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107th member, best of state

By Senior Airman Peter Dean

107th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office



Air Force photo / Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Lloyd

Senior Airman Stephen Flateau was selected as the New York State Airman of the Year. He will now, along with Airmen from 53 states and territories compete for the title of the Air National Guard's Airman of the Year for 2009.

Following in his father's footsteps, 20-year-old Senior Airman Stephen Flateau joined the 107th Airlift Wing's Security Force Squadron in 2005. Not wanting to be overshadowed by his father, the young Flateau set out to make a name for himself. Immediately upon returning home from BMT, he volunteered for the Active Reserve Component providing flight line security at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Shortly thereafter the wing was in need of a Combat Arms Instructor. Without hesitation, Flateau was off to Lackland AFB to complete Combat Arms Training and Maintenance School. At present Flateau is the only full time Combat Arms Instructor assigned to the wing. Flateau's experience and responsibilities far surpass his rank and years. Not only is he responsible for training and qualifying the base populace on the wing's arsenal but also his fellow security force members. In his short military career Flateau has volunteered for numerous deployments that include a detainee movement operation in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, flight line security in Moron, Spain and support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his six month tour at Sather Air Base, Iraq, he was instrumental in incident free movements of more than 1,000 VIP's traveling to or through Sather. These VIP's included former Vice President Dick Cheney, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and country singer Toby Keith. Senior Airman Flateau's dedication and exceptional performance has not gone unnoticed; he was awarded Airman of the Half and Airman of the Year, awards that many dream of but only a few achieve. Flateau also stands out in his community. In his free time he provides security at his local church. And in part due to his efforts the wing was able to exceed last year's CFC goal.



"Above All"

The IG's corner

By Lt. Col. Blair Webster

107th Airlift Wing Inspector General

You have a right, and in fact an obligation, to report wrongdoing you observe in the Air National Guard. Sometimes the IG is the right place to report that wrongdoing.

Don't be talked out of reporting wrongdoing by supervisors, first sergeants, or commanders who say things like "we handle our problems in-house here" or "I don't want anybody to talk about our dirty laundry outside this squadron".

All Air National Guard personnel, military and civilian, have the right to speak with the IG about an issue of wrongdoing. You can't be restricted from talking to the IG if you have an issue you feel needs to be addressed by the IG.

Questions? Contact your installation IG, Lt. Col. Blair Webster, extension 3276, for help and/or assistance with your complaint or situation.

Energy saving tips

U.S. Department of Energy

Lower your lighting costs

Increasing your lighting efficiency is one of the fastest ways to decrease your electricity bills. Turn off the lights in any room you're not using, or consider installing timers, photo cells, or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.

Use task lighting; instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it. For example, use fluorescent under-cabinet lighting for kitchen sinks and countertops under cabinets. Consider three-way lamps; they make it easier to keep lighting levels low when brighter light is not necessary.

Finally, use compact fluorescent lamps; they are much more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last 6 to 10 times longer. CFLs are more expensive than incandescent bulbs, but they pay for themselves by saving energy over their lifetime.

Power your home naturally with renewable energy

Today, there are more options than ever to use renewable energy at home. A new home provides the best opportunity for taking advantage of passive solar energy. Orient the home to avoid overhead summer sun and to benefit from winter sun in cooler climates.

Solar pool heating systems are very efficient and can cut costs for heating swimming pools or hot tubs. The easiest way to take advantage of solar power is to buy electricity generated by renewable sources from your local utility. Under certain conditions, installing PV cells might be right for you.



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Changing times

It seems like every time I walk into operations, something is different. Some of the changes are subtle, some not so much. I usually have to introduce myself to a new face standing by the coffeepot. Some are brand new loadmasters, flight engineers or navigators. Most of them have cross-trained from different areas in the wing. Others are seasoned C-130 crewmembers. They are looking for a home after a BRAC action transferred the C-130 from their old unit.

Then we have folks from the 914th working in our building. As the 914th and the 107th begin to associate, we are also starting to share some real estate. The Reserve and the Guard's life support section have combined. All aircrew flight gear is now housed in our operations building. The Reserve flyers have to stop by our house to pick up their helmets and night vision goggles. The first thing that comes to mind when I see all these new faces is "Where are we going to put all these people?" Computers, desks, chairs and lockers were purchased and arraigned for an airplane that holds a crew of three not a crew of five. People, offices and equipment have been constantly shuffled all around the building and we are still trying to build our new operations.

