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Awards ceremony honors Airmen, family, influences



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ceneen Shaffer and Staff Sgt. Mariko Bender. Photo illustration by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

More than 1,100 Airmen from the 193rd Special Operations Wing were honored with the Hometown Heroes Salute award during the Wing's annual awards ceremony. Retired Airmen, family members and center of influences were also presented awards in conjunction with the Hometown Heroes Salute. Representative RoseMarie Swanger; Senator Mike Folmer; and Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, commander, Pennsylvania National Guard were among the distinguished visitors presenting the Airmen with the awards.

*By Airman 1st Class Claire Behney
Public Affairs Specialist*

One of the Air National Guard's largest Airmen recognition programs has made its debut at the 193rd Special Operations Wing and it's centered on commending sacrifice and dedication.

The program is the Hometown Heroes Salute campaign and it's designed to honor Airmen who have deployed for more than

30 consecutive days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, and other global operations since Sept. 11, 2001.

More than 1,100 Airmen of the 193rd were honored with the HHS award during the Wing's annual awards ceremonies Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. The Airmen were presented a framed HHS coin with

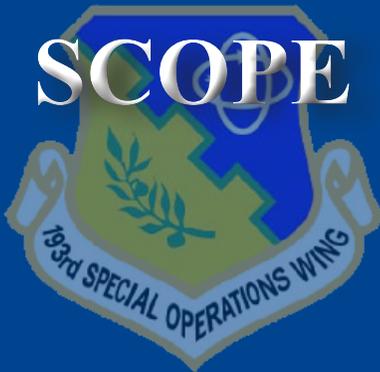
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State Command Chief Perspective



By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

State Command Chief

A new year and a new decade have just begun. For many of us the end of a year brings a time of celebration, reflection, thanks, and hope. The end of a decade gives pause for further contemplation.

Celebration- I hope that most of you were able to celebrate the holiday season with your families. It is important to take time to spend with our families and celebrate the things that are important to us. This time not only brings us joy, but also recharges us and revitalizes our drive. I had the pleasure of celebrating and recognizing our Air National Guard family with the 193rd Special Operation Wing in December during their Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony. We celebrated and recognized the contributions of those Airmen that have deployed since Sept. 11. We recognized the families of those Airmen for their support and sacrifice in their Airmen's absence.

We also recognized the sacrifices and support of the Airmen's center of influence. The center of influence may be an employer, family member or friend. They are the individuals that supported the Airman the most during their deployment.

I look forward to attending many more of the Hometown Heroes Salute ceremonies in the coming years. These ceremonies are an example of our Air Guard family celebrations that bring us joy and

recharge our batteries.

Reflection- Reflecting on the year past makes me realize how busy our Air Guard family was in 2009. We had two high profile joint missions in which we participated, which were President Obama's inauguration and the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania National Guard members received high praises for our contribution to making these events an outstanding success.

2009 has been extremely busy for the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. We have had our share of Airmen in the fight and we continue to have Airmen in the fight. Currently approximately 100 members of the 201st RED HORSE are deployed, bringing the total number of Pennsylvania Air National Guard Airmen deployed in support of the war efforts to some 200.

Reflecting on the last decade, I remember the 34 members of our Pennsylvania National Guard family that made the ultimate sacrifice in service since Sept. 11 in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Please keep the families of these 34 heroes and our deployed members in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks- I am thankful for the health and well being of my family and myself in 2009. I am also thankful for all the great Airmen of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. The many accomplishments of our Airmen fill me with pride. It is my great honor to work for the Airmen of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. My thanks go out to our Airmen, the families that sacrifice and support them, and their employers.

Hope- My hope for the next year and the new decade is for the safety of all our deployed Soldiers and Airmen. As always, we stand ready to defend our nation and our commonwealth no matter what the cost. To quote Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "The Soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

I too hope and pray for peace in the coming years. Happy new year!



Promotions

for the month of December

Promotion to Master Sergeant

Cris E. Dush 193 SFS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

William J. Walker 193 SFS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Brian D. Palmer 193 MXS

Jeffrey D. Sturzen 193 LRS

Christopher A. Tucker 193 SFS

Justin R. Baysore 193 SFS

Damian F. Constantine 193 SFS

Colleen M. Kelley 193 SFS

Scott D. Thornsberry 211 EIS

Carlos A. Castiblanco 193 LRS

Jaclyn M. Ebersole 193 FSS

Bruce A. Champion 193 SF

Peter J. Shoemaker 193 SF

Promoted to Senior Airman

Justin C. Warner 271 CBCS

Jesse L. Mitchell 201 RHS

Jody A. Meade 193 CES

Promoted to Airman

Jaclyn R. Nettles 193 SOS

Congratulations!

