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193rd Special Operations Wing - Pennsylvania Air National Guard - Middletown, Pa.

148th mission capabilities tested



Tactical Air Control Party Airman of the 193rd Special Operations Wing's 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa., run from their tents to their bunker after hearing incoming enemy missiles. The threat of incoming enemy fire was one of many scenarios the Airmen faced as part of the four-day field training exercise at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Stories and photos by Airman 1st Class Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

“Incoming!” echoes throughout the forward operating base as the whistle and explosion of mortars shake the earth. Airmen immediately stop what they’re doing, quickly retrieve their weapons, flak vests and helmets and run to their bunker where they begin attempting to make radio contact with their commander to

notify of incoming enemy fire.

Five minutes later, “All clear!” echoes throughout the FOB.

This exercise was one of many completed by the Tactical Air Control Party Airman of the 193rd Special Operations Wing’s 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa., during their four- day field training exercise.

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Association receives donation



201st building dedication



Charity 5k run/walk registration

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State Command Chief perspective: Eagle eyes



By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

State Command Chief

The attempted car bombing of New York's Times Square has emphasized the important part all Americans play in preventing a terrorist attack. New York street vendors, Duane Jackson and Lance Orton Sr., demonstrated the type of vigilance and actions that the Air Force is asking from all Airmen to help prevent terrorist attacks when they reported the suspicious vehicle.

The article below was published in the 171st Air Refueling Wing's Tanker Times at the request of Special Agent Mickel Howell of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and Eagle Eyes Program Representative. I believe that the article is relevant to all Airmen given the incident in Times Square and deserves repeating.

As a result of the 9-11 terrorist attack, the Air Force implemented an antiterrorism program called Eagle Eyes, which is operated by the AFOSI. Much like a neighborhood watch program, 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. The motto for Eagle Eyes is "Watch. Report. Protect."

"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," said Special Agent Mickel Howell. "The 2001 attack did not just happen with-

out planning. There were precursor events that occurred and eventually led up to the attack. These terrorists planned their attacks, conducted surveillance, obtained training and rehearsed their operation."

There were numerous lessons learned in the federal law enforcement and intelligence communities which played a key role in the development of Eagle Eyes.

"Of most importance, we learned that every terrorist act is preceded by observable activities. These activities usually include surveillance, elicitation for information, tests of security, acquiring supplies, conducting a dry run -- practicing the terrorist act, and deploying the assets to commit the act," said Howell. "Once the assets are deployed to commit the attack, it is most likely too late to prevent the act from occurring."

"When the community is aware of pre-attack indicators, they can play a vital role in deterring a potential attack," Howell said. Once a potential indicator is observed, it is reported to OSI through various channels. OSI then investigates the reported activity.

Here are some examples of what has been reported through the Eagle Eyes program. Unidentified men taking pictures of the base; a male attempted to elicit information from an intelligence member concerning security operations; incidents of counterfeit military identification card production; attempts to elicit technical information from a reserve technician by an unidentified male; suspicious phone calls made to various organizations by unknown callers.

By reaching out to Air Force members, their families and the local community through educational briefings and word of mouth, these incidents were reported in a timely manner. By reporting these incidents, potential criminal or terrorist plots were foiled.

Law Enforcement officials, to include AFOSI special agents, cannot be everywhere at all times. "The Eagle Eyes program relies on you to remain vigilant," Howell said. "Only you know your neighborhood. Only you know your workplace. Please continue to remain cognizant and continue to watch, report and protect."




Promotions

For the month of May

Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant

Terry E. Bard	193 MXS
Aaron D. Gibbs	148 ASOS

Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Troy L. Schrader	193 SOS
Dale L. Perry	112 AOS

Promotion to Master Sergeant

Jason J. Weimer	193 SFS
Jeffrey K. Shepler Jr	211 EIS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Kyle T. Eyerly	193 MXS
Joshua E. Smith	193 MXS
Aaron J. Rutten	193 SOS
Jonathan R. Risley	193 SOS
Dennis K. Dacheux Jr	193 SOS
Felipe Hernandez II	193 SOS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Joseph A. Gerg	112 AOS
Rusty J. Smith	193 MXS

Promoted to Senior Airman

Joshua S. March	193 MXS
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Promoted to Airman First Class

Joshua J. McMahon	193 SF/193 MXS
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Congratulations!