As our aircrews come back from training, we are doing more and more flying with the Reserves. Our operations scheduling shop has been working with maintenance scheduling to fly more formation flights with the 914th. The Reserves have also been lending their expertise in providing training to some of our

crewmembers and giving check-rides to our in-house upgrade training candidates.

To test our ability to employ the C-130, we are planning a mini deployment to Charleston in April with the 914th. We will validate our ability to fly in formation to an austere base. Once there, a group of staff workers will then set up a current operations shop to create flight plans and charts. Aircrews will fly several low-level routes culminating in airdrops over an unfamiliar drop zone and fly formation back to Niagara.

Although we are in conversion and not eligible to be deployed as an aircraft package, we still have a lot of unit members participating in real world deployments. The civil engineering squadron has recently returned from CENTCOM and the security forces

squadron has just left for a deployment to the desert. The 107th also has people deployed all over the world as individual augmentees to active duty units.

The 107th will also be under some scrutiny in the coming months. The unit will receive a Unit Compliance Inspection given by AMC. The inspectors will look at wing programs, mission support group, maintenance munitions and operations. The bottom line is, be prepared. Don't wait until the last minute to get your paperwork in order.

With all the changes going on, it's definitely not the same old routine that we were used to in the tanker.



Air Force illustration/ Tech. Sgt. Catherine Perretta



WHAT'S NEW IN SECURITY

by Senior Master Sgt. Paul Wiencek

107th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron

I would like to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to date on the changes in the 107th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron and how they may or may not impact you as a member of the 107th.

Although some of the changes have little or no effect on you, since they are new to us I thought I would share them with you. First, in the past 2 years we've seen over 90 years of military experience leave the security forces section with the retirements of Chief Master Sgt. Blocho, Senior Master Sgt. Vona and Lt. Col. Messina. All three were great mentors and leaders that guided security forces through some difficult times. These times included a career field merger that combined the security, law enforcement and combat arms, the events of 9/11 and subsequent security force mobilizations in direct support of the Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. These retirees are greatly missed.

We have closed the 107th Central Security Control and handed over those duties to the 914th Security Forces. What does this mean for you? Well, basically when you pick up the phone and dial 2280 for security forces response or support you'll be talking to the 914th SFS CSC. We have tried to make this change seamless but with all change come problems, concerns and issues that were not readily visible to us or the 914th. The Installation Security Force will continue to address these problems as they become evident, please be patient. Our last SF airman in the field, working flight, has been relieved of duty and is now working as the alternate information security program manager in preparation for

the UCI. This means that all first responder duties will be performed by the 914th SFS. After working here for over 25 years this is the change that is most difficult for me to adjust to. I'm used to having a 24/7 107th SF force capable of responding to incidents and making notifications on



the guard side. As always, I know 107th AW members will continue to treat our fellow 914th SF force members with the same courtesies and professionalism that you've treated us with over the years. Do we view these changes as bad or that we've lost the war? No absolutely not, we understand that mother Air Force has given us a new mission and we will develop our code of arms accordingly, with enthusiasm and a can do attitude. Again, as we develop procedures with the 914th SF I ask for your patience and understanding as we work on changing over 40 years of doing business our way. Just because over the years nothing has happened here at Niagara doesn't mean they (the bad guys) weren't try-

ing and I want to thank all those Airmen that worked 365 days a year, weekends and holidays in all weather imaginable, securing our assets and personnel. Thanks Defenders!

As is if these changes aren't enough to keep us busy, we are getting ready to send out another team to the AOR. This team will be our second team to deploy to the AOR within a year giving us a total of 21 man years in Iraq. As all of us know the preparation for and training for a 6-month deployment can be tasking and time consuming, but it has been made easier by the support we have received from the unit. It's that Guard can do attitude!

Master Sgt. Mark Hajduk has assumed duties as the ISPM. If you're a Unit Security Manager, don't worry, Master Sgt. Hajduk will be conducting training and holding USM meetings as laid out by AFI guidance. So if you have any questions on clearances, handling or marking classified material, classified security containers program or e-QIP please call him at x2451. He will be happy to assist you.

