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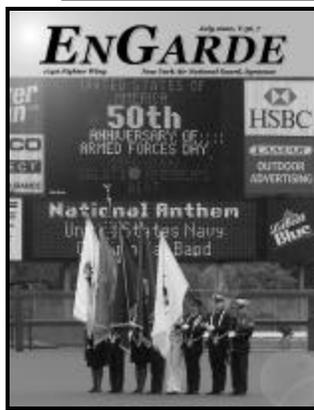
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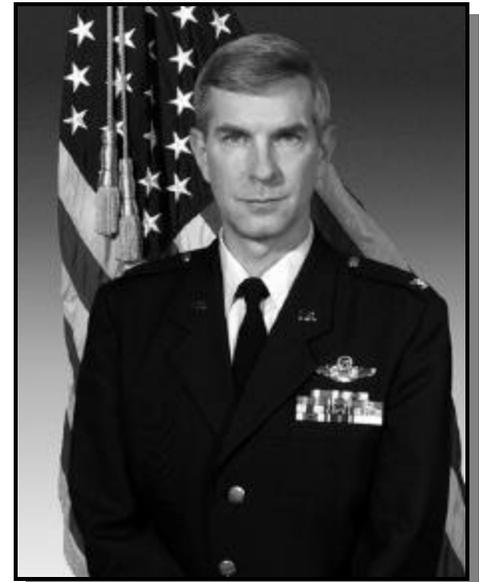
Military personnel representing all military services participate in a Honor Guard ceremony during Armed Forces Day celebration at P&C Stadium, on May 20, 2000.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

STRENGTH

The hot topic around the NY Air National Guard Headquarters these days is strength. The number one issue at the National Guard Bureau is strength. It stands to reason if our higher headquarters put strength above all other issues, it ought to be our top priority as well, and it is. But strength is not the simple issue that it may appear to be on the surface. When our superiors talk of strength they are referring to the total number of people in the NYANG in the first instance, and the total number of people in the ANG nationwide in the second. Why is this metric so important to them? The answers are deceptively simple. The short answer is that if the Guard does not fill its authorized positions, there will be pressure from the Department of Defense and Congress to save money by deleting the funding necessary to support the current fully funded strength. Those who have any experience at all with government, from local to national, understand the need to spend all of this year's money before the next year starts. This is the basis for our end of year spending plan which we are preparing now; a plan to budget carefully throughout the year with a little left over to take care of contingencies during the year, and the potential to purchase some important supplies and equipment that we could not afford during the early part of the year. Much the same drill is done at

the Guard Bureau and the Pentagon as well, with the same constraints. If you don't spend it, you may not get it next year. The ANG is authorized just under 107,000 members nationwide, and has a strength of around 95%. That means we are 6,000 people short nationwide. Look at that number the way the NYANG headquarters looks at it – that shortfall is just about the authorized strength of the NYANG, and if the NYANG were unable to fill a large number of its authorized strength, the temptation at the Bureau would be powerful to just close the NYANG. Fortunately, the NYANG is doing 'okay'; we are about 96% manned statewide and among the big states we are the best. The bad news is that in all of NYANG's five large units our strength is the lowest, with overall strength at about 94%. This must improve, and our recruiters are working hard to take care of the intake part of strength. The other half of strength is retention. We are all responsible for the retention somebody in the 174th – even if it's only ourselves. The Wing is busier than ever, with more training and deployments, but it's not the busy pace that I hear people complain about. Just the opposite – what people don't like is the feeling that they are coming to drills, but not exercising the skills they were taught. If we are not being given the opportunity to contribute meaningful work in our career



COL. ROBERT A. KNAUFF,
174th FW Wing Commander

fields, we need to tell our supervisors. As supervisors, if we are not providing our people the chance to perform their skills, gain additional training, and advance in their career fields, then we are depriving them of one of the main reasons they joined the Guard in the first place. If the 174th cannot attract and retain good people we will be unable to perform our mission, and if we are unable to do our mission, our existence will become unimportant to those we serve; the American public. We owe it to ourselves and to those who will succeed us to maintain a strong, credible Wing that is reliable in war and available in peace.

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 challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

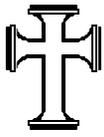
Mission Statement

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.