News In Brief

Accessing your PRDA record

From the AF Portal:

1. Log onto the AF Portal
<https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>
2. Click on the 'PRDA – Personnel Records Display' link located on the left side of the Homepage under Top Portal Links- A new internet window will open up
3. A new internet window will open up
4. Click 'PRDA' on the left side under My Sections
5. Your electronic personnel record will now populate

From AFPC Secure Applications:

1. Log onto AFPC Secure Applications
<https://w20.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureNet20/>
 2. Click 'OK'
 3. Select your CAC certificate and enter CAC PIN
 4. Click 'PRDA' where all the applications are listed'
 5. A new internet window will open up
 6. Click 'PRDA' on the left side under My Sections
 7. Your electronic personnel record will now populate
- Currently, you will have just a few items to view in your electronic personnel record. You will be notified by the 193 SOW/FSS when all your documents have been loaded for you to review. If you have any issues logging into the ARMS system, please call ARPC at 1-800-525-0102.

Hard copy LES shut off for AF civilians

In accordance with the Department of Air Force policy, effective pay date June 11, 2010, the hard copy Leave and Earnings Statements will be turned off.

LESs are always available electronically on myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Instructions for using or starting myPay use are also available there.

MyPay is the fastest way to obtain pay information, as well as the most cost effective delivery method. By not mailing LESs, our intent is to highly encourage employees to use myPay.

If you require additional myPay assistance, contact the Centralized Customer Support Unit at 1-888-DFAS411 (1-888-332-7411), commercial 216-522-5096, or DSN 580-5096, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you have questions regarding this policy, contact arpc.afafo-workflow@arpc.denver.af.mil.



193rd lends hand in N.J. mass fatality training



Photo by Master Sgt. Jerry Bynum

Major Julie Carpenter, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Medical (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or Explosive) Enhanced Response Force, , conducts a preliminary health assessment on a firefighter from the Jersey City Hazmat Team, Jersey City Fire Department, N.J., before he conducts field operations and recovery during the Regional Mass Fatality Management Training Evolution on May 11, 2010 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center/Jersey City Police Facility in Jersey City, N.J. The RMFMTE focuses on fatality management techniques and procedures and assists in the development of local and regionalized response plans for response to a mass fatality event resulting from terrorist attacks or natural disasters. The week-long joint training effort included the Air National Guard, Department of Homeland Security, New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, along with numerous medical examiners/coroners, fire departments, law enforcement, and other federal and local agencies from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

193rd Honor Guard supports ceremony

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bearinger, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Tritch, Master Sgt. Timothy Greiner, Senior Airman Reuben Dascalescu, Senior Airman Edward McAnany, and Senior Master Sgt. Michael Benham of the 193rd Special Operations Wing's Honor Guard performs a 21-gun salute in honor of servicemembers during a Memorial Day ceremony at Middletown Cemetery, Middletown, Pa., Monday. Other Airmen of the 193rd Honor Guard participated in the Annville parade, May 29.



FTX simulates TACPs' down range scenarios

"With the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team and the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, our job is to align with them and support them with close air support," said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ball, operations superintendent and joint terminal attack controller, 148th ASOS. "So if the Army can't destroy its target with their artillery, tanks or personnel that's where they look to us to call in the fighters or bombers to destroy that target."

Along with providing support to Army ground units, TACPs also oversee communications networks to support air resources.

"As a TACP we're called upon to assist with several different types of missions and different roles of operation in the combat zone," said Senior Airman Brett Rainey, 148th ASOS TACP. "This FTX definitely hit just about every type of mission you could be called upon to do."