News In Brief

SFS commander position announced

The Mission Support Group is currently accepting applications for the Security Forces Commander. This traditional guard position is open to captain promotable, major or lieutenant colonel. The Security Forces Commander is the Chief of Security for the 193rd Special Operations Wing and is responsible for the security of all 193rd facilities, resources, and high value assets. The Security Forces Commander ensures the highest level of combat readiness of the Security Forces Squadron and anti-terrorism/force protection for the 1,800 members of the 193rd at three separate locations.

If interested in the position please send a letter of intent and resume to Tech. Sgt. Pamela Nee at pamela.nee@ang.af.mil by Jan. 10, 2010.

NCO seminar announced

The non-commissioned officer supervisor leadership management seminar will be held Jan. 28-31 at the new 201st RED HORSE Squadron building at Fort Indiantown Gap. Sign up now for four days of great educational information. Further information is on the registration form located on the 193rd home page under education and training. Please forward the completed registration forms to Tech. Sgt. Pamela Nee at pamela.nee@ang.af.mil.

Officer seminar announced

The officer professional development seminar will be held May 11-14 in Shambach Hall, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap. Seminar information and the registration form can be found on the 193rd global front page under education/retention and information. Please forward the completed registration forms to Tech. Sgt. Pamela Nee at pamela.nee@ang.af.mil.

Nominate employer for ESGR award

Providing pay and benefits during deployments, sending care packages to deployed employees, allowing time off, and celebrating military service with send-off and homecoming ceremonies are just a few commitments that the Guard and Reserve's top employers are honored for each year.

ESGR officials are asking Guard and Reserve servicemembers to begin 2010 with a resolution to speak out and honor their patriotic employers.

"With ongoing global operations, support from employers for Guard and Reserve service is more critical now than ever," said officials with the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve.

The ESGR's mission is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support.

For more information on how to nominate your employer visit www.esgr.org or www.FreedomAward.mil.



Wing welcomes home Commando Solo, Airmen



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer

Members of the 193rd Flight Crew and Maintenance Operations Flight returned home, Dec. 5, from a recent deployment in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their homecoming also marked the return of an EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft. Several milestones were achieved during this nine month deployment including a total of 1,617.9 flying hours, 550 missions and 286 sorties.



Chief: being part of something important



By Chief Master Sgt. Craig R. Stoudt
193rd Maintenance Operations Flight

I sit here pondering a 41 plus year career that has taken me all over the world and provided a lot of acquaintances and friendships. As a Guardsman and technician, I have been afforded the opportunity to provide for and sustain my family and be part of a second family with a one-of-a

-kind Air Force mission. The 193rd has played a significant role in most of my adult life.

My career has been spent in various areas of aircraft maintenance. I have held positions from aircraft mechanic to production controller, quality assurance inspector, quality assurance superintendent and finally maintenance operations superintendent. I take great pride in the part I played in many deployments, conferences, inspections and the day-to-day upkeep of our aircraft.

We have been extremely successful in most every endeavor we have undertaken. From my first deployment to Korat AB in Thailand, where we flew every day and never missed a mission to my last in Kuwait where we had similar results, the 193rd was always the benchmark.

Several years ago, at a time when retirement had taken a good number of people with a lot of years and experience, I wondered if we could keep up our high standards. I got that answer when I deployed to Kwajalein for a flight test of our new J model aircraft. While there, I discovered that somehow a lot of really smart,

young people had made their way into the maintenance group. I was amazed at the dedication and talent they brought in such a short amount of time. There is no reason we will not be successful for many years to come.

What will I miss the most? Of course, I will miss the people. Even though a lot of my closest friends have already retired, I continue to make new friendships. Beyond that, I will miss being part of something important. The work we do is important and should be a source of pride for everyone.

What am I most proud of? I have answered this question the same for a lot of years. It is the part I played in continuing the record of over 195,000 accident free flying hours. Without that, a lot of other things would not mean very much.

Any wisdom? The near future of the 193rd seems very busy. Keep your eye on what is really important and don't be distracted by things that really don't mean much. Solve every problem by always erring on the side of safety.

Best of luck in the future and thanks for letting me be part of something important.

193rd Association seeks membership committee assistance

By Senior Master Sgt. Rich Shirk

193 SOW Association Membership Committee Chairman

Greetings from the membership committee of the 193rd Special Operation Wing Association. We are putting together a 2010 membership drive and are in need of your support.

Many members of the Wing are not familiar with the different kinds of contributions that the Wing Association provides. Over the next few months the membership committee will be scheduling time with commanders to help spread the message about the benefits of membership.

