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# Hard hitting day of family fun



Air Force photos / Tech. Sgt. Catherine Perretta

On the left, husband and son of Tech. Sgt. Cathy Perretta pick up complimentary t-shirts from a UB student working the Camouflage Kids booth. Below Camouflage Kids line up to wish the players good luck in the high five line prior to the game.



On Oct. 18, the University at Buffalo was over run, in what seemed like an invasion; more than 450 Camouflage Kids stormed the stadium for the UB/Army football game. Camouflaged Kids, a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 by Jeff Nix, supplies tickets to college sporting events, lunches and souvenirs to military members and their families.

In 2005 Jeff Nix donated his Air Force Academy season basketball tickets to the kids at Ft. Carson, Colorado. The following year he and his business partner Ray Stults decided to do more by holding a fundraiser to purchase more tickets for the children of military members. In 2007 the mission grew into what it is today, with more than 10 major colleges throughout the country offering discounted tickets to the organization. But even with the discounted tickets, the total package still costs the organization well over \$25 per person.

The action packed game was dominated by Army well into the fourth quarter, but an Army turnover in the fourth gave UB the momentum they needed to rally back to a 27-24 win in over time. For more information on upcoming Camouflage Kids events or to make a donation log on to <http://www.camokids.org>



U.S. Air Force photos / Senior Airman Peter Dean

# The IG's corner

By Lt. Col. Blair Webster

107th Airlift Wing Inspector General

The best thing about being an installation inspector general is the assistance IGs can provide to wing personnel. The IG AFI 90-301 even defines it:

Assist – IG assistance is the simple process of making phone calls, asking questions, or soliciting helpful information from appropriate offices or agencies or putting complainants in touch with people, offices or agencies who can address their concerns. Assistance is used when there is no evidence or assertion of personal wrongdoing by a management official.

You don't need to have an allegation of wrongdoing to discuss your problem with the IG; sometimes your problem can get resolved faster if the IG makes a phone call for you. Installation IGs really mean it when they say "we're here to help".

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

## Energy saving tips

### U.S. Department of Energy

#### **This Winter, Save Money and Stay Warm**

Keep your energy bill and your pollution output low this winter by taking a wholehouse approach to heating. Start with setting your thermostat as low as is comfortable. A programmable thermostat can help by adjusting the temperature according to your schedule-it can cut back heating at night, for instance, and turn it up again before you rise in the morning.

It's also important to weatherize your home—caulk and weatherstrip any doors and windows that leak air. Make sure your equipment is properly maintained and cleaned, and that furnace filters are replaced regularly.

Finally, insulation is inadequate in many homes. Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your area.

#### **Keep Your Energy Bill Out of Hot Water**

Water heating can be expensive, but there are a number of ways to lower your costs. One way to lower costs is to use less water. Repair leaky faucets immediately and use low-flow shower heads. A family of four, each showering for five minutes a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week; you can cut that amount in half by using low-flow aerating showerheads.

Insulate your hot-water storage tank and pipes, and drain a quart of water from your water tank every three months to remove sediment that impedes heat transfer and lowers the efficiency of your heater (follow the manufacturer's instructions).

Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees. When buying a new water heater, compare EnergyGuide labels to find an energy-efficient model.



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# A cornucopia of thoughts for the upcoming holiday season

Well, that time of year is rapidly approaching again, when Thanksgiving kind of kicks off the official start of the holiday season. Unless of course you've been to the mall or any of the large chain stores and you've noticed the holiday season for them started about right after Labor Day!

We have also just celebrated Veterans Day; in fact, President George W. Bush has proclaimed the week of November 9-15 2008 as National Veterans Awareness Week. Some of you may have had the opportunity to participate in patriotic activities or commemorative programs in your local communities; that's fantastic.

As you think about the significance of Veterans Day and this week, please remember, "Our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service. We also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. On Veterans Day, we remember these heroes for their valor, their loyalty and their dedication. Their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world," *President Bush*.

If you recall my last article back in March (well if you recall what I wrote, give yourself extra credit, because even I had to look it up!) I mentioned there were many things that "mattered" to the members of the 107<sup>th</sup>. While all of those

things; size, strength, membership, media, state and leadership, are still true, let me expand on my list of things that matter.

Family matters. Duh, every-



one knows that. Ask someone who's just experienced a loss in their family and see what their perspective on family is. We also belong to an extended family: military service, Air Force, Air National Guard, New York National Guard, and the 107<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing family. I believe the last family is an especially tight group. Watch how fast this family circles around its members who need support in times of need—emotional or otherwise. It is both

heartwarming and a privilege to be a member of this family, something we can all be thankful for; don't lose sight of it.