The goal for the FTX was just that, to prepare the Airmen for any combat situation they could encounter, exposing them to what they'll see down range. Just as they would during missions, the TACPs were moved through the various team elements, fulfilling the position of medic, platoon leader, radio operator, and the JTEC, Ball said.

As the Airmen rotated through the roles of the different team elements they were challenged with scenarios that tested their skills. During these scenarios the TACPs had to convoy and clear the route; face an enemy ambush; search for improvised explosive devices; clear buildings; and complete resupply, escort and raid missions. The Airmen were pushed through long hours, dark nights, and sleep deprivation to simulate anything they could encounter during a deployment mission.

One scenario required special equipment and skills for the TACPs to complete.

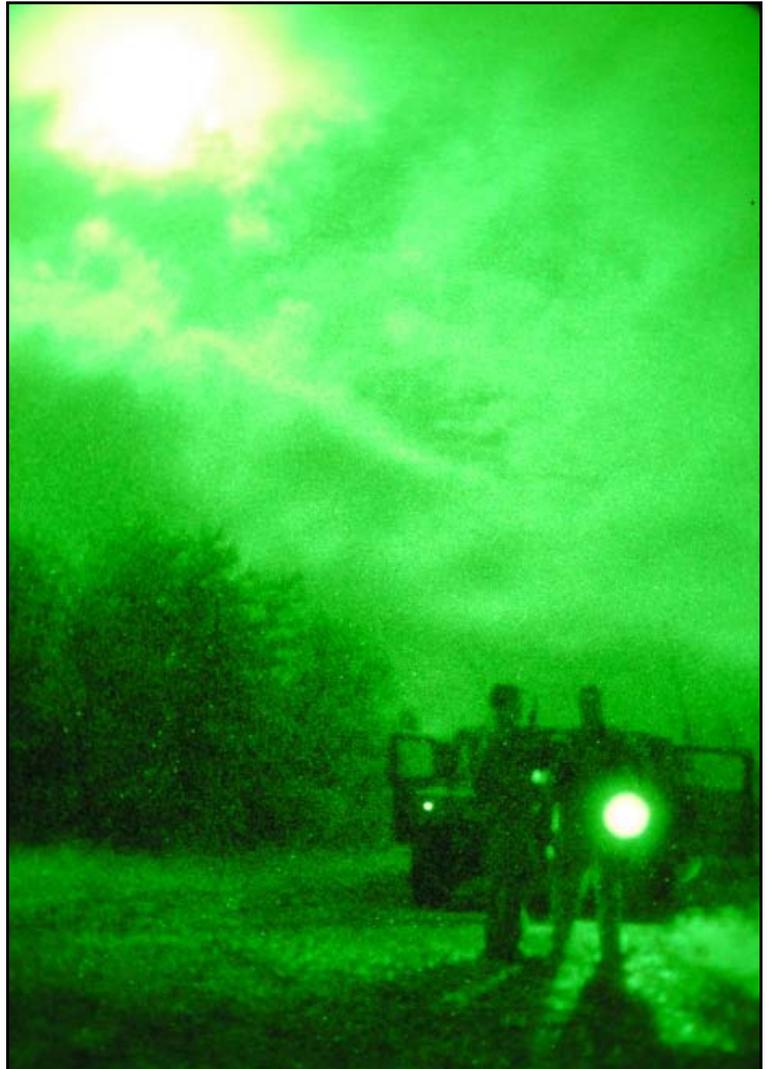
With the moon behind a cloud cover, the TACPs outfitted with night-vision equipment, swept through a conex. "All clear," is shouted as they exit; one conex down, three more too clear in search of the insurgent. It's in the process of clearing the final conex that an assertive "hands up," is yelled as the Airmen locate the insurgent and disarmed him.

"During night engagements, depending on the enemy threat, we can mark ourselves with an infrared chem stick or an infrared strobe, which will show up under night vision goggles, so we can mark ourselves to identify who's friendly and who's enemy," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Evans, 148th ASOS TACP.

