

SCOPE

The 193rd Special Operations Wing



By Brig. Gen. Eric G. Weller
& Chief Master Sgt. Barry Frey (Ret.)

Every once in a while a subject comes up which really holds my attention. Anytime a person or group of people give up their personal time to help improve the quality of life for others, I think that deserves some attention. I happen to know of a group of individuals who fit that bill, and guess what? They reside right here at the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

That's correct. It's called the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association. The membership is comprised of drilling status guardsmen, retired members and former members. They are dedicated to building an organization that will provide information, fellowship and most importantly, support services for Air National Guard members, retirees and their families. So what are the benefits this organization gives to the wing? Well here is a partial list:

1. They act as an information source, keeping people apprised of wing activities, promotions, retirements and other personal events
2. They provide a newsletter three times a year to its members.
3. They have posted a website for fast access to wing and association news.

4. They have established a fund to help members and their families in need.

5. They provide monetary support to various events throughout the year such as Family Day, Dining Outs and Christmas celebrations.

6. They have established a Heritage Room to preserve Wing history.

7. In association with other organizations, they have helped unit members and families through some difficult personal times.

8. They financially support Recognition Programs such as the Outstanding Ready Guardsmen Program.

9. They man their office on the second floor of Bldg 81 every Saturday of the UTA, to provide face to face assistance.

So what are the benefits to you in regards to membership in this organization? Beside the above, it offers you a chance to give back to others.

If you haven't experienced that feeling, then I am going to tell you that you're missing out.

Well, hopefully by now, you're interest is peaked. I invite you to become a member of this fantastic organization. You won't regret it. Their annual membership meeting is on Saturday of the April UTA in the base Dining Hall at 1615 hours. Come on out and be part of a great thing.



Photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Matt Schwartz

Inside the cross hairs...

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Find out why the EC-130J and crews were superior in GWOT

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Read why retired Command Chief Bashore was honored

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See what it takes to give our C-130s a much deserved bath

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Hear what your fellow Airmen think about the primary process

By Lt. Col. Doug Williams

Members of the 193rd Maintenance Group, Operations Group, Mission Support Group and Logistics Readiness Squadron recently returned from an eight-month deployment to Southwest Asia where they were supporting the Global War on Terror, particularly major elements of the "Surge" in Iraq. The aircrews, maintainers, support personnel and their EC-130J aircraft were sent to fill a critical need for airborne electronic warfare assets to protect, support, and sustain ground forces.

This was a deployment of firsts. The unit's new EC-130 J-model Commando Solo aircraft had never been employed in combat operations in the Middle East. The aircrews and maintainers had to resolve a variety of nuances that were unique to the EC-130J. New procedures had to be developed in order to operate and maintain these aircraft in the dry, dusty conditions and high temperatures that exceeded 130 degrees F. In spite of these challenges, the deployed aircrew and maintainers cancelled only a handful of missions and achieved an impressive 97 percent sortie rate, flying 1,350 combat hours.

Instead of operating as a homogeneous unit as in previous deployments, the maintenance and operations groups were separated. The maintainers were integrated into the Air Expeditionary Force structure where they provided a wealth of experience and knowledge to the regular Air Force. The 193rd maintainers impressed their regular Air Force counterparts with their "can do" attitude and "bag of tricks." Several senior MXG members were utilized as shop chiefs, supervising maintenance functions and providing mentorship. Lt. Col. Nick Bereschak was placed in the role of Wing Maintenance Operations Officer and was responsible for more than 300 maintenance personnel and 21 aircraft.

Traditionally, the aircrews and support



During a recent eight-month deployment in the Global War on Terror, EC-130 J crews proved the combination of Airmen and machine can provide new capabilities.

personnel of the Operations Group are assigned to an AFSOC Expeditionary Special Operations Group. On this deployment they were integrated with the 43rd Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron, which aligns under Air Combat Command. Because AFSOC operates very differently from ACC, this presented many obstacles for Lt. Col. Scott Federico, Detachment Commander for the first rotation and his team of mission planners. Despite these differences, they were able to develop a plan that maximized the capabilities of available aircraft into a seamless and efficient operating schedule. Deployed 193rd Intel personnel were tasked with providing round the clock threat assessments to the entire 43rd EECS.