Family Support matters. We are welcoming our new Wing Family Program Coordinator (WFPC) on board this month, Jeanne Goetze. Jeanne comes to us from the 914 AW and her husband, Scott, is a Chief Master Sergeant in the 914th and 107th Maintenance Operations Center. She has much experience in the Services and Family Support areas and we look forward to great things.

I also want to recognize and commend Staff Sgt. Kelly Sayers for all of the outstanding work and effort she has done in Family Support as a temp.

Many of the programs Family Support runs often go unnoticed and taken for granted; we just know they are there... kids parties and activities, family briefings, farewells and welcomes at the airport for our deploying and deployed members. None of this happens without great effort on the part of the WFPC,

Family Readiness Group and support from our unit members. Thank you all.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope you have the opportunity to spend time with family—your 107<sup>th</sup> family and your own!

# A farewell salute from the chief

**By Chief Master Sgt. Richard Boxhorn**

107th Logistics Readiness Squadron

I enlisted in the 107<sup>th</sup> in June of 1971 and began basic training in July of the same year. After basic training, the security forces (SFS) technical School (then there were two career fields; security police and law enforcement). Law Enforcement was my destination.

Upon graduating, I returned to Niagara and was given the opportunity to be hired as a full-time SFS (56 new positions) due to the unit's weapon system change from the F-100 to the F-101 and its new air defense mission (ADM).

The SFS positions were needed to protect the 24/7 aircraft alert commitment, along with a high security weapons storage area. Unfortunately, this mission lasted only three years with the elimination of the weapons storage facilities reducing SFS positions by 2/3 at all Guard ADM units.

Fortunately for me, I was selected for a new technician position in the logistics readiness squadron (LRS). I've been a part of LRS ever since, working in

nearly every component of the Supply function. During my career I've experienced many challenges and adversities such as: the change to a new weapon system, worldwide contingencies, adversities of new ideologies (unit and command and inspections and audits).

Each leaving me with a positive memory of the teamwork and perseverance it takes to successfully complete the mission. With each endeavor I gained new friendships and old friendships became stronger. Sharing business experiences (good and bad) with junior unit members along with their personal daily lives; forming the same bonds as I did with the senior unit members who preceded me. Being a member of the Chiefs Council and later becoming chairperson exposed me to a multiplicity of ambitions of the membership and the obstinacy faced when working for the good of the wing. Nonetheless, always in the end the Council would find a common ground for achievement. Now as I enter retirement, I salute all the past and present members of 107<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard, and say "Good Night and Good Luck."



## 1st Sergeants Corner

**By Master Sgt. Stephan Swiatkiwsky**

107th Civil Engineering Squadron



This past week on November 11 our country celebrated Veterans Day. At war memorials and in civic squares across the country, we stopped to honor the members of the armed forces. I don't believe the act of remembering and honoring our war dead should constitute a day off. Currently banks and government offices close down on Veterans Day. More than one person has told me that given the entire day off, they would probably go shopping. War doesn't take a day off. Neither should we. There are some minor changes to the way we celebrate this holiday.

I no longer see the poppy (the little plastic flower that used to be sold by veterans organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW) displayed on clothing. It would have a tag on the stem that would say "BUDDY POPPY & WEAR IT PROUDLY". If you would be going to the Post Office or even going to church, you would always find someone selling the Buddy Poppy. You would know what holiday was coming up by seeing so many veterans selling the poppies. I still have one on display at my desk at work. This past week at a local mall, I did see people wearing a slightly larger version of the poppy pinned to their jackets. They were shoppers from Ontario, where the Canadian holiday is

called Remembrance Day. Here on our side of the border, the poppy has fallen out of fashion. You can now see that the support of our troops has moved to other forms of symbolism.

There is now a proliferation of Support Our Troops signs and vehicle decals. The support of the military has not faded away, it taken on a different form. I have taken my car to the local car wash. You can find a lot of lost magnets at the power wash station. Maybe a veteran organization will market a magnetic poppy for the car or a window sticker.

Maybe in the years to come, the "BUDDY POPPY" will once again be worn on Veterans Day. It is a symbol of honoring our military and remembering and honoring our war dead. I would like to thank all the veterans that still make time to sell the poppy. Please remember what that tag on the poppy stated "WEAR IT PROUDLY".



