Comptroller

Often travelers question the use of government quarters and meal availability and the associated per diem rates. The governing regulation over travel is the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR). Generally, on the first and last days of travel, 75% of the full meals and incidental rate is the entitlement. Any stationary days, are paid the full locality meal rate.

Use of government quarters is always directed when available. Therefore whenever your destination is a military installation with quarters available, your orders will state that a statement of non-availability is required to use off-base lodging. That statement allows you to seek off-base lodging and be reimbursed. Likewise, the government meal rate of \$8.30 per day is directed when a member is TDY to an installation and a government mess is available.

When only 1 or 2 government meals are available, proportional per diem is the en-

titlement. Proportional per diem is based on locality at about 50-60% of full per diem. Proportional per diem also applies when a member is attending a conference or workshop where 1 or 2 meals are provided as part of a government-reimbursed registration fee.



Meal availability is the factor that matters. If the traveler chooses to eat off-base, that is OK, but reimbursement is based on meal availability. The intent of the governing regulations is to maximize the use of government lodging and mess facilities, saving taxpayer dollars. Any time that a member is TDY to a destination where government lodging exists, one of three

rates will be authorized: government meal rate, proportional per diem, or full locality meal rate. Regardless of the orders, whenever you receive a government-provided meal, you are required to indicate that on your DD1351-2 travel voucher; that will limit your entitlement to proportional per diem for that day of travel.

Technically the word "per diem" refers to the full lodging rate plus the meals and incidental expense rate, also called the M&IE rate. Incidental expense in CONUS is \$3 per day and added to the locality meals rate. For example, for Syracuse the maximum lodging rate is \$70; the local meals rate is \$36; and incidental expense is \$3. That makes the M&IE rate \$39 and the maximum per diem rate \$109. As a point of reference, the proportional per diem rate for Syracuse is \$22. Per Diem rates for lodging, meals, and incidentals can be found at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/perdiemrates.html>.

Section Spotlights



Maintainer Spotlight

Name: Tabitha T. Detreville
Rank: Technical Sergeant
AFSC & Title: 3A071/Administrative Assistant

TSgt Tabitha (Tabby) Detreville is the Administrative Assistant for the Maintenance Group. She is a full time AGR and has been a member for 7 years. Prior to the ANG, she served 4 years in the U.S. Navy. TSgt Detreville recently participated in the 174th deployment to AL UDEID Air Base, QATAR for Operations Enduring / Iraqi Freedom in the fall of 2003. TSgt Detreville also volunteered for duty at Ground Zero in New York City immediately after the attacks on 9/11. For her outstanding performance while on duty at the World Trade Center site, she was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. TSgt Detreville has also been a long time member of the Honor Guard. In 1994, TSgt Detreville received an Associates Degree in Medical Administration. Her hobbies and interests include: shopping, dancing, traveling, reading and often enjoys jogging. One of the things she enjoys most about her career is seeing the Traditional Guardsmen/women each month and catching up on their lives outside of the 174th.



Fighter Wing Spotlight

Name: Cheryl Strong
Rank: Senior Airman
AFSC & Title: 3AO31/Information Manager

Sra Cheryl Strong joined the 174th Fighter Wing on 24 September 2002. At first she considered going active duty, but then decided that the Air National Guard was a far better military option. She is from Rochester, NY and has been assigned to the Public Affairs office at Hancock Field ANGB. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Art at SUNY Brockport focusing in photography. In her off time she enjoys spending time fishing in the many lakes located here in Central NY, especially bass, riding her mountain bike, and working on her computer particularly refining her graphic designer skills. She hopes to one day open her own graphic design firm specializing in web page design and development.

Eagle Eyes Part II

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 two 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 Surveillance. This month’s focus is on Elicitation, Tests of Security and Acquiring Supplies.

Elicitation: People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

Tests of Security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses. Terrorists may also employ aggressive surveillance by false phone threats or smuggle non-lethal contraband through checkpoints. Clearly, the terrorists intend to determine firsthand the effectiveness of search procedures and to gauge the alertness and reaction of security personnel.

Acquiring Supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also, includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

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 Suspicious persons. More information can be found in AFMAN 31-201V3.

Antiterrorism FPCONS, RAMS and Barriers

By 2d LT Tracy L. Schroeder & Master Sgt. Mark C. McAfee, 174 FW, Antiterrorism/Force Protection Office

You have all probably seen it coming for a while but lately you may have noticed a greater emphasis on the Air Force’s Antiterrorism program. The new AFI 10-245 calls for detailed participation in the program from how many RAMS are performed per day to the assignment of Antiterrorism representatives from each section on the installation. Active Duty Air Force has already moved Antiterrorism out from under the Security Forces umbrella and has placed it directly under the installation commander and it is only a matter of time before the Air Guard follows suit. That being said, RAMS, FPCON Measures, and Barrier Plan are about to become common terms in your Air Force vocabulary.