Of the many contributions the Association provides to the Wing, the most important is the 193 SOW Assistance Fund. The assistance fund helps our members get back on their feet during tough financial times and hardship. Funds are provided as grants to members that are in financial need. Typically, the Association receives such requests through the Family Support Office,

from commanders and first sergeants. The requests are reviewed by board members and then monies are granted back through the Family Support Office. It's a simple process, completely anonymous, and provides our members with a kind of support unequalled by other organizations.

The Wing Association has provided thousands of dollars to members in need; however, we are able to do so only through ongoing contributions by our members. We need your support in order to continue to provide this exclusive benefit. So on behalf of our members in need, we need and encourage your help!

In the months to come, anticipate visits from Association representatives during commanders' calls and look for more information in Scope. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and understand how the 193rd Wing Association benefits Wing members.

Please contact me directly at 410-279-6502 with membership questions and/or if you need a membership application.



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Have a story to tell?

Contact your Public Affairs Office and share the good news!

Job vacancy?

Scope advertising works for you to get the word out!



Special thanks from Family Support Office

The Family Support Office says “thank you” to all who participated in the children’s Christmas party.

We hope that you and your children had as good a time as the volunteers did.

For those of you who were unable to pick up your photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, we have them available for in the FSO. Please stop in to pick up your photos in Building 81, room 131.

*Sincerely,
Sandy, Tracey
and the Volunteers*



Photo provided by Family Support Office

Numbers reflect dedication of 193rd Airmen (continued from Page 1)

a letter of appreciation from the director, Air National Guard and the Air National Guard command chief master sergeant.

“Today we recognize those that have truly earned the title of hero,” said Representative RoseMarie Swanger, the guest speaker at the awards ceremony at Air Station Fort Indiantown Gap.

“The men and women of the Air National Guard are and have been for years, shining examples of the best qualities we have.”

The HHS campaign also pays tribute to family members and a center of influence- anyone the member designates as a support during their deployment. The spouses of the Airmen received an engraved pen and pencil set, the children received dog tags engraved with the HHS logo, and the center of influences received a HHS logo medallion.

“They (family) are the glue that holds us together, they are our backbone and they are the unsung heroes of this war,” said Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, commander, Pennsylvania National Guard, to the audience at Air Station Middletown’s Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony. “Most importantly, they get us through those difficult times.”

Senior Master Sgt. Victor Miller, 193rd Maintenance Operation Flight, echoed Gen. Wright’s sentiments, explaining that his wife will be receiving the center of influence portion of his Hometown Heroes Salute award for her ability to adapt to his multiple deployments.

“The first couple (deployments) were a little rough, but being in the maintenance area they were expected, and so she adjusted real well holding down the fort and making a lot of decisions that I was unable to make at the time,” Miller said.

Miller also received an award for 40 years of dedicated service to the 193rd. For his lengthily devotion to the Wing he credits the technical training provided by the Air Force, his ability to work his way up the chain within the Maintenance Flight, and the

people he met along the way, making the years worthwhile.

“Of course it’s very humbling and I’m one of the fortunate ones to still be here, there are some that aren’t here anymore and may God bless them,” Miller said.

Chief Master Sgt. Craig Stoudt, 193rd Maintenance Operations Flight was awarded the Gen. William Moffat-Reilly award during the ceremony.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Weidensaul was also presented the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal for his commendable service to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Members providing 10, 20, and 30 years of service to the Wing were awarded and graduates of the Community College of the Air Force were also acknowledged during the ceremonies.

Additionally, the 193rd outstanding ready Guardsmen were recognized. Senior Airman Stefanie A. Ritchie was awarded Airman of the year, Staff Sgt. Matthew W. Mehalick was awarded non-commissioned officer of the year, Senior Master Sgt. Scott T. Ball was awarded senior non-commissioned officer of the year, Master Sgt. William E. Benner III was awarded first sergeant of the year, Chief Master Sgt. Scotty L. Seiverling was awarded honor guard member of the year, Tech. Sgt. Timothy S. Greiner was awarded honor guard manager of the year, and 1st Lt. Kathleen S. Pearson was awarded company grade officer of the year.

“You are noble professionals,” said Gen. Wright to the audience at Air Station Middletown. “You define that all volunteer force and are ingrained with the ideals of duty, honor, country, service above self, integrity and excellence.”

It is with those ideals in mind that the HHS program will continue to be implemented throughout the Air National Guard and will become a regular part of the Wing’s annual awards ceremony, bringing recognition to the dedication of the Airmen throughout the Unit and the commitment of their families.



Sounding Off

What you need to know to keep you flying...