Evans said another option the TACPs have during a night mission is their thermal capabilities.

"Before we assault into an area, we can pull out our thermal equipment and view the battlefield and see how many targets and how many insurgents," said Evans. "We're able to identify weapons before the enemy even knows we're there; so it really give us an advantage with our night vision and thermal capabilities."

More than 50 Airmen participated in the FTX and played a role in the scenarios. Along with the main force of TACPs, partici-



At approximately 11:30 p.m. the cloud cover broke momentarily, giving the TACPs more light at the conclusion of one of their night missions. During this scenario the TACPs fell under enemy fire while in transit to their FOB and had to clear several buildings in search of the insurgent to disarm him.

pants included the various support elements of radio maintenance, supply, vehicle maintenance, and four Lithuanian JTACs, said Ball.

"It seemed flawless and we got a lot of great training out of it because it ran like an actual operation and," said Airman 1st Class Brent Hill, 148th ASOS TACP. "They did a good job meshing everything together to get it to roll from one evolution to another so it never seemed like a training exercise."

Hill said the FTX helped him feel mission prepared by improving his ability to plan under pressure with minimal time while completing a battle plan to execute the team's objectives.

Evans echoed similar sentiments about the effects of the FTX.

"This prepares us for any upcoming deployments and our team unity, as a whole, is pretty much aligned with each other so I think, as a unit, we gained a lot from this FTX," said Evans.

Updates from 193rd SOW Association

By Senior Airman Kathleen Garrity
193rd SOW Association Recording Secretary

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association held its annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 15. An election to fill four board vacancies was conducted. Congratulations to Samuel Varnicle, Wayne Isett, Kathleen Garrity and David Hawkins, as they were the winners. Thank you to the Association members who voted and attended the meeting.

A special congratulations to past Association president, retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Weidensaul for being awarded the State Humanitarian Award. He received the award on Monday, May 17 at the Seven Springs Resort, Seven Springs, Pa. The award was presented by the National Association of Insurance and Financial

Advisors. Weidensaul received the award for his services to the 193rd SOW Association and the Compassion Ministries Hershey Free Church.

There was a cash award which Weidensaul then donated to the 193rd SOW Association Assistance Fund in a check presentation May 27. He was also given a Proclamation from the State House of Representatives by State Representative John Payne.

During the check presentation, Weidensaul shared the award with Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Eric Weller; Wing executive, Lt. Col. Stuck; 193 SOW Association current president and vice president, as well as members of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and Gary Lathrop, Hershey Free church Pastor.