We’ll start with RAMs. RAMs are Random Antiterrorism Measures, which are FPCON measures or portions of them from higher FPCONS, implemented in a random fashion. AFI 10-245 calls for a specific number of RAMs to be performed each day, depending on what FPCON the instal-

lation is in. The higher the FPCON, the more RAMs have to be performed installation wide. Every section on base is responsible for implementing RAMs.

The FPCONS have changed along with AFI 10-245 and are located in the Antiterrorism Force Protection Folder under fs_base on the Ydrive. IAW AFI 10-245, your installation Antiterrorism Officers has localized the measures to the installation level and your Antiterrorism POC’s have localized them to the unit level. It is imperative that anyone charged with implementing any of the FPCONS are aware of their responsibilities. Waiting until notification that our FPCON has changed, is not a good time to decide who will perform what task and how.

The Barrier Plan is part of the Antiterrorism Plan also located on the Y drive in the ATFP folder. The barriers that you see at the main gate when you come to Hancock Field are now a DOD requirement for all military installations. Their purpose is to

prevent a high-speed approach to Hancock Field and therefore, its resources. Placement of barriers, elsewhere on the base, is also required. The higher the FPCON, the more the barriers. The purpose of the barriers is two fold. The first is to create a “stand-off distance”. A standoff distance prevents vehicles of any kind, from parking close enough to a building for explosives to cause severe damage to personnel and/or resources. The second is to control traffic flow in order to positively control all vehicles and personnel on base. This becomes more important during the higher FPCONS.

Defining antiterrorism is difficult if not impossible. Basically, it is imperative that anyone who may be watching or probing our installation will be unable to determine any sort of pattern or predictable behavior, unless that behavior sends the message that we won’t allow our base to be a target.

FPCON NORMAL: Applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture.

FPCON ALPHA: Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, the nature and extent are unpredictable. ALPHA measures must be capable of being maintained indefinitely.

FPCON BRAVO: Applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. Sustaining BRAVO measures for a prolonged period may affect operational capability and relations with local authorities.

FPCON CHARLIE: Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel or facilities is likely.

FPCON DELTA: Applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent. Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized condition. FPCON DELTA measures are not intended to be sustained for substantial periods.

Dress and Appearance

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



Jewelry

As the Saturday morning of drill approaches many of us begin to prepare ourselves both mentally and physically for the challenges ahead. One of the things many of us do to make our uniform look better is to put on jewelry. However, when doing so it is imperative to be familiar with AFI36-2903 so that you will not only look great, but also do so in Air Force standard. If you wear a watch, only one and it must be conservative in appearance. If you wear a bracelet, only one, no wider than an inch, and it cannot present a safety hazard. No more than three rings, and an engagement ring and a wedding ring count as two. And if you're a necklace wearer, that's fine, but it must be concealed at all times. Follow these guidelines and you will not only look good and feel good, but well within Air Force standards!

Hairstyles

Hairstyles vary greatly within our society, however the military has very specific guidelines concerning men's hair. A tapered appearance on both sides and back, both with and without headgear. A tapered appearance is one that when viewed from any angle outlines the individual's hair so that it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point. A block cut is permitted with a tapered appearance. It will not exceed 1 ¼ inches in bulk, regardless of length and not exceed ¼ inch at the natural termination point. Will not contain or have any visible foreign items attached to it. It is our responsibility to present a professional image while in uniform at all times. If you have any further questions regarding this policy refer to AFI 36-903!



Awards and Decorations

By SMSgt Joseph F. Gianetto

Throughout military history, awards and decorations have been used as a means of identifying ones heroism, military service, and participation in our nations wars and military campaigns. With all that is going on in the world these days, not to mention the 174th Fighter Wing's participation in Operation Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Nobel Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, one might ask, "What service and campaign awards am I eligible for?"

Some questions we are hearing concerning awards are; "What New York State awards am I eligible for? What campaign or service awards am I eligible for due to participation in Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployments? What documentation do I need to prove eligibility for certain awards?" These are all good questions, but unfortunately, there is not enough space for this article to answer them all.



Over the next several months, we will attempt to answer your questions, as well as clarify the eligibility requirements for current awards and new ones recently established by the Department of Defense. In future issues of the En

Garde, we will provide information on state and federal service and campaign awards. We'll also let you know what you will need to do to get your records updated if you find errors in your awards. If you have specific questions concerning your awards, don't hesitate to call your unit awards and decorations monitor. We are here to help.

D O D N E W S

JFTR CHANGES REIMBURSEMENT OF TOLLS

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

RESERVISTS, GUARD MAY GET FICA REIMBURSEMENT

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Mobilized National Guard and Reserve members and their employers may be in for a refund on some taxes the employers paid the federal government. Retired Army Reserve Lt. Col. Frank Scattene, a certified public accountant, has found a government rule stating Guard and Reserve service members are exempt from paying taxes on supplemental income" used by employers to pay into programs such as Medicare and Social Security. He said employers may file an amended tax return, using Form 941 to seek adjustment under special rules of Section 6413 of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations 31.6413(a)-2. Under this procedure, the employer would receive both the employer share and the employee share of the erroneously paid FICA tax, he explained. He added that, if the employer declines to reimburse the FICA to the employee, the Guard or Reserve member may file a refund claim using IRS Form 843.