Key Results Area

Readiness: Equipment-Training-People
Effective use of People and Resources
Environmental and Compliance Awareness



Chaplain's Corner

By Maj. Timothy Bejian, 174th FW, Chaplain



Much of the time when I'm wearing the Blue suit, I'm the chaplain for the Northeast Air Defense Sector in Rome. One of my duties is to be the Galaxy coordinator. In my office over there, I have 20 cases of rockets and a case of rocket engines. By the time you read this letter, the kids who are involved in the Galaxy program will have built and launched their rockets.

The session where we actually build the rockets is always an interesting time. Some of the kids have built rockets before, but most haven't. What always amazes me is that the kids in the first group are usually the ones who screw something up while putting their rockets together. Why is that? This thought comes to mind. It could be that they didn't follow directions. I.E., having done it once they now feel that they don't need to look at the directions any more. Hmm, I wonder how many of us are guilty of the same thing? Why waste time reading a bunch of directions? Think about how much time we could save? This reminds me of an old adage: Short cuts often make for long delays.

Now here is a question for you. Have you ever read the Bible? If you have, was it just because you were curious or was it because someone told you that it is God's book of directions for mankind? Once I read the Bible because I was curious, but since then I've read it because I came to realize that in it I will find God's directions for how I can live a life that is pleasing to Him. But the truth is this, sometimes I don't read the Bible because I start thinking that I know all the answers. This is the first mistake and unfortunately, there will be more to follow until I get smart and go back to the directions.



I have a suggestion. If your life seems to be a series of mistake after mistake, why don't you try reading the Bible. It sure can't hurt you and you may just find that in it you will find the directions you need.

God's Blessings

ESGR State Chairman Appointed

By Lt. Col. (Ret) Mike Waters

David A. Duffy, a retired Marine Corp Major, has been appointed the New York State chairperson for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Chartered in 1972 by the Department of Defense, ESGR is a unique organization that strives to minimize conflicts between civilian careers and part-time military duties.

Duffy is a native of Syracuse and a graduate of LeMoyne College. He spent six years on active duty with the U.S. Marines, including duty tours in Vietnam and Okinawa. He is currently Vice President of Corporate Communications for Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., an environmental engineering firm based in Dewitt with 20 offices nationwide.

With the move to an all volunteer force and increased world-wide tasking, the United States military has to rely more and more on men and women from the reserve component.

Some employers are not totally sup-

portive of their workers voluntarily serving in uniform. Throughout New York State, in recent years, Reserve and National Guard members from the



Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines have deployed overseas to support operations in the Balkans and Middle East.

Maj. Duffy leads a volunteer group of business executives, senior govern-

ment representatives and military personnel in seven geographical regions across the state. Committee members meet with business executives and supervisors of their region to explain the significance of the National Guard and Reserve.

ESGR sponsors activities such as "Bosslifts" and other events where employers can see firsthand the military work of their employees. They can then develop a better understanding of the contributions made by their people. ESGR volunteers also visit local Guard and Reserve units to explain the rights and responsibilities of reservists and their employers. In his position as New York State chairperson for ESGR, Maj. Duffy reports directly to the Honorable Charles L. Cragin Principal Deputy Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

For more information on the ESGR program, please visit their website at www.esgr.org.

“Super Dave” Fights Retention Battle

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, 174th FW Public Affairs Officer

Master Sgt. Dave Klasen is a man for all seasons. He regularly organizes and participates in family support and community relations activities, including acting as the Wing’s point person for the Employee Support for the Guard and Reserve program. He is a founding member of the Wing Marketing Committee and is a key player supporting recycling for the Wing headquarters building. In addition, Dave maintains the titles of short-notice slide show composer, furniture mover and locksmith (he once opened a file cabinet that was accidentally locked with the key inside). All of these duties are in addition to his main responsibility of overseeing the Wing’s retention efforts. Perhaps most importantly, Dave does all these things without complaining and with a perpetual smile on his face. It’s no wonder that Master Sgt. Klasen was nicknamed “Super Dave” by former Air Force Advisor Major Matt Modleski.

Dave’s official title is Wing Retention Office Manager. He is one of 31 people who make up the Mission Support Flight (MSF) commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Hillick. Dave’s immediate supervisor is the Director of Personnel, Capt. Barb Hisel. The MSF is housed in the new Wing Headquarters building.