# New breed of Airmen conceived

By Senior Airman Peter Dean

107th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

Mean lean fighting machines will start rolling out of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, by years end. Basic Military Training has been overhauled in response to a rapidly changing world. Prior to Nov. 3, BMT was a six-week long course that prepared Airmen for basic military life. The now eight-week long course prepares Airmen for both basic military life and combat readiness.

The majority of the extra time will be spent on combat skills where Airmen will develop skills needed to defend their base, administering vital first aid to a downed troop and how to react to chemical warfare. Airmen will also spend a considerable amount of time becoming familiar with the M16 rifle. Upon completion Airmen will be able to safely handle, field strip and clean their M16. Airmen will also be able to identify and eliminate threats.

After weeks zero and one which includes in-processing, basic military customs and courtesies, and skills such as military drill and ceremony the expeditionary training begins. For the next four weeks Air-



U.S. Air Force photos/Robbin Cresswell

**An Airman looks down range, prior to identifying and engaging his target. For the Air Force weapons training has been turned up a notch in response to the world situation.**



**An Airman is issued the required gear during week zero of BMT. For new recruits BMT is tougher and longer.**

men will train on weapons, fighting positions and base defense. They will also focus on self-aid buddy care, chemical warfare and pre-deployment.

After extensive research and two years in the making, week six formally known as "warrior week" has been replaced with Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training, "BEAST."

The BEAST was created to simulate a deployed environment such as the Victory Base Compound, Iraq or Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan. Comprised of four

campus with 10 tents per, the BEAST enables Airmen put their training to the test.

For five days Airmen will sleep, eat and train in a simulated environment that many will likely see in the future. Each morning at 4:45 a.m. Airmen will rise to an intelligence briefing advising them on the latest threats such as an air attack that has left casualties throughout the camp. Another scenario could include a chemical attack or a ground attack. Whatever the scenario, Airmen are required to react according to their training.

The BEAST also includes a 1.5 mile trail with improvised explosive devices scattered throughout. Airmen are required to identify and respond when they encounter an IED. The BEAST is the most realistic simulated deployed arena that new Airmen can experience in a safe controlled environment.

After completion of the BEAST Airmen enter week seven in which they will get a taste of possible redeployment headaches such as family issues, financial management and alcohol abuse.

The art of war has changed, the newly trained Airmen will be better prepared to identify and react to the new threats that lie ahead. Above all the new breed are well trained fighting machines.





The 107<sup>th</sup> officers gathered for a night of formal festivities held at the Falcon Club.

# A Night of Camaraderie

**Photos and story by Capt. Elaine Nowak**

107th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Officer

Saturday, October 18, 2008 was the 107 AW Officer's Dining-In, held at the Falcon Club. The Dining-In is a long-standing tradition, and one of the most formal social events of the Air Force. The purpose of the Dining-In is to bring together the officers of the unit in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship, and social rapport. This year the chiefs of the 107<sup>th</sup> were invited as well, as our most highly respected leaders of the enlisted force.

The evening's events began with the necessary pomp and circumstance fit for the head table's entrance. The head table included Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Dana Demand, Col. Patrick Ginavan, Col. James Atkinson, Col. Sudhir Jindal, Col. Michael Torres, Col. Timothy Vaughn, Lt. Col. Michael Bank, and Rev. (Maj.) Jackie Kraft. The Colors were carried in by the 107th honor guard. The dinner began with the acknowledgement of the POW/MIA table. The POW/MIA table stood to honor those serving in the military that have yet to return from past and present conflicts.

Assisting in keeping everyone in proper protocol and educating the mess with the set procedures

was "Mr. Vice," 1st Lt. Keith Fagnan. Lt Fagnan took his duties very seriously and carried them out to the best of his ability. "Mr. President," 107<sup>th</sup> AW Commander, Col. Pat Ginavan, kept the mess in order and made all command decisions.

The evening was filled with laughs and lighthearted repartee. The traditional "grog" was an interesting concoction blended together for members to consume when they were responsible for infractions that occurred during the dinner. Various parties were sent to the grog bowl for impressive shows of grog bowl etiquette.

After dinner, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Dana B. Demand took to the podium as the key-note speaker for the occasion. He is currently the full-time advisor to the Director, Air National Guard. He addressed the mess and assured unit members that the senior leadership in Washington, D.C. is aware of the unit's ongoing conversion and association with the

914th. The officers were glad to host Gen. Demand as the distinguished guest.

Lt. Col. Don McGuire was the acting Dining-In advisor. Captains Jennifer Mills, Maria Pelow, and Andrea Pitruzzella assisted in the planning and coordination of the Dining-In. Thanks to their efforts, it can be said that an enjoyable time was had by all.