It's that time of year again!

September is normally the month in which Elections are held for positions on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. However, since I'm always a step behind the eight ball, I failed to have the notice put in the August edition of the En Garde. So nominations are open for the following positions and elections will take place at the October 21st meeting. Positions open are as follows: President (currently held by Maureen McNamara); Vice Pres (held by Jim Shanahan); Secretary (held by Gary Berberich); Treasurer (held by Jon LeFeber); Chaplain (held by Don Whiting); Board Member (held by Ralph Brooks, Don Cook, Paul Jennings,). The other three Board Member positions are current until 2005 (held by Dick Brady, Mel Denny, and John O'Hara). Please take the time to put some thought who you would like to nominate for these positions, and ask them before the meeting if they would be interested. This saves a lot of time for the committee. Also, if you would like to be considered for a position – LET US KNOW! The nomination committee will be preparing for elections in September with the actual voting in October. I would like to interject one comment. Please do not accept a nomination if you are not willing to stand behind the job. Our Nomination Chairman is Floyd Dufore and he can be reached at 458-7229.

Also in regard to the Constitution and By-laws, the elimination of two positions is also being brought for your comments and will be voted on also. The Board would like to eliminate the Historian and Publicity positions respectively. There has not been much interest in fulfilling these jobs and there really isn't a need to keep them. Please direct any comments regarding this to one of the current Board of Directors members or call me direct at (315) 598-3999, email jmcmamal@twcny.rr.com.

Our speaker for July's meeting was Senator John DeFrancisco who was accompanied by his Legislative Aide Chuck Murphy. Sen. DeFrancisco gave an interesting talk on the original Patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence. Showing how their lives were effected by their heroic act. Many lost their families and fortune, some were imprisoned and killed. He piggybacked how today's actions still come with consequences but how important our freedom is and is kept by the acts of Patriots. There was also discussion of the Destiny USA project and he gave us a overview of where he stands with it and where the project currently is at. Question and answer period followed. FYI – Sen. DeFrancisco was instrumental in getting the Jenna's Law and Cruz Law put into effect.

By the time you read this, our annual Alumni Assn Picnic has taken place. I will give you some highlights in next month's En-Garde.

Taps:

SMS(Ret) Clifford Sherman passed away on 30 Jul 2004. Cliff retired as a Construction Equipment Superintendent. He is survived by his wife Lillian. Cards of condolence may be sent to 635 County Rte 5, Pulaski, NY 13142.

We also received the sad news of the passing of **David Coleman**,

son of Bill and Jan Coleman (Finance/Credit Union). David lead a very courageous battle over a brain tumor all of last year. His dad writes that he died on 25 July with his wife and children and loved ones with him. David was very active right up to the last Saturday. He even participated in the Crescent City Classic 6K run this past May. He was 40 years old and leaves his wife Deborah and three children. Condolences may be sent to 1471 Rainbrook Court, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Trivia & News:

If you want something special to do over the summer or this Fall, Jeff Wallace reports that the Military Museum in Latham, NY is a definite place to go. It's a state of the art museum and our unit has a lot of items we've donated. For more information contact the PA office.

The website for Guard and Reserve benefits is www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/res_guard.htm

Did you guess who our pin-up beauty was in the Jul En Garde? Maj(Ret) Pat Normanly...you go girl..

Even though we just finished our picnic, plans are being made for our Thanksgiving Dinner, to be held at the Cicero American Legion post. Info will follow in next month's article.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 19th, 7:00 pm – please be prepared to start on time. We have a speaker and we have lots of business to attend to. Take some time to think about who you'd like to see in the Board positions which will be open, ask that person if they would be interested and then attend the September meeting. If you cannot attend – please contact us or send us a note with your nomination.

BRING A FRIEND AND COME ON DOWN.....we'd love to see you.



Jul 2004 - Senator John DeFrancisco, Maureen McNamara President Alumni Assn, Legislative Aide Chuck Murphy. Senator was our guest speaker for July meeting at All Services Club.

HANCOCK FIELD FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 10TH TO 12TH

**Ice
Cream
Treats!**

Games!

**Surprise
Visitor!**

**Humvee
Rides!**

Friday & Saturday, Sep 10 & 11: Commissary Sale

Saturday, Sep 11: 174 FW Dining-Out

Sunday, Sep 12: Family Day Celebration!

**Horse
Drawn
Wagon
Rides!**

Food!

Tug o' War!

**Trivia
Contest!**

**And
much
more!**

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