Prior to joining the 174th, Dave was a member of the U.S. Navy. He served as a Missile Fire Control Technician during the Vietnam War aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation. The carrier spent much of its time stationed as few as three miles off the North Vietnamese coast. As one can imagine, Dave and his fellow crewmembers were on a constant a state of alert, each taking 12-hour shifts manning the carrier’s huge Terrier surface-to-air missiles. But the long hours were not what ultimately turned Master Sgt. Klasen off to the Navy. It was the service’s failure to seriously take

into account family issues. Back then, each deployment lasted nine months and there was little time allocated to family matters. “Basically, sailors with families were considered second class citizens,” according to Klasen. The last straw was when Dave returned from a long deployment and his son did not recognize him.

But Dave couldn’t stay away from the military for long. Several years after leaving the Navy, Dave happened upon a 174th recruiting booth at Shoppingtown Mall. The booth was manned by none other than Master Sgt. (now Chief Master Sgt.) Bob



Chamberlain. After an aggressive campaign to woo Klasen, including offering him a 174th key chain and pencil (back in those days, Wing recruiters didn’t have the \$63,000 benefit packages they do today!), Dave joined the unit.

Dave became the Retention Office Manager in 1989. What initially attracted him to the position, and what has kept him interested over the years, is the opportunity to deal directly with a wide variety of unit personnel. “While many outsiders to the unit con-

sider our planes to be the central focus of the unit, in reality it is our people that make this organization so special,” said Klasen.

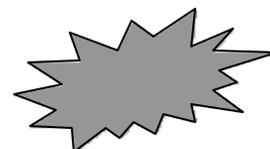


Klasen concedes that over the years, it has become tougher and tougher to retain our great people. He cites several reasons for this, including:

- The strong economy has reduced the need for extra income offered by the Guard
- Vietnam era airmen are retiring in large numbers
- The pool of eligible candidates has been reduced because many young people no longer consider the military an option.

Despite the current challenges in retention and recruiting, things have been looking up for the Wing. In the first quarter of FY 00, the 174th had the highest retention rate of any Air National Guard unit in the northeast. Dave credits this success to the many Wing members who constantly emphasize the positive aspects of being a member of the armed forces in general and the 174th Fighter Wing in particular.

With the continued hard work and persistence of “Super Dave” and the entire unit, we can look forward to continued success on the retention front in the future.



Colonel Robert Knauff Selected to Receive YWCA Diversity Achiever's Award

by Tech. Sgt. Gary Illingworth, 174th FW, History Office

On 26 April 2000, Colonel Robert A. Knauff was among nine individuals in Central New York selected to receive the first awarding of the Syracuse and Onondaga County YWCA "Diversity Achievers Award." These award winners represent a varied group of Central New Yorkers who are making a difference in their workplaces and their communities.

"We were overwhelmed at the response," said YWCA Executive Director Joan Durant. "We have selected a great group of people who are devoted to making improvements by promoting diversity and eliminating racism."

The group of award winners include four men and five women from senior management positions (only one F-16 pilot though) in Central New York, all who have implemented diversity programs within their respective organizations.

Individuals selected to the YWCA Academy of Diversity Achievers will have their name engraved on a plaque, which will be permanently placed on display in a prestigious location in Central New York. Colonel Knauff's citation reads: "His diversity awareness initiatives serve as a benchmark for all other Air National Guard units focused on implementing a diversity strategy. A few of Colonel Knauff's programs include: a Cultural Affairs Council, a Cultural Awareness Team, and a citizen's outreach program."

Interviewing Colonel Knauff, I asked him: "Sir, so that more of us might do those things in our lives which might merit consid-

eration for such an achievement – do you have any pointers?" He said: "I don't think there's personally anything especially noteworthy about my life, or especially noteworthy about my objectives or goals for the organization professionally or personally for myself. I'm like everybody else. I have my own thoughts, my own feelings, that are derived by where I came from – my family values, the communities I grew up in; experi-



Joan Durant (right), director of the Syracuse and Onondaga county YWCA, presents Colonel Robert Knauff with the Diversity Achiever's Awards.

ences that I had growing up shaped me to who I am today. To claim personal credit for anything I think is probably not only inappropriate but probably would be a little disingenuous of me."

This seemed to lead to my second

question.