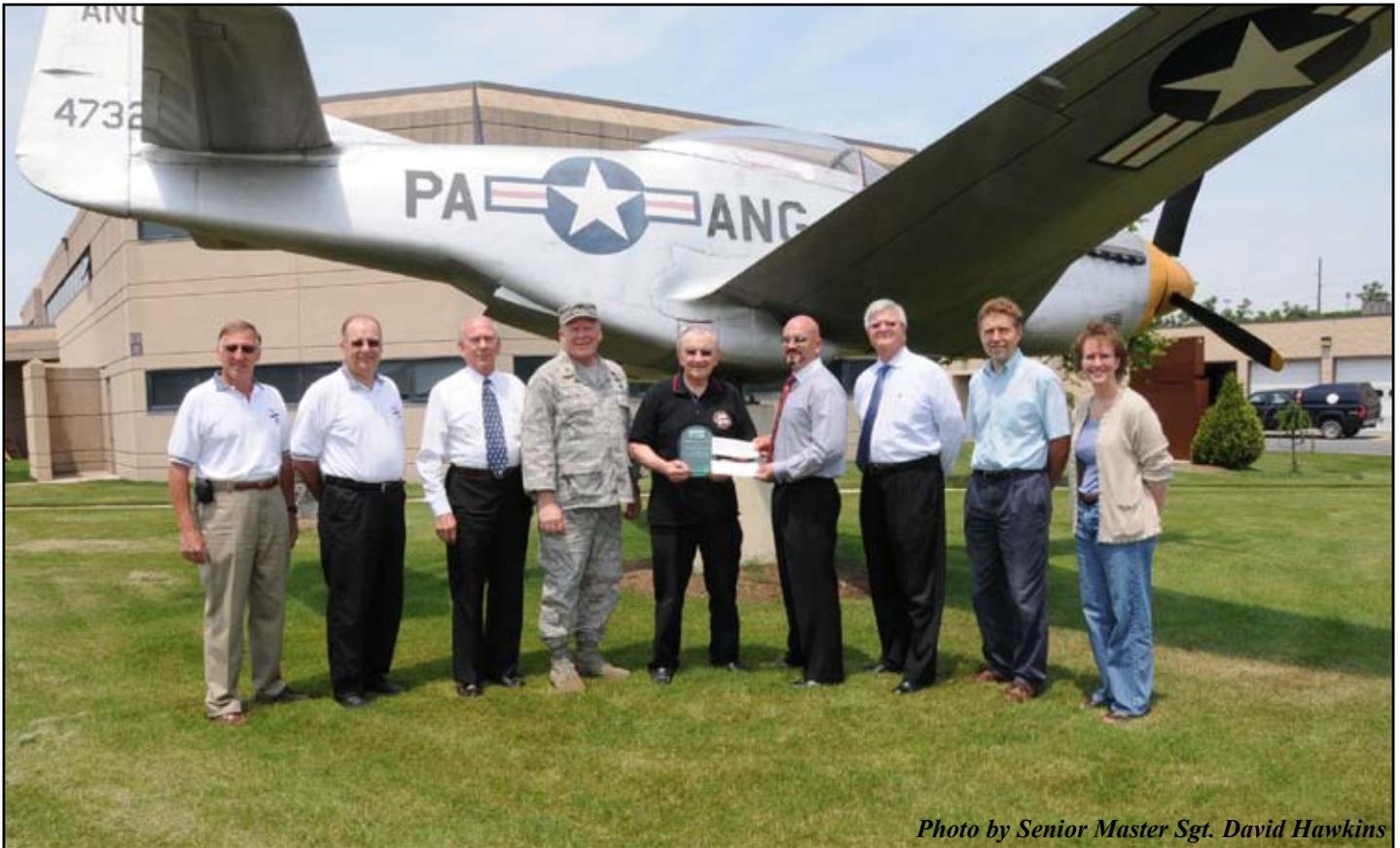


Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

Picture left to right, Barry Frey, 193rd Association vice president; Bill Shupp, 193rd Association president; Darrell Westby, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; Brig. Gen. Eric Weller, Wing commander; retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Weidensaul; Joe Marrazzo, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors president; David Edwards, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; Gary Lathrop, Pastor Hershey Free Church; and Lt. Col. Susan Stuck, Wing executive officer. Weidensaul was awarded the State Humanitarian Award and also received a cash reward. Marrazzo presented Weidensaul a check which Weidensaul then donated to the 193rd Association.



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Sounding Off

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

5k to support central PA food bank

The 193rd Operations Association will have a 5K walk/run in support of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. The race will be held at 2:30 p.m. on June 13. The 5k will start and stop at City Island Park in Harrisburg. The event will include a pasta meal, a t-shirt and tickets to the Harrisburg Senators baseball game starting at 6 p.m. Participants are asked to bring two canned food items in addition to their \$10 registration fee.

Please see page 10 for the registration form.

1st sergeant position announced

The 271st Combat Communications Squadron is looking to fill a first sergeant opening. Please submit packages to Senior Master Sgt. Peter Mireles in the Logistic Readiness Squadron or Command Chief Master Sgt. Scott Keener by close of business June 6. The board will be held Friday, July 16, with the time and location still to be determined.

NCO seminar scheduled

The NCO Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar will be held at the new 201st RED HORSE Squadron facility, Fort Indiantown, June 24-27. This seminar is open to staff sergeants through senior non-commissioned officers. If you have attended this seminar in the past and desire to attend again, you may do so with first time attendees having priority status. Deadline for registration is June 16.