By the time you read this, the announcement of Airmen of the Year for New York State should have been made, so I'd like to congratulate Senior Airman Stephen Flateau 107th SFS on winning the award. Congrats to him and all the AOY award winners.

These have been challenging times with missions lost and missions gained but through it all the members of the 107th have maintained an eye on security, ensuring the installation remains secure, because when all is said and done "Security is everyone's job".

Go Guard!



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The logo for the 107th Airlift Wing, featuring a shield with a globe, a sword, and a banner that says "ANTITERRORISM".

AF Portal Page: Updated and includes a number of useful AT website links, particularly for those who conduct RAM's on a regular basis.

Protection from Terrorism, Level 1 (Anti-Terrorism Level 1): This training is accessed through the Advanced Distributed Learning Service from Military or Civilian Internet connected computers at this site. It can also be accessed from the Air Force Portals Home Page "TOP VIEWED: TRAINING" section.

DoD Random Antiterrorism Measures Program: Random, multiple security measures that consistently change the look of an installation's force protection program. RAMs introduce uncertainty to an installation's overall force protection program to defeat surveillance attempts and make it difficult for a terrorist to accurately predict our actions. RAMs stopped the Fort Dix six

OSI: Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station now has a fulltime special agent-SA Mike Lenig. 80 percent Counterintelligence / Force Protection and 20 percent Federal Level Crimes, OSI works hand in hand with FBI counterparts on cases which may or may not be disclosed to anyone. Web site on AFOSI <http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?fsID=145>

Did you know there was a terror attack on New York City in 1920?

Sept. 16, 1920, at noon in New York City, a timed improvised explosive device exploded in the back of a horse drawn wagon at the corner of Wall Street and Broad Street in front of the J.P. Morgan building and Assay Office, killing 38 to 40 civilians, injuring 300 to 400 others, and causing extensive damage to several nearby automobiles and buildings. The American Anarchist Fighters claimed responsibility, but no arrests were ever made.

Often called the "1920 Wall Street bombing," the attack is often cited as the first terror attack in the



The Wall Street bombing Sept. 16, 1920. (Photo by World-Telegram)

United States. There are, however, other politically motivated bombings prior to this attack in the US, which makes the claim question-

able depending on how one defines terrorism. Many reporters also bill this attack as America's most deadly terrorist attack until the Oklahoma City bombing and the 9/11 attacks. This attack is probably the first use of a "car bomb" to carry out any type of political attack (insurgency, sectarian, or terrorist) in recorded history; and this attack also has the hallmarks of modern terrorism, including the use of shrapnel (window sash weights) to maximize casualties and the use of commonly available explosives making it difficult to trace and detect the making of the device.





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Constantly vigilant, always on guard

By Special Agent Michael Lenig

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

So it seems that there have been a few questions as of late; some notably are “Who’s the new guy?” “Why is he here?” “What does he do?” and my most favorite, not necessarily a question mind you, but yet amusing in its own right.... “Shhhh it’s the OSI guy...” Therefore, I thought I would take a moment of your time and answer some of your questions, as best I can. This article will be the first installment of many enlightening articles yet to come. So let’s get started, first, my name, Michael Lenig, but you can call me Mike...if you must, OSI Mike will work...I am a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Throughout the past six months, I have met with many of you from the 914th AW and the 107th AW. For those of you, whom I have yet to meet, bear with me, as I make my rounds. I do hope this article will explain what AFOSI is, our mission, and what I am doing here in the Niagara Falls/Western New York area. I would like to start with a brief history.

AFOSI was founded Aug. 1, 1948, at the suggestion of Congress in order to consolidate investigative activities in the Air Force. Secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington (who was in fact the first secretary of the Air Force) created AFOSI and patterned it after the FBI. He appointed Special Agent Joseph Carroll, an assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, as the first AFOSI commander and charged him with providing independent, unbiased and centrally directed investigations of criminal activity in the Air Force.

Prior to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the majority of Air Force personnel knew little about AFOSI or for that matter one of their most critical mission priorities; providing threat information to Air Force commanders. AFOSI reports directly to the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and maintains its headquarters at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Additionally, AFOSI has been the Air Force’s major investigative service since its inception. AFOSI has roughly 3,115 active-duty, Reserve and civilian personnel. Of this number, 2,063 are federally credentialed special agents, who are drawn from all segments of the total force. There are 312 active-duty officers, 1,264 active-duty enlisted, 739 civilians and 407 reservists.