"Sir, who are the people in your life, in your childhood perhaps, who you thank privately or think of as inculcating principles of fairness, equal treatment, those types of basic philosophic starting points that result in a life of service to the nation's highest principles?" Colonel Knauff said: "Well I think, like a lot of people who have been blessed with a good family, and a family life that has allowed them to flourish – I have to give the credit to my parents – to my mother, my father. My mother is a strong, intelligent woman – very passionate – believes deeply in what she believes in – and has passed that on to me. My father is a quiet person, who believes in service – he's always been one who worked hard, to supply both his family with the necessities of life (and some of the luxuries), but has also been very much involved in his church, his community, involvement in other organizations that require time and effort on his part...and he gave willingly. Anything that I feel that I've given is nothing more than a reflection – perhaps a pale reflection of what my parents have already done, both as contributors and as people who have raised a family."

"Sir, there are many people here on base who unashamedly think of you as



the finest commander they've ever served under. How would you comment on that?" Colonel Knauff: "It's been my experience that the Air Force has been blessed by wonderful leadership – some of it by accident – some of it by design. We've also been blessed with the ability to – in the Air National Guard – to select, as opposed to have selected for us – our own leadership. That's both a blessing and a curse. You and I were just discussing off tape some of the issues about how you grow into a leadership position, and the difficulties of having grown up in the same organization that you ultimately command. There are some real strengths in that, but there are also some real pitfalls that will cause a very strong personality to say: 'Johnny, even though you and I have known each other for 25 years, and we may have gone to school together – I am here to tell you that you will not get promoted, and you are going to be separated or retired, or you will be disciplined, or you will not get the job that you think you deserve – based on the fact that I'm the

of survival – they lose focus on keeping their day to day things that insure longevity – if you don't focus on those things, the ability to survive will indeed go away – in a probably unnoticed fashion, until one day everyone wakes up and finds that the organization no longer exists. My charter is to keep this organization alive – to keep it going – to keep it flourishing – to give it a solid basis so that my successors have something to build on."

I asked him: "Sir, in matters such as anti-racism, equal opportunity for women, and promoting diversity in the

cused on the individual activities themselves. The activity becomes the ends to the mean – as opposed to the original goal of the activity. To that end, the best thing that this organization can do is: be part of the community that it is part of. That sounds simple, but – if we are in a community that does not look like we look, then we are not part of that community. We are aside that community, or a selected part of the community, we are not the community. And that's the most important thing we can do – to make sure that our roots are the community's roots. So when you

start talking about some of the issues about longevity – how does this organization survive? The issue of fairness becomes the most overarching strength issue; which is what everybody talks about, strength, strength, strength. Why do we do diversity? Why do we do these things? It's fairness. Fairness drives equal treatment. Fairness drives an approach that is inclusive to people- that reaches out to people – not to make special favors, not to give special



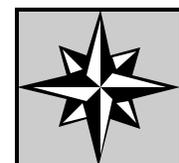
Along with Colonel Robert Knauff (174th FW Commander) seen here on the left, nine community leaders from Central New York received the 1st annual YWCA Diversity Achiever's Award

commander and I have to make that tough call, and I do that.' Very easy for someone who owes nothing and nobody owes anything to – to come from outside and do this – those kinds of radical changes. More difficult – requires a very strong commander – requires a commander who's not afraid at least, to hurt the feelings for what is perceived to be the overall benefit of the organization. When I came here four years ago, my premise for operating here at the 174th has been all along that the most important thing that I can do is to provide a solid basis for this organization to continue to flourish long after I'm gone. Any organization's number one function should be – like a living organism – to survive. I think that organizations that lose focus on the importance

workplace – which this award specifically addresses, do you think that military leaders should be in the vanguard – leading by example on these issues?"

Colonel Knauff: "Oh absolutely, and it's no credit to me – I am not a great crusader; I do not carry banners and march in parades; I do not go forth and speak of great injustices – and perhaps that's to my discredit. But what I as a commander, and as an individual, that I want to see – is I want to see fairness. I think fairness is the issue, and I think that issue gets clouded with emotion, and it gets clouded with hurt feelings, and it gets clouded with history – where people on all sides of issues lose focus on why we're trying to do the things we're doing – and become more fo-

treatment or special consideration to anybody, but to be inclusive, be fair – to treat people equitably – the way they would like to be treated – the way they would like to see an organization treat people. That's the direction I want this organization to go. So if that deserves an award, then I'm honored to get it, but quite frankly I just scratch my head and say: 'Why doesn't everybody feel this way?' It's truth."