February blood drive

Unleash the hero in you, Feb. 20 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. by registering for the upcoming blood drive in the dining facility atrium. The bloodmobile bus will be located in front of the Headquarters Building. This drive aims to support Central Pennsylvania-based individuals in need of blood.

If you would like to schedule an appointment ahead of time, please contact Master Sgt. Denise Teats, extension 2426 or Tech. Sgt. Amy Snyder at extension 2566.

Walk-ups are always welcome on the day of the drive!

Leukemia fundraiser announced

There will be a Robert Bahl's Leukemia Fundraiser held Feb. 20, 2010 at Clearview Lanes in Mt. Joy from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring family and friends.

Money raised will go toward a donation in honor of Staff Sgt. Robert Bahl. Please come out and support this great cause. Donations are welcome if you are unable to attend.

Reserve your tickets now with Master Sgt. McMurray, Master Sgt. Porta, Staff Sgt. Oakley, Senior Airman Ritchie, or Master Sgt. Madole.

Red Cross to host table display

The Red Cross will have a table display at Air Station Middletown, in the lobby of Building 81, Jan. 9 2010. If you are not familiar with what the Red Cross can do for you as a member or members of your family, this will be a good time to stop and have your questions answered.

A representative from Red Cross will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to answer any of your questions.

Second annual bowling fundraiser

The second annual ATARS bowling fund raiser will take place Jan. 11, 2010 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at ABC East Blowing Alley on Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg. All proceeds benefit the Fisher House for Disabled Veterans.

Five person teams will bowl three games. Creative team names and uniforms are encouraged and there will be team photos taken at the event.

The cost is a \$35 donation with all proceeds donated to the Fisher House for Disabled Veterans. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks can be made payable to Jeff Bitner.

To sign-up, make a direct donation, or ask questions, contact Mike Beachley at 717-948-3237 or michael.beachley@ang.af.mil. When registering you must provide team name and bowlers' names.

Hershey Bears ticket sale

Tickets are available for \$16 for the Hershey Bears game against the Syracuse Crunch. The game will be played Sunday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Hershey Giant Center. If interested in tickets, contact Family Support Office at extension 3155 or 3179 by close of business Jan. 13.

What's on the Menu

Constellation Cafe

Hours of operation: 11:30-1:00

Saturday

Main Line:

Pork loin & sauerkraut
BBQ beef cubes
Mashed potatoes
Steamed rice
Cauliflower with cheese
Vegetable du jour

Snack Line:

Hamburger
Cheese Burger
BBQ pork loin sandwich
Fries
Baked beans

Salad bar, soup du jour and assorted desserts

Sunday

Main Line:

Chicken fajita
Baked fish
Roasted potato
Mexican rice
Brussels sprouts
Vegetable du jour

Snack Line:

Hamburger
Cheese burger
Chicken cheese steak
Fries
Baked beans

*Clancy's will be open Saturday and Sunday
and will be serving:*

Hamburgers
Chicken tenders
Chips
Drink
Dessert

UTA Payday: Jan. 22



R.S.V.P. now to reserve your seat at the 193rd Special Operations Wing Dining Out April 17, 2010

- Who:** 193rd Members and their Spouses/Guests
- Where:** Harrisburg Hilton
- Time:** Cocktail hour commences at 6 p.m.
Dinner is served at 7 p.m.
- Dress:** Military, Mess Dress or Semi Formal Uniform
Civilian, Semi Formal Attire
- Price:** E-1 thru E-4: \$25 per person
E-5 thru E-9 and retirees: \$30 per person
Officers: \$35 per person

**Please note:* rooms are available at the Hilton,
be sure to ask for the '193rd special event rate' when reserving your room at the Hilton.
(Rooms may be booked online at
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/MDTHHHF-OPS-20100417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Banquet Menu

Chicken

Gruyere Cheeses, Prosciutto and Spinach Stuffed Chicken Roulade
with Fine Herb Jus Lie, Saffron Rice and Julienne Vegetables.

Vegetarian

Baked Eggplant Rollantini with Herbed Sauce Cheese,
Fresh Tomato and Basil, Herbed Orzo and Julienne Vegetables

Beef

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish-Scented Jus Lie,
White Truffle-Infused Mashed Potatoes and Julienne Vegetables.

With your entrée selection, please make check or money order payable to **193rd Dining Out Fund**
and return to Senior Master Sgt. M. Scott Richmond,
76 Constellation Court, Middletown PA, 17057, michael.richmond@ang.af.mil

Please detach and return to Senior Master Sgt. M. Scott Richmond

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Unit: _____

_____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian # _____ Beef