Integral to the information operations campaign that the 193rd was supporting were the Liaison Officers who were deployed to various command headquarters. Officers from the SOS pilot and

WSO sections rotated into LNO positions and worked with members from other services and other countries in providing planning expertise.

Capt. Howard Herbert served two rotations at the Electronic Warfare Coordination Cell working as part of a joint service team in directing the effects of more than 30 electronic warfare aircraft.

This deployment showed how the 193rd SOW, which is the only Air National Guard unit operating airborne psyops aircraft, can successfully join with the total force, even across major commands. Lt Col. John McDonnell, EWCC Chief stated that, "the 193d integrated exceptionally well into the total force, contributing to the overall EW campaign in supporting troops on the ground."

Ultimately, the deployment was also significant in that it identified new capabilities and opportunities for future Commando Solo missions, ensuring our Airmen will be a force for the future.



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Want one of these?



**Find out how you can
 earn your wings on Page
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News in Brief

TAG: Wearing uniform at casino a no-no

The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, has issued a memorandum, effective immediately, barring Pennsylvania National Guard Airmen and Soldiers from wearing their uniforms in Pennsylvania casinos.

The memo is in accordance with with Army and Air Force policy: "The wearing of the military uniform while in an establishment that permits gambling is prohibited."

Unity Day scheduled, promotes diversity

The Human Resource Program Advisory Board (HRPAB) is pleased to announce the first Unity Day Celebration to be held at Building 8-80, Fort Indiantown Gap, Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008.

The event will be a special ethnic observance designed to enhance awareness and promote cultural diversity.

Multicultural displays, food samplings and special performances will take place from 11a.m. to 2p.m.

The HRPAB are looking for volunteers to assist in the set up and displaying of the various displays, as well as suggestions and ideas to enhance this celebration.

For further information please contact Senior Master Sgt. Ken Oden at 717-948-2428.

Officer leadership seminar has openings

Registration for the Officer Leadership seminar, scheduled for June 3-6 at the 201st RED HORSE, Shambach Hall, Fort Indiantown Gap Air Guard Station, still has space available, but time is running out.

Seating is limited to 30 students and is first come first serve. Billeting is available for those outside the commuting distance.

Officers may register via the bulletin board on the 193rd SOW Intranet Web site. If having difficulty doing so, contact Chief (Ret) Isett or Tech. Sgt. Pam Nee.

Retiree Day scheduled at FTIG in May

The annual Pennsylvania National Guard Retiree Day will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap, May 7, in building 8-80.

The purpose of the Retiree Day is to inform Pennsylvania National Guard retirees about recent worldwide deployments, future mobilizations, current force structure and the implementation of the Joint Force Headquarters.

Retirees will be offered "windshield" tours of Fort Indiantown Gap to view new Stryker facilities, simulator facilities and other areas of interest.

Breaks and lunch will be provided in Building 8-80 at a cost of \$14 per person.

To register, fill our and return the form on Page 8 of Scope or contact Spc. Christopher White at 717-861-8489.

By Command Chief Dale Bashore, (Ret)

Wow, what do you say after more than 40 years of serving with some of the finest men and women in the Air Force. The short answer is; it's been an honor and time flies when you're having fun.....

I joined the Air National Guard in 1967 when the draft was getting close to calling me, I knew I wanted to serve, but not necessarily in the Army. So I joined the 193 in Sept 1967 and in less than two years I was in Thailand participating in my first deployment supporting Operation Commando Buzz.

That was my first of many, many deployments, some exercises and lately most "real world" deployments with my last being in 2005 to Kuwait in support of OIF.

In between those two, I've traveled to England, Italy, Spain, India, Saudi Arabia, Iceland, Guam, Japan, Panama and many more countries. I've probably seen more of the world than of the United States.

I grew up in a small Pennsylvania Dutch farming community and graduated from a small high school. I've had the opportunity to explore the world, I would have never dreamed this was where I'd be 40 years later. I worked hard and tried to get as much training as I could from all sources, tech schools, PME, CDC, Civil Service classes and more than everything else, the people I have worked with. This training allowed me to grow in knowledge and serve as a crewmember on the EC121s and EC130-E Commando Solo



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Schwartz

Command Chief Dale Bashore embraces his mother, Stella, at a retirement ceremony.

aircraft as well as a Maintainer of those aircraft as well as the "J" model. I also learned a bunch from having the opportunity to work with civilian companies, Lockheed, Rockwell and numerous Air Force agencies on improvements for the Solo aircraft.