The second annual Armed Forces Day celebration was held at P&C Stadium on May 29, 2000. The days events acknowledged the 50th anniversary of Armed Forces day as well as the 50th anniversary of the Korea War. Despite inclement weather over 5000 individuals (military and civilian) attended the days events.

Photographs by Chuck Wainwright



Have You Earned the New York State Recruiting Medal?

The Recruiting Medal is awarded to any member of the New York State Organized Militia who obtains three new members for any unit of the organized militia. That's all? Actually, it is more difficult than it sounds. Statistics show only 1 out of 8 leads enlist into the military! That equates to at least 24 leads to get the required 3 needed to earn the Recruiting Medal! How can you possibly send us 24 leads? Easy. Stop by the Recruiting Office this drill week-end and pick up six (6) business cards each from all four (4) recruiters...keep

these cards with you...when you go to the store...stop for gas... talk to your neighbors...wait in line at the bank...eat in a restaurant..you will undoubtedly see someone who you can hand one of these cards to, tell them what a great part-time career opportunity the Air National Guard is, and invite them to contact the Recruiter and stop out to have a look around. That's all! So make a point to **STOP** in the Recruiting Office this weekend! See ya then!

College Assistance

Do you know a non-prior service student who could use \$63,380 for college? We have it!! For non-prior service enlistment into a critical AFSC, a guardsman will receive:

Montgomery GI Bill	9,180
Montgomery GI Bill Kicker	12,600
Student Loan Repayment Program	20,000
Non-prior Service Enlistment Bonus	8,000
NYS Education Incentive Program	13,600

The student(s) will also receive paid, college-credited, technical training!!

For more information on this and other benefit packages available, call the **Recruiting Office at (315) 454-6159 or 1-800-883-4484**

RECRUITING

Master Sgt. William Peele 454-6822, Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz 454-6532, Tech. Sgt. Richard Doctor 454-6158, Staff Sgt. Brad Addison 454-6241

★ It's Galaxy 2000 ★



Above are teachers and principles from the four Galaxy Schools in the Syracuse School District. Martin Luther King Elementary, McKinley Brighten Magnet, Roberts Elementary, Danforth Elementary. Each School will be involved in a 5 day Galaxy week made up of aerospace and science education. The Galaxy Students will be involved with rocket building , flight components studies, tours of the 174th, Hancock Airport and Lockheed Martin. This is the fourth year for the 174th to sponsor the Galaxy Program. Standing with school official is the 174th Community Manager and New Galaxy Director Major Kate Vaughan. This summer program is taking place through the months of July and August.





Boating Safety

By Maj. Charles Dorsey, 174th FW, Chief of Safety



So far this year, six active duty USAF people have died in water recreation accidents. As many of us head out to the lakes and rivers of New York this summer, think about reducing risks. In 1997, there were 322 boating accidents reported in New York. Among those accidents were 37 deaths and 182 injuries. There are over 12,000 arrests a year by marine law enforcement, and while on the decline, boating while intoxicated arrests were over 120 for the last year available. Not surprisingly, alcohol was a factor in many fatal incidents. Another consistent factor among the fatalities continues to be a disregard for the use of personal flotation devices. PFD's could have saved as many as 24 of the 36 victims this past year.

Most of my information comes from the New York State Marine and Recreational Vehicle website; www.nysparks.state.ny.us/boats. Anyone who regularly operates a powerboat should be an expert on all the guidelines posted there. Also, I'm going to talk about the numerous requirements for power boats over 26 feet, so you big boat owners need to check those out yourselves. Know the rules; I'll hit some highlights here.

Personal Flotation Devices

Every boat operated upon the waters of New York must carry at least one USCG approved Type I or II or III Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board. All PFDs on board your vessel must be: serviceable, readily accessible, and appropriately sized for the intended wearer. Children under the age of 12 must wear a Type I, II or III PFD on-board a vessel unless they are in a fully enclosed cabin. Additionally, all vessels 16 feet or greater in length must carry a Type IV (throwable) PFD.

