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think of a warrior as one who possesses great courage, vigor and/or tenacity as well as honor, faith and loyalty. One who's not afraid to stand for what's right and to stand for those not able to stand for themselves. Being a warrior doesn't mean you have to be the one holding a gun or weapon, but someone willing to fight for the ideals we hold true.

I have answered my Nation's call. Answered our Nation's call to serve, both in time of peace and in war. This reflects a commitment to support, defend and serve our Nation. There are few causes as noble. It's volunteering to serve our Nation and its people. Each of us answers the call to duty for various reasons. Maybe it's for the opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves. Maybe because we hold true the expression "freedom isn't free" and believe that the freedoms that some take for granted are worth fighting for. To not only preserve our own freedoms but to help others have a chance for freedom as well. To make a difference, whether here at home or overseas in some small corner of the world. We answer the call from small towns and big cities, farms and corporations, close by and far away.

And none of us could answer our Nation's call without the help and support of our family and friends. We couldn't do what we do without their taking care of things at home, whether it's "Drill Weekend" or while we're deployed to the "Sand." We need to continue (and often) to thank our family and friends for their help and support, as they play a big part in our ability in answering the call.

By Chief Master Sgt. Victor H. Guerra

State Command Chief Master Sgt.

What does The Airman's Creed mean to you? Hopefully you've seen it, heard it, recited, and/or maybe you've memorized it and can recite it yourself. This is the first of a four part piece on what The Airman's Creed means to me. The first part of The Airman's Creed reads:

I am an American Airman.

I am a Warrior.

I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman. That's pretty self explanatory. I'm an American serving as an Airman in the United States Air Force, and what that means is explained throughout the creed.

I am a Warrior. Warrior: one at war. That certainly is true today, but hopefully that won't always be the case. I prefer to

ON THE COVER



Brig. Gen. Eric Weller stands in front of an EC130-J aircraft. Gen. Weller has retired as Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, he will be taking on a position at Headquarters Special Operations Command. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins)

Have a story to tell,
job vacancy or an announcement?
Scope can work for you!
contact the public affairs office.

**All Scope submissions must be received by
the Sunday of the UTA prior to the desired run date.**



Promotions

For the month of January

Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant

Patrick M. Devine 193 SOW

Promotion to Master Sergeant

Kristin J. Noll 203 WF
Robert E. Rathfon 201 RHS
Denise E. Olson 201 RHS
Hondo L. Galutia 201 RHS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Dustin L. Hoppes 193 SFS
Adam M. Walter 193 SOW

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Stephen J. Rome 201 RHS
Scott P. Mass 193 SOS

Promoted to Senior Airman

Anthony M. Anderson 193 LRS
Alicia R. Foy 193 LRS
Cori J. Ream 193 MXS
Kurtis B. Kovach 193 OG
Joshua T. Harris 201 RHS
Alysaundyre R. Lee 112 AOS
Rachel A. Lucas 112 AOS
Amber M. Barich 112 AOS

News In Brief

Outstanding Airmen announced

The selection of the 2012 Outstanding Pennsylvania Air National Guard Airmen of the Year have been announced:

The winners of each category are:

- First Sgt: Master Sgt. Richard Panzar, 193rd Special Operations Wing
- Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Jason Hummel, 193rd Special Operations Wing
- NCO: Staff Sgt. Matthew Spittler, 193rd Special Operations Wing
- Airman: Senior Airman Lawrence Morris, 171st Air Refueling Wing
- Honor Guard Member: Master Sgt. Matthew Kauffman, Joint Force Headquarters

These individuals will now go forward and compete at the Air National Guard level. Those selected from this group will represent the Air National Guard in competition at the Air Force level.

Hostile fire pay now prorated

Beginning Feb. 1, the Defense Department will calculate imminent-danger pay by the day rather than the month. Up to now, service members received a full month's imminent-danger pay, \$225, for spending even a single day in designated hazardous areas. Troops will get the extra pay only for days they're actually present in the danger zones. The prorated daily amount works out to \$7.50.