Prepare yourselves for the future. You never know when a job comes open, or promotion becomes available take some time to complete the CDC courses, attend PME and learn from your peers and superiors. If promotions don't come your way in your shop or career field, don't be

afraid to step out of your comfort zone and look at other places within the wing.

But preparation is the most important thing. I was lucky enough through the years to be at the right place at the right time, but I've been assigned to four different squadrons in the wing and had five different AFSCs. So, "BE PREPARED."

Finally, it's been a blast and I would not give up a day of the last forty years. God Bless and Good Luck to the 193rd and all the people associated with it. Thank you for what you do for your Nation, your State and your Wing.

Keeping that J-Model 'new car smell'



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Schwartz

Airman First Class Christopher Hetrick, a member of the 193rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, takes great care while scrubbing and powerwashing the new EC-130 J aircraft inside the 193rd Fuel Cell Hangar.

A clean aircraft is essential to better performance - less dirt, less drag. Moreover, maintainers take great pride in their aircraft.

ABOUT FACE!

With the Pa. primary so late and the parties already having leading candidates, should we move up the event so veterans can have a say in who our commander in chief will be?

By Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer



Senior Airman Robin Curtis, MSF, Personnel

"I would prefer that they would be closer together. You want to make sure your voice is heard through your vote, but if the primaries don't get to your state until late in the game, you run a chance your candidate won't be able to stay in the primaries due to insufficient votes."



Staff Sgt. Ashley Roughsedge, 193rd MG, Aerospace Medical Technician

"Yes, I think that every state should vote at the same time so that every state's vote counts."



Master Sgt. Kevin Kistler, 193rd SOW Command Post, NCOIC

"Yes! Because we serve our commander in chief, we should have a say in who is elected. My big problem is why the Pa. primary is so late in the election process. As Veterans we realize the importance of a president who supports the national defense."



Tech. Sgt. Matt Schwartz, 193rd Public Affairs Videographer

"Absolutely, I feel the primary process is drawn out. By the time it gets to our state, my decision has been made for me. How many times do we need to see these people debate?"

All in the Family (Readiness)

By Sandy Scott, FRG Coordinator

April is National Volunteers month, so please make sure you thank the volunteers for a job well done.

On that note, the Children's Easter Party would not have been possible had the volunteers not stepped up, took the reins and made it happen. While we were in the planning stages of the Easter Party we had plenty of volunteers and a plan.

The day of the event, all but three volunteers were sick, myself included. It takes a special kind of person, to be able to take control and allow the unexpected to go un-noticed to the audience, like nothing ever went wrong. Kudos to the

volunteers!

And a big "thank you" to the firefighters, who did not wait to be asked to help, they just, like second nature, saw what needed to be done and helped accomplish the task.

Coming Events:

- 12 April – Hershey Bears/Philly Phantoms-Giant Center-\$18.50 ea
- 12 April @ 3:00pm FRG meeting
- 11-12 April – Strong Bonds at the Sheraton Square Hotel in Pittsburgh
- 10 May – Bus Trip to NYC-\$35.00
- 17 May - @ 3:00pm FRG meeting

- 17 May Armed Forces Day – City Island
- 24 May – Ringling Bros. Circus-Giant Center-\$15.00
- Family Readiness will be the theme in the Annville Memorial Day Parade
- 15-20 June Camp Operation Purple at Wernersville



193rd LTC welcomes tours for media center

By Lt. Col. Samuel Guertin

I've been a volunteer working with Public Television, WITF for over two years. From its inception in 1963 until the present there have been many changes to WITF. One of the greatest recent changes is the completion of the WITF Public Media Center located on Lindle Road in Harrisburg. The Public Media Center is a "Home for Curiosity" for people of all ages.

One of my roles as a volunteer is to provide free tours of the WITF Public Media Center. This is an educational tour program offering dynamic, one-of-a-kind learning experiences. It will introduce participants to this state-of-the-art multimedia facility through interactive presentations, multiple observation areas, lively audiovisuals, and even hands-on opportunities.

Everyone at WITF is eager to welcome your school or civic group. Basic tour length is approximately 45 minutes for adults and 30-45 minutes for children. There is no admission charge.