So what is the OSI mission you ask? Well, our mission is to identify, exploit and neutralize criminal, terrorist and intelligence threats to the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense and U.S. Government, while providing professional investigative service to com-

manders of all Air Force activities. AFOSI investigates a wide variety of serious offenses to include, but not limited to, espionage, terrorism, crimes against property, violence against people, larceny, computer hacking, acquisition fraud, drug use and distribution, military desertion, corruption of the contracting process, and any other illegal activity that undermines the mission of the U.S. Air Force or the Department of Defense.

Now that you have a brief understanding of how AFOSI got started, what our mission is and some basic insight in regards to the investigations we conduct. Let me enlighten you as to my purpose here at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. My area of responsibility includes all of WNY and runs just East of Batavia. If there is ever an instance where a major crime or fraudulent activity occurs, to which I require assistance, I have the reach-back capability to AFOSI support units and they in turn will send additional agents to assist in the investigation. The primary mission of my detachment, AFOSI Detachment 102/OL-C, is to provide counterintelligence support to force protection for AFRC. An additional part of my CI mission is to provide base leadership with current threat information. Working closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies we ascertain the existence (or non-existence) of threats directed at our military installations and their respective personnel in the WNY/Niagara area. In addition to the CI mission, I also support the criminal aspect by conducting federal level investigations. My primary customer is the 914th AW yet, with the association, I also include the 107th AW; although an Air National Guard unit, they still fall within certain investigative purviews and play a key role in combating terrorism, as does the 914th.

I have mission objectives to Col. Schmidt and what he feels are his main command priorities along with AFRC’s. With that being said, we have the ongoing association with the 107th as I mentioned earlier, I also assist Col. Ginavan and his personnel with their requirements. Lastly, I assist Commanders by means of Command Directed Inquiries/Investigations. This is where I can provide investigative assistance and guidance on certain situations that can be and should be handled by the individual’s Commander and not AFOSI.

Everyone knows the world we live in changed dramatically after the attacks. Immediately after the attacks, the flags were waving, patriotism was at an all time high, and certain activity that were once con-



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on the way home from the unit training assembly and you see something suspicious, I want you to remember something: Eagle Eyes!

The Eagle Eyes program is an aggressive Air Force-wide neighborhood watch program that educates people on observable activities and what to do if they see something suspicious and is much like a neighborhood watch program. Eagle Eyes enlists the help of base personnel whether active duty, reservist, family members, or, civilian contractors and the civilian communities surrounding the base to remain vigilant and keep their eyes and ears open to any suspicious activities.

As we continue the association between the 914th and 107th, we have to remember one vital fact...it is not about “this side” or “that side,” “our side” or “their side” but rather it is about “us” and “our base.” We have to do our utmost to reach the goal...to be a single collective and cohesive element functioning together to accomplish our respective missions. Some of you have already heard me say that I consider this to be a one mission, one fight, one team concept. We should all have one goal, and that is to safe guard this installation, its missions and the great people who serve them both.

To report suspicious or criminal activities please call me at (716) 236-2283 during normal duty hours or the Niagara Falls ARS Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at (716) 236-2280. If you would like to report something in person, my office is located in Building 800, Room 124. If for some reason you are unable to make contact with me, the 914th SFS has 24hr contact information.

sidered “nothing” were now “suspicious”. However, people have shown that they are becoming more complacent as the years pass. Lately, it seems, many people will make up an explanation for the peculiar activity they have witnessed and therefore never report it. This is where I need your support and vigilance. If you observe a person or group of people acting suspiciously in the communities around our base, please let me know. As a Federal Agent, my investigative authority extends beyond the base fence line or as I call it, “outside the wire”, but I cannot be everywhere all the time and I need your help. Imagine for a moment that you are downtown in Buffalo or at the airport, or maybe you are site seeing at the falls with family, or just simply having lunch, perhaps you are



Members of the 107th Airlift Wing made history when they offered their assistance in support of the 56th Presidential Inauguration. Joining more than 10,000 other military members, a dozen 107th Airmen deployed to the DC area. From left: Master Sgt. Jason Flockemer, Staff Sgt. Kenya House, Senior Airman Ryan Mang, Tech. Sgt. Saleem Winters, Senior Airmen Stephen Flateau, Alan Rowswell, Erin Oakey, Tech. Sgt. Joanna Blackburn and Senior Airman Kelli Sweeney.