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Fagnan musters a salute at the officers Dining-In Oct. 18 at the Falcon Club here.



## 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  
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Air Force photo / Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Lloyd

**Chaplain Manry and his family express their joy, following his enlistment as a chaplain with the 107<sup>th</sup>.**

# New savior arrives

1st Lieutenant Rev. Keith A. Manry enlisted with the 107<sup>th</sup> Air-lift Wing on Sept. 30, as a chaplain. Chaplain Manry, a resident of Akron, NY, lives with his wife Erica and their four children, Peigh, Josiah, Benjamin, and Claire.

Lt. Manry is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and serves as the senior pastor of the Akron First United Methodist Church.

Chaplain Manry received his bachelors degree from Houghton College in 1999 and his Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in 2003. He is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry program specializing in preaching at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston where he anticipates graduating in May of 2010.

Before moving to Akron in July of 2008, he served as the pastor of the Belfast and Caneadea United Methodist churches in Alle-

gany County for six years. Prior to his ministry in Belfast and Caneadea he served as the associate pastor of the Springville First United Methodist church and the pastor of the Whitesville and Stannards United Methodist churches.

Keith enjoys boating, camping, golfing, geocaching and weightlifting. Beyond his love for Jesus Christ and his family, his other great passion in life is preaching. He is thrilled to be able to serve his country with the 107th and looks forward to the opportunity to get to know those who serve with him. To reach him or another chaplain, call the chaplains office at 236-2395.



# CE's outstanding members



## Meritorious Service Medal

Chief Master Sgt. Earl McDonald  
Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Marshall  
Master Sgt. Jennifer Mahoney  
Master Sgt. Joanne Osalkowski  
Master Sgt. Adam Tiffany  
Tech. Sgt. William Dixon



## Air Force Commendation Medal

Master Sgt. Ricardo Flores  
Master Sgt. Scott Hoover  
Master Sgt. Ronald Overturf  
Master Sgt. Thomas Pilarz  
Master Sgt. Daniel Snyder  
Tech. Sgt. David Rendina  
Staff Sgt. Roger Cook  
Senior Airman Kristopher Cox



## AF Achievement Medal

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Austin  
Tech. Sgt. Leonard Cheff  
Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storms  
Staff Sgt. Nicholas King  
Staff Sgt. David Loder  
Senior Airman Robert Argy  
Senior Airman Adam Harrington  
Senior Airman Brett Johnson  
Senior Airman Hao Wu



# Newcomers and re-enlistments



**Staff Sgt. Thomas Perreault, MXS.**



**Staff Sgt. Brent Peterson, LRS.**



**Master Sgt. Edward Stefik, SFS.**



**Airman 1st Class Romain Salomon, OG.**



**Jackson Zimmerman**



# Moving on up



Col. Patrick Ginavan (on right) and Lt. Col. Patrick Roemer promote Daniel Dutton to staff sergeant.



Col. James Atkinson (on right) and Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers promote Arthur Gasewicz to technical sergeant.



Col. James Atkinson (on right) and Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers promote James Malcolm to technical sergeant.



Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers congratulates Eric Pelletier on his promotion to senior airman.



Col. James Atkinson (on right) and Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers promote Daniel Weiser to technical sergeant.

# Moving on up



Col. James Atkinson (on right) and Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers promote Daniel Thompson to senior airman.



Col. James Atkinson (on right) and Lt. Col. Kevin Rogers promote Vicki Weaver to master sergeant.

## Senior Master Sgt.

Gary Piatt  
Terri Santoro

## Master Sgt.

Jonathan Mott

## Tech. Sgt.

Kanosha Johnson  
Jason Peters  
Jennifer Restey  
Harold Stafford  
Krystalore Stegner

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# Farewell

## October

Staff Sgt. Michael Bilharz  
Staff Sgt. Yvan Limbal  
Staff Sgt. Damian Martelli  
Senior Airman Anthony Jones

## November

Senior Master Sgt. Eugene Spino

## December

Chief MSgt. Richard Boxhorn  
Master Sgt. Water Adamczyk  
Master Sgt. Donald Blady  
Master Sgt. Paul Brundage  
Master Sgt. David Crist  
Master Sgt. Timothy Gemsheim  
Master Sgt. Veronica Jadoch



After 26 years of faithful service Master Sgt. Sharon Kowalewski calls it quits. Lt. Col. Marc Gildner presents the sergeant with the Meritorious Service Medal.