Reservations are required and they do request at least two weeks advance notice. Groups larger than 25 people or with special needs may require more planning time.

Tours are conducted on weekdays, evenings, and weekends pending the tour guides availability and the Public Media Center schedule.



Lt. Col. Samuel Guertin walks a tour group through the new WITF Public Media Center in Harrisburg.

Every effort is made to schedule a mutually agreeable time. So, if you or someone you know would like to schedule a tour for your group, school, scout, or civic group, please contact Lt. Col. Samuel Guertin and I'll put you in touch with the WITF VP/Community Relations director.

Chaplain: There is much strength in our diversity

By Chaplain, 1st Lt. Mark D. Brumbach

I just plugged my thumb drive into my laptop and on it I have a small lanyard made of 550 cord. Are you familiar with 550 cord?

Technically it is parachute suspension line, but it has found so many more practical uses within our military. I carry a coil of it with me whenever I am in the field because of its wonderful versatility. It is light and compact yet it is incredibly durable and strong. As a testimony to its value, some refer to it as "survival cord."

The source of its strength is what interests me as I consider the incredible diversity that exists within our Air Force culture. The cord reminds me that great strength can be found in our diversity.

Upon examination we find that 550 cord is not made up of one solid piece of material. It consists of seven internal strands of nylon that are twisted together and then covered by a woven nylon casing. All of the components are made out of the same stuff – nylon, but they all look different and they serve different purposes in the cord.

We also are made of the same stuff, for we are all human beings who share the

common challenge of living in this world.

The seven strands are actually made up of a vast number of nylon threads. Each thread of each strand contributes to the overall strength of the cord. There is strength in numbers and each person who volunteers to serve can contribute to the strength of our organization.

The casing is also made of nylon but its strands are of different colors such as black, green, brown or tan. The colors in the casing help to camouflage the seven white strands while the casing itself, protects them from abrasion and increases the composite strength of the cord. The entire cord is made of nylon, but each strand is different in appearance and function. As the different strands are woven and twisted together, strength, versatility, reliability and usefulness are produced.

Isn't that just like us? Many differences exist among us, but as our strengths and our weaknesses are twisted and woven together through training, hard work, camaraderie and faithful service, we can develop incredible durability and strength within our organization.

In the United States Air Force there is great diversity. Look closely at us.

Listen to us speak. Observe the things that we do. We are radically different, and yet we are made of the same stuff.

When we come together, our diversity can cause confusion, tension, friction and frustration, but the opposite can also be true.

Our coming together can result in strength. Each member brings a different mix of energy, talent and potential to the organization. We twist and weave these things together as we commit ourselves to a set of common core values and as we pursue success and victory in the missions assigned to us.

A wise person once stated: "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (The Bible (NLT) Ecclesiastes 4:12) We may be radically different and yet as we come together we can form a healthy and strong unit.

We have all volunteered to be a part of this great organization, the United States Air Force. We can be incredibly different from one another and yet incredibly strong as we serve together.

Constellation Court Cuisine

Saturday

Citrus Chicken
Italian Sausage
Cheeseburgers
Peppers and Onions
Pizza Burgers

Sunday

BBQ Beef Cubes
Hamburgers
Chicken Fajitas
Mexican Rice



**Get
paid!**

April 25

SOUNDING OFF:

What you need to know to keep you flying

WSO Board date scheduled June 8

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGE: Less than 28 ½ *
EDUCATION: Minimum 90 college credits (graduate w/in 1 year)
AFOQT completed with min. score
CLEARANCE: TS eligible
MEDICAL: Able to pass an initial Class 1A flying physical
Will live within 150 miles of unit*
Required to attend Combat Systems Officer & Electronic Warfare Officer Training Programs
* waivers on a case by case basis

PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Official college transcripts
- Copy of most recent physical
- If applicable, copy of private pilot license
- AFOQT scores
- AF FM 24
- 3 letters of recommendation
- If applicable, DD 214, NGB 22 and all OPR's/EPR's
- Incomplete packages will not be considered (call for info)

To be considered an applicant for the June board:

- Must meet all the listed criteria
- Must submit complete package NLT 1 June 2008
- Package must be complete

Send packages to: 193rd SOS/ DOOW, WSO Recruiting: 2LT Kathy Pearson
76 Constellation Court, Middletown, PA 17057-5081

State CCM: Leadership is action, not position

By State Command Chief Ralph Braden

This is the last of my articles relating to my favorite sayings. I will expound on the last saying, what it means to me, how it relates to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and how it relates to each of you as American Airmen. All three sayings follow:

1. The only constant is change.
2. Chance favors the prepared mind.
3. Leadership is action, not position.

This month I will discuss the third quote: "Leadership is action, not position."