To register, visit the 193rd global page under "Education and Retention." There is more seminar information on this form. The cost and methods for you to attend this seminar are the responsibility of your assigned unit.

The completed registration form should be forwarded to retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Isett at wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil.

2009 Airmen of Year awarded

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Scott Ball, operations superintendent and joint terminal attack controller for the 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, for being selected as the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

"Senior Master Sgt. Ball is one of the finest NCOs I've ever met," said Lt. Col. Terrence Koudelka, 148th Air Support Operations Squadron commander. "His leadership and real-world close air support expertise was instrumental in this past year's successes of both the 148th and the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team."

Ball, a 2005 graduate of the Community College of the Air Force, served 10 years active duty before becoming a Guard member six years ago.

"I'm honored to have received this award and actually most of the award should be accredited to the Airmen who work for me because they're the ones who make my job easy," said Ball.

What's on the Menu

Constellation Cafe

Hours of operation 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday

Main Line:

Lasagna
Spaghetti with meat
Cauliflower
Asparagus
Dinner rolls
Soup du jour

Snack Line:

Hamburger with cheese
Chicken tenders
French fries
Baked beans

Clancy's:

BBQ chicken
Hot dog with sauerkraut
Baked beans
Chips, dessert and a drink

Sunday

Main Line:

Jaegerschnitzel
Glazed Cornish Hens
Smashed Sweet Potatoes
Steamed rice
Steamed Carrots
Corn
Soup du jour

Snack Line:

Hamburger with cheese
Hot dog with sauerkraut
French fries
Baked beans

Clancy's:

Chicken tenders
Hot Dog with sauerkraut
Baked beans
Chips, dessert and a drink

UTA Payday: June 18

Chief: Awards program ensures success of Airmen, mission



Story by Chief Master Sgt. Maria Lucas
Joint Force Headquarters Superintendent

I am a traditional guardsman and serve as the superintendent at Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard. For the past 29 years I have been involved with both the federal and state awards program.

As a federal technician, I was assigned as the awards monitor for special awards and decorations, and as a traditional guardsman, I have sat on numerous state awards boards and it's through my experience I have found one of the biggest problems we encounter, isn't the quality of the nominations, but the lack of nominations submitted.

Purpose of the awards program: Our

Airmen make many personal and professional sacrifices to ensure the Pennsylvania Air National Guard accomplishes its mission. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize these individuals for their contributions, and to express our appreciation when they go above and beyond what is normally expected. In addition, the awards program fosters morale, incentive and esprit de corps within our Wing.

Why supervisors dislike writing award nominations: There are three main reasons supervisors dislike writing awards: Lack of time, fear of writing, and indifference to the recognition program. Let's face it, we are all busy, and there is never enough time. As traditional guardsmen, it is impossible to do what we have to do in one weekend per month. We go to work with two issues, resolve them, and by the close of business Sunday, there are three more to take home. I guarantee you, writing an award is one of the last items people put at the top of their priority list. Another reason supervisors shy away from writing awards is their lack of experience or fear of writing. They are unsure of how to express themselves or they think their opinion doesn't count. I will admit some people have difficulty writing, but you will never become a good writer if you don't practice. The poorest excuse I often hear is: "why should I recognize someone for something they get paid to do?" The awards program is a visible indication of an organization's culture. Recognition of

the people who exceed the average has a tendency to raise that average. If supervisors believe airmen receive adequate compensation by receiving a paycheck, they probably won't go out of their way to offer even small gestures of appreciation. Even though we are compensated for the work we do, most people want to feel that their efforts are noticed and valued.