Fire Extinguishers

If your motorboat is less than 26 feet

without a cabin, there is no requirement for a fire extinguisher, but it's cheap insurance for a motor on fire when you're two miles from shore. (Or you can test the serviceability of your life jackets). Also, check that extinguisher you bought new back in 1989 for a good charge.

Visual Distress Signals

All power boats 18 feet in length or greater are required to carry a distress flag, fluorescent orange in color and at least one foot square, and three hand-held red flares. The flares must be US Coast Guard approved. New flares generally have a three-year service life, and the ones you carry must not be past their expiration date. Never use road flares on your boat; they produce hot slag and could severely damage the hull of your boat and possibly sink. It is recommended that all vessels 16 feet or greater in length carry at least three USCG approved hand held day/night flares at all times.

Other Required Equipment

All power boats should also have an anchor, mouth whistle (as opposed to a nose whistle) and proper navigation lights if running at night. Sail vessels less than 23 feet and manually propelled vessels may carry a lantern with a white light that can be displayed in time to prevent a collision. Vessels between 7 and 50 meters in length must exhibit an all-around white light at anchor.

Recommended Equipment

- Tool kit
- First Aid kit
- Oar/Paddle
- Radio
- Spare lines
- Binoculars

Only law enforcement vessels may carry a blue, flashing light. If you see this light, reduce speed, yield, and if necessary, stop your vessel. Required

Education

An operator 10 to 18 years old must have a person 18 or older on board, or hold a safety certificate. A safety certificate may be obtained by completing the New York Safe Boating Course, sponsored by the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. Volunteer instructors throughout the state teach the course free of charge.



All operators of personal watercraft will be required to earn a safety certificate, according to the phase-in schedule below.

- As of 1/1/2000 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/1/81.
- As of 1/1/2001 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/1/78.
- As of 1/1/2002 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/1/75.
- As of 1/1/2003 you will need a course if your birthday is after 1/1/72.
- As of 1/1/2004 anyone operating a PWC will need to complete the course.

A certificate for either program also may be obtained through either the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron. For information on where to take their courses, please call 1-800-336-BOAT.

Again, this article is not a comprehensive list of all requirements. Check out the website, help your friends and family use good sense while on the water, so everyone lives through the summer.





YOFAM 2000 Essay Contest

Unit, State, and National Level Winners

"Why Guard Families Matter to America?"

In the spirit of the National Guard Year of the Family 2000, this year's Essay Contest focuses on the importance of the Guard Family. Take a minute or two to think about why the Guard family should be important and then tell us in 500 words or less: "Why Guard Families Matter to America?"

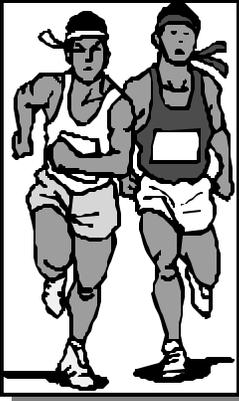
Submission Guidelines:

1. You must be a member or family member of the Army or Air National Guard.
2. Your entry must be under 500 words. Recommended that all entrees be printed/typed and double-spaced. Please ensure your name, address and phone number is printed on cover page.
3. All writing must be original.
4. Encourage full participation at the Unit, State, and National Levels. Unit winners may be submitted to the State Level for further competition. State Level Winners (one Army & one Air from each state and territory) will then be submitted for National Level Competition.
5. All entries to the National Level must be submitted to the National Guard Bureau Family Program's Office (NGB-FP) by COB, 1 July 2000. **Please note:** all sub-
- missions must be routed through their respective State or Territory Family Program Coordinators in order to be eligible for National Level competition.
6. Contest prizes will be determined at the Unit and State/Territory Level while the National Winners (one Army and one Air National Guard) will win a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond.
7. National Winners will be printed in the Fall Air National Guard Family Guard Matters Newsletter as well as posted on the YOFAM 2000 Website. We encourage all States and Territories to post their respective Army and Air National Guard winners in their Family Program newsletters and websites.
8. Questions? Please contact Major Kevin N. Little at DSN: 327-1281 or Comm: (703) 607-1281 or via email: kevin.little@ngb.ang.af.mil .



The 174th Fighter Wing greets Major (Mods) Modleski upon landing after his final flight. The Major received the traditional "hosing" as he stepped down off the F-16 ladder.