Association sponsors clothing drive

The 193rd SOW Association sponsored a Winter Clothing Drive during December and January. Approximately 15 bags/boxes of items were collected from Air Stations 2 and 3. All of the items were donated to the Hershey Free Church clothing bank. The Association would like to thank all that contributed. The Association would also like to thank Staff Sgt. Jessica Reed of the 271st who took charge of the donations from Air Station 2.

Airmen take Polar Bear Plunge

Several Wing members participated in the Polar Bear Plunge, Feb. 4, City Island, Harrisburg. The team was called the "Cold Commandos" and consisted of Master Sgt. Sue McMurray, Staff Sgt. Magdalena Kelley, Tech. Sgt. Amy Snyder, Airman 1st Class Billie Bayhart, Senior Airman Kathleen Loughran, Tech. Sgt. Daisy Andino, Senior Master Sgt. Peter Mireles, and Master Sgt. Timothy Madole. The team raised over \$1,100 for the event which benefits the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania.





Brig. Gen. Weller: 'See you on the flip side'

As I was packing up the office, it dawned on me that I haven't written a farewell note yet. Many people have asked why I did not want a standard farewell event for myself. It's kind of hard to explain but I'll give it a try. First of all, I'm not retiring; and secondly, I am hoping that we will still see each other every so often as I transition to the new job at Headquarters Special Operations Command. The way I truly see it though is that it's not about me - It's really about you. Quite frankly, my mind is swimming with a lot of facts, figures and statistics all of which equate to something that is known by all the major commands...collectively, you are a fine organization that has truly defined the word TEAMWORK. You have set the standard. You have raised the bar for others to follow. You have figured it out. Your volunteerism cannot be topped. You know what it takes to be relevant to the MAJCOMs. The fact that you have allowed me to be a part of the team and share in your accomplishments is truly overwhelming. And for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I need to finish my packing now...see you on the flip side. Very respectfully, *Brig. Gen. Weller*



This photo of the Mission Control Chiefs was taken for use in the Wing's 50th Anniversary book. It was taken between 1997 and 1999. Can you find General Weller? See Page 6 for the answer. (Photo by the 193rd Visual Information office)



Pictured in 1991 at the rank of major, at the time General Weller held title of Mission Control Chief, EC-130E, a position he held from May 1983 to May 1998. (Photo by the 193rd Visual Information office)



Brig. Gen. Eric Weller oversaw many events and operations during his five and a half years as Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, a position he held from September 2006 to February 2012. Below are a few highlights and Wing accomplishments from his time as Commander.

- 13th, 14th and 15th Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
- Stood up 112th Air Operation Squadron- 2006
- Spaatz Award- Overall Outstanding ANG Flying Unit- 2007
- NGAUS Distinguished Flying Unit- 193 SOW- 2008
- ANG Verne Orr Award- 193 SOW- 2008
- Stood up 148th ASOS- 2009
- Stood up 193rd SOW Aerial Port- 2009
- Modernized 3 Commando Solo Aircraft with new Special Equip Msn suite- 2008-2011
- Accepted and trained to SOFFLEX (precision mobility) mission for United States Special Operations Command and Air Force Special Operations Command- 2009
- Stood up Training Unit to assist AFSOC in MC ReCap conversion to J Model aircraft- 2010
- The Unit surpassed the 200,000th Class A Mishap Free flying hours in 2010
- Completed concept phase (design and testing) of 'removable' Commando Solo package which will enable the demo of the 3 Commando Solos- 2010-2011



About Face

“Who has been your role model during your military career?”



Chief Master Sgt. Michelle Kerstetter - FM Superintendent:

“Retired Master Sgt. Debra Hall. Sgt. Hall was my supervisor when I was in the Kentucky Air National Guard. I only worked for her for six months and yet she taught me so much. I admire her for her knowledge and how well she was respected on base. I still call her for advice!”