A prayer for the president

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Keith Manry

107th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Catholic Mass

Saturday 4 p.m., Base Chapel

Protestant

Worship

Saturday 4 p.m., Wing
Conference Room, Building 901

The Rosary

Fridays prior to UTA at noon,
Wing Conference Room, Building 901

For service schedules of **Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, and Orthodox** communities, call extension 2395.

If you need to see a chaplain, please call Chaplain Services at extension 2395, or at the numbers listed below. Chaplains are always on call.

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I was glued to the television as were millions of other Americans and members of the global community. I watched because of the pomp and splendor of the occasion. I watched because of the historical significance of the day. And I watched to support my new commander and chief.

As the motorcade approached, the crowds gathered previous presidents were seated, and the ceremony began, I couldn't help but consider the tremendous challenges our new president faces: a mortgage crisis, massive job losses, a war, a gargantuan financial bailout, a declining global economy – issues that are more than any one person can possibly handle on their own. As I watched, I found myself uttering a prayer, "God, be with our new president."

I stand in a long line of those who have prayed for their rulers. The book of Psalms, the poetic music of the Hebrew scriptures, records a prayer in chapter 72 that is thought to have been used at the time of the coronation of King Solomon, the king of whom it is said, "God gave wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the sea shores." Never was there before or would there ever again be a king like Solomon. He was able to accomplish things others thought impossible. What's important to note is that Solomon's success was not of his own making. His wisdom and insight were the result of divine assistance. They were the result of prayer – his own prayer and the prayer of the people on his behalf.

"Give the king your justice, O God..." they prayed, "May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice...May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor."

Justice and righteousness: These are the hallmarks of a ruler

who pleases God and in the mind of the ancient Israelites, are the ideal characteristics of a king. A king who is just seeks what is fair. He endeavors to govern his people with integrity, showing no partiality. A ruler who is righteous makes decisions based not on what is popular or in the best interest of a few, but on what is right. A leader who is righteous cares about the poor and the needy, defends those who cannot defend themselves, and seeks to crush those who oppress others. This is the kind of king the people of Israel prayed for and at this important threshold in the life of our nation; this is the kind of leader we ought to pray that our new commander and chief will be.

"O God, help President Obama. Give him your justice. May he lead our country with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to the needy. And may he be a leader who seeks to bring an end to oppression wherever it is found."

The prayer of the Psalmist doesn't end there, however. It goes on to pray for the leader and his well being. It asks God to give him long life, health, blessings, and worldwide recognition as he is faithful. And as he does, it asks God to go one step further, and reward not only the king, himself, but the land that he rules as a result of his faithfulness.

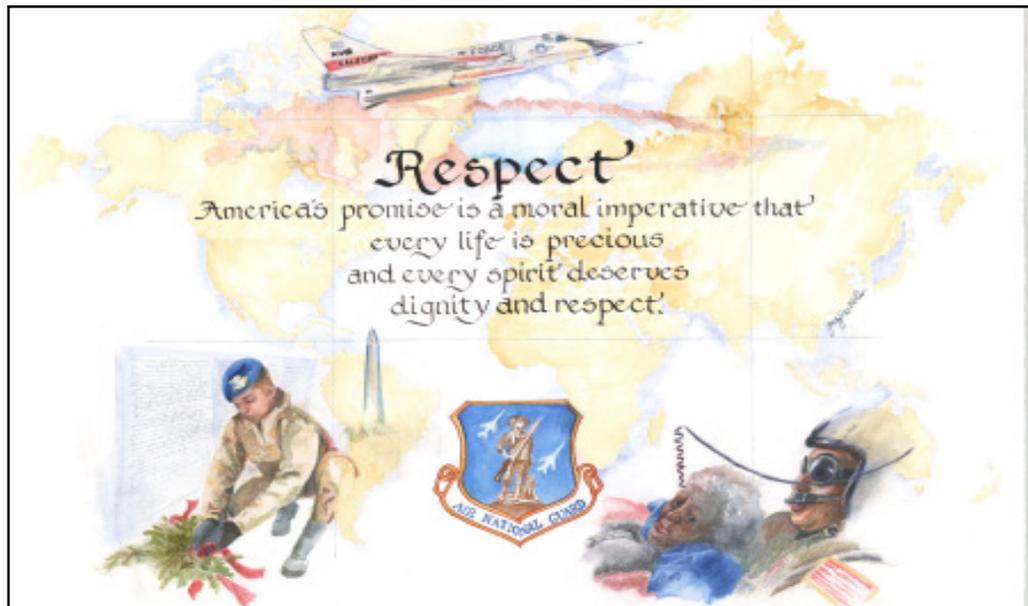
As I reflect on my duty not only to my country, but to my God, I am reminded of my duty to pray for those who govern over me. And so together with the Psalmist I lift my prayer.