CHASE CORPORATE CHALLENGE FOOT RACE

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2000 AT
1825 hrs. (6:25 PM)
GRIFFIN FIELD, ONONDAGA
PARKWAY.

For more information contact:
Tech. Sgt. Jim Mirra X657 or 656;
or Master Sgt. Mark Shearer
X817; or Master Sgt. Chris
McDonald X403

DINING HALL MENU

Meal counters report at 1000 hours
Saturday: Med SQ. Sunday: LGD

SATURDAY

Sausage
Peppers and onions
Potato Salad
Corn on the cob
Fast Food
Salad Bar

SUNDAY

BBQ Ribs
Salt Potatoes
Asst Veggie
Fast Food
Salad Bar

Article Submission Deadlines

In order to actively involve our traditional Guardsmen in the EnGarde publishing process articles must be submitted one-week prior to the preceding UTA. This allows traditional guardsmen the opportunity to participate in the following months issue. The deadlines are as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July	2 June 2000 (Friday)
August	30 June 2000 (Friday)
September	28 July 2000 (Friday)
October	8 September 2000 (Friday)
November	6 October 2000 (Friday)
December	27 October 2000 (Friday)

Articles should be submitted via e-mail to:
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AND jwallace@garrity.com.

Volunteers needed for the New York State Fair

This years State Fair runs from August 24th through September 4th 2000 and volunteers are needed for all shifts during this time period.

The NCOIC this year is Chief Master Sgt. Dave Benson. There are many displays inside and outside the tent where you can help. Military days are available for those that help with this project.

If you have any questions or you wish to volunteer and have the approval of your supervisor, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Dave Benson at extension 689 or Master Sgt. Bud Conto at extension 435.

Those that are specifically interested in providing security for our display at the Fair can contact Master Sgt. Marsha Rowe at extension 466.

Important Notice!

All student flight personnel must report to recruiting office to sign in for pay on both Saturday and Sunday on drill weekends!!

Pay Date for July Drill: July 17



August drill dates: 5-6 August 2000

ATTENTION "VOLLEYBALLERS"

The 10th Sometimes Annual 174th Volleyball Tournament will be held this year on July 8 (drill Saturday). All are welcome to participate, but you must get your team's name and the number of people participating too Tech. Sgt. Tom Lathrop by 1400 Saturday, 8 July. Also, identify a team leader to be the single point of contact for each team.

The club will have food for sale and there may be a D.J. The tourney will be double, or single elimination depending on how many teams we get.

Each year it has been a lot of fun so be sure to get your team in early and show up to play.

WHERE: All Services Club
WHEN: 1700 Saturday July 8th
P.O.C.: Tech. Sgt. Tom Lathrop X685

*Weather is not an issue, rain or shine the tournament will go on so do not be afraid of getting wet.

Have an idea for the the EnGarde?
Contact the Public Affairs Office @ 454-6651,
Email: jeff.brown@nysyra.ang.af.mil

New Man at The Financial Helm

Colonel Robert Knauff, Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing, has announced the selection of Captain Charles H. Hutson as the Wing's next Comptroller.

Captain Hutson will officially take the chair on 1 October 2000. He will be on a temporary tour until then.

Capt. Hutson brings a wealth of experience to the job. He has been the traditional Guardsman Financial Services Officer for the past 18 months and has been deeply engaged in all aspects of the Wing's fiscal operations. Prior to joining the 174th FW, he was an Active Duty Army Accounting & Finance

Officer serving tours in Korea and at Fort Drum, NY and a New York Army Guardsman serving as the Executive Officer of a Maintenance Company.



Things promise to be busy over the summer months as Capt. Hutson attends the Financial Management Orientation Course and leads our finance team to the ANG Top Dollar competition

Please join in welcoming an outstanding young man to the 174th Fighter Wing, Comptroller office. Capt. Hutson can be reached at DSN 489-9531, Commercial (315) 454-6531.

For Your Information

Watch What You Drop!