Leadership is action, not position is the motto of my Masters program. It may seem inconsistent with military structure. However, I contend that it is consistent with how the Air National Guard operates now and must function into the future.

Many of our Airmen have advanced degrees, skill sets, and leadership experience beyond their rank. At one point in the Quality Assurance Group at the 171st

ARW, we had three traditional members with Masters Degrees. In civilian life, one was the President of the Pittsburgh Firefighter union, one was an Airline Mechanic, and one was an Airline Maintenance Manager. Three additional traditional members had Bachelors' Degrees, two of them worked as FAA Inspectors and the other was in a leadership position working with nuclear power plants.

The leadership of the 171st allowed us to step forward and lead when our civilian expertise or experience was needed. I know that this happens at all of the Wings.

In the Air National Guard we have many Traditional Guardsmen whose civilian experience can help lead us into the 21st century. We need to remember that our traditional members rank and AFSC is not all they are. Their civilian area of expertise and leadership experience may well exceed their rank and AFSC.

We need to utilize all the skills of our Airmen. Leaders need to encourage our Airmen to be engaged and help us lead when their skill set enables them to do so - no matter their rank. Our great Traditional Airmen's skills combined with the skills and leadership our fine Technician workforce provides our Commonwealth and Nation a ready, reliable, and relevant Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

Airmen, it is my expectation that you inform the leadership of your Wing when you see a situation where your expertise may enable you to further support the mission to fly, fight, and win.

I expect that you lean forward. We need all minds engaged and your leadership makes a difference.

Thank you for your service to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. As always, I am very proud to serve the outstanding American Airmen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Pennsylvania National Guard
Retiree Day - 7 May 2008
0830 - 1630
SUSPENSE: 15 April 2008**

Please complete form and mail to:
Joint Forces Headquarters MP-SPT, Attn: SPC Chris White
Building 7-3, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002
OR christopher.d.white4@pa.ngb.army.mil

Attendee Information:

Full Name: _____

Retired Federal Rank Held _____

State Rank Awarded _____ (If Applicable)

Email Address: _____

Total number attending: _____

Indicate any special assistance required: _____

Note: We did not address your letter using your rank in order to accurately update our files using your feedback for future retiree mailings.

Due to time constraints, please place an "X" next to the tour you would like to attend. Both tours will finish with a trip to the new AAFES Post Exchange (PX).

___ FTIG Tour #1 - Windshield Bus Tour of FTIG, FTIG Museum and PNGAS Open House

___ FTIG Tour #2 - CDO Raid House, EAATS Simulators and Engagement Skills Trainer (EST).

___ I do not desire to tour the facilities during the Retiree Day 2008.

___ Please remove my name from the mailing list for future Retiree Day events.

Meal Information:

A catered lunch meal/refreshments will be served at a cost of \$14.00 per person. Cost is a non-reimbursable expense. Fee must be paid in advance by check to: Patriot Fund.

Menu:

0830-0930 Danish assortment, fruit wedges, coffee, juices, and water

1045-1100 Cupcakes, coffee, juice, and water

1200-1245 Marinated grilled chicken breast w/Kaiser roll or Sausage sandwich in sauce with peppers and onions, pickle and olive tray, macaroni salad, chips, pretzels and iced tea.

1430-1445 Assorted cookies, fruit wedges, coffee, sodas and water.

Lodging Information: Retirees are responsible to make their own lodging arrangements, if desired. You must specify you are reserving a room for Retiree Day to get the discount price at the following establishments:

Days Inn- \$55 single/double beds

Jonestown

Phone: (717) 865-4064

Red Carpet Inn-\$55 All Rooms

Jonestown

Phone: (717) 865-6600

Holiday Inn-\$139.00

Grantville

Phone: 717-469-0661

Best Western-\$70 Mention you are with Retiree Day.