God, be with President Obama. Grant him justice and righteousness. Cause him to govern with integrity. Give him wisdom and understanding from on high. Keep him safe and healthy. Under his leadership allow our nation to prosper. God, be with our president. Amen.

From you HRA- Trust

By Senior Master Sgt. Scott Green

107th Airlift Wing Human Resource Office ext. 3006



February's Poster Theme is Trust;

We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the Air National Guard team to achieve his or her greatest potential. This new diversity presents both challenges and opportunities to individuals and to the organizations of which they are a part.

Benefits include a broader talent pool and the opportunity for individuals to more fully develop their potential. At the same time, however, new perspectives on creativity, innovation, and performance can be perceived as intrusive and lead to tension, misunderstanding, and even hostility between old and new, creating problems of coordination and cohesion for diverse organizations.

It is imperative that we, as leaders, work out the difficulties generated by diversity and reap the rewards. Applying varied perspectives and approaches—such as training and education, being a leader who “Walks the Talk” and treats each individual we come into contact with dignity, proper acceptance, and courtesy, will all pave the way for our Airmen to embrace diversity as the norm and seek a deeper understanding of the problems and promise inherent in diverse organizations.

Our philosophy of diversity goes beyond that of race, creed, ethnicity and gender. We look to promote the diversity of thinking that results from the differences in experiences, knowledge and background of all Airmen! Diversity of thinking will help us continue to encourage the creativity and innovation necessary for the ANG to maintain a competitive advantage in air and space dominance!

The ANG is committed to a tradition of mutual trust and respect, one that promotes a culture of confidence, dependability and reliability. This is vital in our mission to ***Fly, Fight, and Win...now and forever!***

Flywheel Challenge: Ask yourself: ***“What did I do today to push on the 107 AW’s flywheel?”***

- Do you foster mutual respect in promoting a culture of confidence, dependability and reliability?
- Do you treat Airmen with dignity and respect for their talents and the value they provide to our Air National Guard?
- Does your authentic leadership and mutual respect firmly develop strong bonds with Airmen?

April UTA- *“Which Color Lenses are You?”*

Please contact me to RSVP your seat in one of our two April UTA *“4 Lenses / Overcoming the 5 Dysfunctions of a Team”* classes, the first to be conducted the afternoon of April 17 and the second to be conducted the morning of April 18.



Future Airman



Courtesy photo



Senior Airman Seth Higly, LRS, and his wife Christine, daughter of retired Senior Master Sgt. Bill "Doc" Halliday, welcomed their daughter Addison, into the world Dec. 18, weighting in at eight pounds six ounces.

A new face on base



Air Force photo / Tech. Sgt. Catherine Perretta

Retired Army Col. Melvin Duyster on right swore in Maj. Jerome Andres, the 107th Airlift Wing Medical Group's newest officer. Both Maj. Andres and Col. Michael Torres were medical students of Col. Duyster.