By Tim Sager, 174th FW, Environmental Manager

In the past we have encouraged personnel to drop off metal from their homes to help boost our recycling program. As part of the effort window air conditioners not owned by the Air Guard have been appearing in our metal recycling area. While this effort to increase our tonnage and your desire to protect the environment is admirable, it will increase our liability and visibility to regulators if, by accident, an unpurged Freon system is accidentally sent to the metal recycler contents are released into the environment. Civil Engineering is very careful to document and purge all Freon owned by the Air Guard before appli-

ance disposal. To reduce our liability, we are requesting that personnel no longer donate home Freon containing appliances. A company called Planergy near us on Old Collamer Road, phone 433-5032, will accept your home appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers, for \$20.00. They will pick up for an average fee of \$45.00. All microwaves, washers, dryers, dishwashers and stoves will be accepted for free. If they pick-up, the charge will be \$35.00. Thank you for your support of the base-recycling program

E-mail Misuse Is a Penalty

DAYTON, Ohio - Fifty-five workers at an Air Force hospital will be disciplined for sending pornographic material by e-mail on government computers, a military spokesman said Thursday. The e-mails, which involved 45 military personnel and 10 civilian workers at Wright-Patterson Medical Center, were sent between Feb. 1, 1999, and March 15, 2000. A hospital spokesman said an investigation began in late February after somebody saw the e-mail and reported it. For the military personnel, punishment could include forfeiture of pay and reduction of rank. The civilians could be reprimanded or suspended.





Annual Picnic

This year's annual Alumni Picnic will be held on Saturday, the 29th of July, at the Base All Service Club, beginning at 12:00 noon, and running until about 6:00PM. Our friends from the South Shore Association will once again provide us with their delicious chicken roast. We will also have hot dogs, hamburgers and coney's, along with the usual salads, coffee, beer and soft drinks. For those wishing something other than beer, a cash bar will be available. There will be plenty of outside cover in case of inclement weather, and access to the club in case the temperature rises into the high 90s, like last year. We will have the same DJ that we've had the past couple of years. We guarantee a fun time for all, so come on out, we'd love to see you. Remember this picnic is open to both members and guests. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Memorial Service

As has been the tradition over the years, we will also take time out during our annual picnic to honor our deceased members by conducting a short ceremony at Alumni Park. The service is scheduled for 3:00 PM and will be officiated by Don Whiting, our Alumni Chaplain. We hope the Base Honor Guard will join us to add their professionalism to our ceremony. This ceremony is one of the few ways our Association can show its appreciation for the service that our departed comrades have rendered in the defense of this great nation. It is a solemn occasion and we encourage all members,

even if you can't attend the picnic, to attend this ceremony. Eleven (11) new names will be added to the stones this year.

Taps

Francis J. Parkerson, 78, passed away in Syracuse on 24 Apr 00. Frank



1954 Summer Camp at Hancock Field, L to R: Jim McLennan, Dick Kimiak, Bill Nelson, Unknown, Charlie Poehlman, Curt Irwin

was a member of the 138th's old Utility Flight in 1949, then later rejoined the unit in 1963, assigned as a ground radio technician. He joined the Alumni in 1983.

Joseph N. Boyer, 87, died 20 May 00. Joe joined the 138th in 1948 as a PFC, assigned to "C" Flight as an assistant Crew Chief. on the unit's F-84 aircraft.

Sick Call

Veronica Mulcahy is recovering from a recent hip injury, and Chet Sikora is on the mend after a recent illness. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

More News & Trivia

Two more distinguished gentlemen have been added to our Life Membership roster; they are Duane Ash and Bob Post. Duane is the 22nd octogenarian to join this group.

Sandy Siriano, our AGE shop supervisor, recently retired from his technician position, but try not to feel sorry for him for he is only 55 and still a youngster. Mike Waters finally pulled the plug and retired after almost 34 years of distinguished military service, and Walt Winter, the base's transportation wizard has retired after more years than he cares to think about.

This month's picture shows 6 individuals, 5 of which have been identified. The first Alumni member, attending this year's picnic, that identifies the unknown airman, will receive two (2) free admission tickets to the picnic.

Alumni Meetings Schedule

Next Thursday, July 20th at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drink will be served. Hope you can join us.



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The 174th Fighter Wing held a retirement party in the Wing dining hall in honor of the following members. From left to right: Master Sgt. Kathleen Stenner, Master Sgt. Ralph Brown, Tech Sgt. Irene Daley, Staff Sgt. Peter Okussick, and Staff Sgt. Patrick Hadlich.

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