Why NCO's should write award nominations: Per Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, NCO's must recognize and reward those individuals whose military conduct and duty performance clearly exceed established standards. A good supervisor realizes the power of recognition. Submitting someone for an award is one of the easiest yet most effective things a supervisor can do to motivate and retain his or her people. Recognition provides an atmosphere of encouragement, develops confidence, and builds on strengths. In addition, awards are important for enlisted promotions, not only to recognize one's achievements, but to give your airmen the edge they need to get promoted. A decoration might be what it takes to get your subordinate promoted over his/her peers. Finally, awards are a part of the performance feedback process. Nominating your subordinate for an award can be the end result of a positive performance feedback. Awards not only show your appreciation for the good job they do, but it is a reflection of the hard work you put forth as their supervisor and as a NCO.

Air Force leaders send summer safety message

Story by Janie W. Santos

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

The Air Force's top leaders have issued a Critical Days of Summer safety message to alert Airmen to exercise good personal judgment to avoid engaging in a reckless manner. Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy reminded the force that many summer-related mishaps and deaths are preventable.

"As we approach the summer months, it is important to reiterate the importance of safety and risk management as we increase participation in outdoor sports and recreation, whether at home or deployed," they said. "Every year, we lose Airmen in summer-related mishaps, many of which are preventable. This summer,

our goal is zero preventable mishaps. Last summer we lost 21 Airmen. Eighteen of those died in private motor vehicle crashes, and 71 percent of summer-related fatalities involved reckless behavior," they said. The safety message encourages summer fun with family, friends and fellow Airmen, but points out ways to minimize risk by rejecting reckless behavior, using the right protective equipment and engaging in risk management. They also ask Airmen to act and care for others by recognizing and responding to those in distress. "This year, there have already been more suicides than private motor vehicle fatalities; we must be vigilant for our own well-being and that of our wingman," they said.

This message in addition to other senior viewpoints can be found in Viewpoints section of www.af.mil.



201st RED HORSE dedicates new building, pavers



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr., Pennsylvania National Guard deputy adjutant general – Army; Lt. Col. Gregory Deal, 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers commander; Brig. Gen. John Murphy, Headquarters, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Eric Weller, 193rd Special Operations Wing commander cut the ribbon to the new RED HORSE operations and training facility at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa. The new \$6.7 million, 22,500 square-foot building is home to the PA Air National Guard's RED HORSE engineers and logistics space to ensure the unit can accomplish its wartime mission.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

A special feature of the RED HORSE's new building is the memorial walk-way. Three different types of pavers are in the walkway; red pavers signify current members, gray signifies retired members and square pavers recognize deceased 201st members. The 201st RED HORSE Alumni Association sold the four by eight inch pavers to current and retired members of the 201st to be able to cover the costs of the deceased members' pavers. Pictured from left to right, retired Master Sgt. Gordon Ebright; retired Col. Joseph Feather, second 201st commander; retired Col. H. Dewey Perkins, fourth 201st commander; and Lt. Col. Gregory Deal, current 201st commander, place the final memorial paver for retired Lt. Col. Clarence "Scoop" Withers, the first 201st commander. The ceremony of placing Withers' paver served to recognize all of the deceased members of the 201st represented in this memorial walkway.



193rd Operations Association 5k charity walk/run

Benefiting the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

WHEN: Sunday, June 13

LOCATION: Carousel Pavilion, City Island, Harrisburg, Pa.

REGISTRATION: 1-2:15 p.m.

FEES: \$10 plus two non-perishable food items

EVENT TIME: 2:30 p.m.

MEAL: 4 p.m.

AWARDS: 4:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finisher in the following Age Groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over

Separate waiver form must be completed, signed, and returned to participate in the event

Mail registration form information (below) and completed waiver to:
271 CBCS
225 Harris St
Annville, Pa 17003
Attn: Maj Andrea Barlup or SMSgt Kim Shollenberger

Questions: Call (717) 861-1255 or 1265 or email andrea.barlup@ang.af.mil or kim.shollenberger@ang.af.mil

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Name (First, MI, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age ____ Sex ____ Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Birth date _____ T-Shirt size (circle one) Adult: S M L XL XXL Youth S M L

Event: 5k Walk ____ 5k Run ____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature if under 18 years of age.