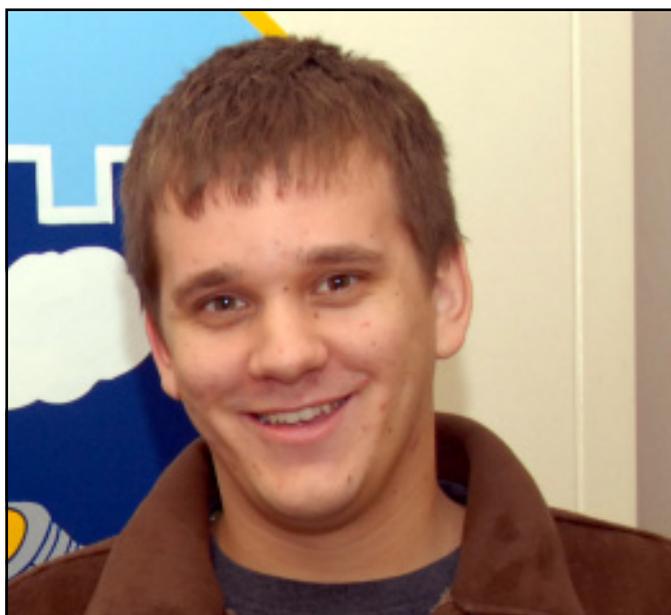
Newcomers



A1C Danielle Dipasquale, SFS



Staff Sgt. Todd Cooper, CE



A1C Jonathon King, 136 AS

Welcome

Tech. Sgt. James Walsh
Staff Sgt. Paul Blakowski
Airman 1st Class Robert Cooney
Airman Basic Jacob Sternisha



Making the ranks



U.S. Air Force photos / Tech Sgt. Catherine Perretta

Above Christopher Druzvik's wife and son, pin the now Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Druzvik. Below Kelli Sweeney is promoted to staff sergeant by Col. Timothy Vaughan and her mother, Tech. Sgt. Heather Sweeney.



107th awards and promotions



Air Force photos / Tech. Sgt. Catherine Perretta

Staff Sgt. Brian Aldinger received a combat award for his prior service as a Marine. 107th Airlift Wing's Col. Timothy Vaughan (in the background) is present for the ceremony.



Senior Master Sgt. Paul Wiencek congratulates the newly promoted Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly.



Master Sgt.

Robert Albrecht
David Baumann
Thomas Kiera
Michael Odonnell
Mark Traxler



Tech. Sgt.

Jason Acquard
Edwin Irizarry
Venita Jackson



Staff Sgt.

Brandy Fowler
Mary Martin
Kelli Sweeney



Senior Airman

Leeann Jackson



There's a new chief in town



Air Force photos / Senior Airman Peter Dean

Above: Mark Grier's wife Jennifer and his daughter Monica lend Col. Doug Hartley a hand pinning the new chief. On right: Master Sgt. Joel Micoli congratulates the new chief on his accomplishment. Below: Chief Grier is accepted into the elite ranks of the 107th Chiefs.



New fire chief appointed



Air Force photos / Tech. Sgt. Catherine Perretta



In a ceremony held here Jan. 24, the 107th Airlift Wing Fire Department welcomed a new chief and said farewell to another. From here on out, Senior Master Sgt. David Wall will be known and addressed as Chief. Chief Wall is replacing the outgoing and retiring Chief Douglas Winner. Chief Winner held the position of fire chief for the last four years and accumulated a quarter of a century of military duty.

The newly appointed Chief Wall has been the 107th Assistant Chief since 2005 and has more than 17 years as a 107th Fire Fighter. His new duties will include overseeing the performance, training and well-being of 28 fire fighters.

Chief Wall has been on numerous wartime deployments such as Operation Southern Watch 2001 and 2002, Operation enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his most recent deployment he was the Assistant Chief for Operations and

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Above: Chief Douglas Winner on right and newly appointed Chief David Wall congratulate each other on their achievements. On left: outgoing Chief Winner (on left) and incoming Chief Wall Stand at attention during the Appointment Ceremony.





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Readiness with the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, Sather Air Base Baghdad, Iraq.

Through out his career, Chief Wall has compiled a wealth of education and a chest full of ribbons. Some of his educational achievements include the University of Maryland MFRI Fire Office II Program, the University of Maryland MFRI Fire Instructors Program II & III and the State of Indiana Training Institute Fire Officer III Program.

The Chief's awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, 1 device, the Air Force Achievement Medal, 3 devices and the Meritorious Unit Award.

Above: during an open ranks inspection, Chief Winner ensures his firefighters are in tip top shape prior to turning them over to incoming Chief Wall. On left: Chief Winner is presented with a shadow box in recognition of his loyal service.



Farewell



Lt. Col. Nora Townsend was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal prior to her retirement. From left to right, Lt. Col's Kenneth Kieliszek and Kevin Wyman, Master Sgt. Frank Rosiek and Lt. Col.'s Robert Dommell, Raymond Miller, and David Burstein.



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