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Oden – Supervisor Material Management Flight:

“The late Maj. Gen. Robert Harris. I was in the Army, 19 years old, and being pretty radical; he stopped me in the hall and said he heard I was having some troubles and if he ever heard about any more problems from anyone else but me there’d be even bigger problems. From that day on things changed, something definitely shifted.”



Staff Sgt. Laniel Vazquez – Cyber Transport journeyman:

“My dad, Julio Vazquez, a retired cop from the 193rd. He always encouraged me to enlist and instilled a good work ethic in me and a lot of pride in the Unit and the uniform. He showed me what it’s like to be a hard worker.”

Tech. Sgt. Erica Chalk – Assistant Retention Office Manager:

“Master Sgt. Natalie White. She’s taken me under her wing since day one and she’s a positive influence in every aspect of the job.”



No hibernation for EC130-J



The dusting from an overnight snow fall remains on an EC130-J aircraft, Thursday morning. The aircraft remain on the flight line year-round through all the elements and require specific maintenance to be able to uphold mission requirements. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer)



Sounding Off

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

Maintenance Group officer opening

The 193rd Maintenance Group is accepting applications for a traditional guard Maintenance officer. Current commissioned applicants must be captain or below. Qualified individuals seeking a commission opportunity as a Maintenance officer will also be considered. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Maj. Angela Stateler, 193 MXG/CCE, angela.stateler@ang.af.mil no later than Sunday, March 11.

AMXS first sergeant position announced

The 193rd AMXS is announcing a first sergeant opportunity. All who are interested should submit a completed selection package, as required by 193 SOW OI 36-2104. Packages will be due to the 193 SOW/CCC no later than the end of the February's drill. A selection board will be held the Friday prior to the March drill.

201st Services Flight position announced

The 201st RED HORSE Squadron Services Flight has an opening for a non-commissioned officer in charge with a potential promotion to master sergeant.

The applicant need not currently hold the applicable AFSC to apply for a position, but must attend the applicable technical school within one year of appointment. In some cases the selection to a position also carries with it the potential for promotion for the individual. If this is the case the member must either hold the required AFSC or have attended the required Technical School before meeting the promotion board.

A completed application must contain an individual's resume and current Air Force fitness results and please submit application to 1st Lt. Mace before Feb. 19.

If you have any questions about the position please contact Lieutenant Mace at 717-861-1086.

W-2 forms issued through MyPay

Members' W-2s for their annual Student Loan Repayment Program payments will not be mailed out this year. Instead, they will be issued via MyPay under the travel/miscellaneous tax statement (W-2) section. Please view and print your W-2 from the MyPay site for your taxes.

If there are errors or corrections needed to the W-2 please contact the Retention Office at 717-948-2505.

ZOP established at Wing

With an ever-decreasing defense budget, we need to maximize the use of our resources. One sure way to insure this happens is to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. The Zero Overpricing Program was established for this purpose. In addition, the program interfaces with the Suggestion Program to provide recognition and awards to personnel who successfully identify such overpriced items.

If you have reason to believe an item is overpriced, complete an AF Form 1046, "Zero Overpricing Challenge/Referral" and forward it to Airman 1st Class Alicia Foy, extension 2384.



What's on the

Menu

Constellation Cafe

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

***On Sunday the Cafe will be open for lunch from 11:00a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

The 2012 rates for the dining facility are \$4.55 for lunch and \$7.50 for holiday meals

SATURDAY

Main Line:

- Meatloaf
- Fried chicken
- Scalloped potatoes
- Wild rice
- Corn
- Broccoli

Snack Line:

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Meatball subs
- Chips

SUNDAY

Main Line:

- Short ribs
- Baked fish
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Cauliflower

Snack Line:

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Sausage sandwich
- Peppers and onions
- Baked beans
- French fries

Clancys:

Open from April - June and August - September