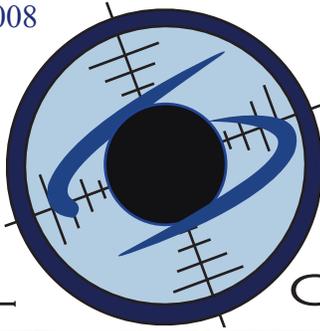




SCOPE

193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING



Maintenance Group



soars above the rest

Photo by Tech Sgt. Culean Shaffer

Senior Airman Shawn Wiley of the 193rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron turns over rollers on the back end of one of the wings EC-130J

By Tech. Sgt Erin Heiser

For Senior Airman Shawn Wiley provides maintenance for the EC-130J Commando Solo is one of the best jobs to have in the 193 Special Operations Wing. The Crew Chiefs, and the rest of the men and women of the 193 Maintenance Group, are the recent recipients of the FY07 Maintenance Effective Award (MEA) at the Air National Guard-level. "It's really cool to be recognized in this way," said Wiley. "It's a compliment to us all."

The MEA recognizes the outstanding mission support and superior air-

craft maintenance during the period of 1 October 2006 through 30 September 2007. Throughout this time, the 193 MXG demonstrated their awesome ability to perform multiple missions, support local community outreach initiatives, and display unmatched diligence and dedication to a demanding, yet extremely rewarding, OPSTEMPO schedule.

While deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism, the MXG generated nearly 200 sorties in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, including 147 sorties in direct support of combat operations. These sorties directly contributed to the

capture of 382 high-value targets by the Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Additional contributions and highlights include:

- The 193 MXG performed 120 percent of allocated flying hours with 932 sorties totaling 3,224.4 flying hours during FY07
- Operation IRAQI FREEDOM deployment produced 192 total sorties generated totaling 1,117.9 flying hours
- Outstanding maintenance capability in support of USSOCOM and AFSOC SOF personnel and equipment by generating 34 sorties totaling 92.9 flying hours
- Operation JUMP START deployment of more than 160 days provided relief to

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Pennsylvania Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden Perspective: Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP)

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

What is G-RAP?

G-RAP is a program that was developed for the National Guard to enhance recruiting opportunities. It is a grassroots program just as the National Guard is a grassroots hometown organization. G-RAP is presently open to Traditional Guardsmen and qualified retirees. However, there is a movement to enable Technician to participate in G-RAP that hopefully will come to fruition.

The reason I am writing an article about G-RAP is to raise awareness of the program. I am surprised during my visits to the Wings and GSUs as to how many of our Airmen are not yet aware of this great opportunity.

G-RAP allows Traditional Guardsmen and retirees to become Recruiting Assistants (RA) and earn extra money by helping in the Guard recruiting effort. As an RA, you can earn \$2000 for each enlisted member and up to \$4000 for each officer that becomes an active member of the Air National Guard. We have several Airmen in Pennsylvania that are top G-RAP RAs and have earned thousands of dollars helping recruit new quality Airmen for the Air National Guard.

It is easy to sign up and train to be a RA. Just go to the website, signup, and take the short online training course to become qualified. After you register and train for the program, you are ready to start G-RAPing.

As a RA, you will need to keep in contact and mentor your Potential Airmen/Officers while they transition into the Air National Guard. I can say from personal experience that it is a rewarding experience to helping to bring a quality Airman to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

The individual that I helped recruit was prior service Air Force. He has since signed up for the G-RAP program himself. A short time ago he informed me that he has entered two new Potential Airmen into G-RAP. I am hopeful that those new members will become RAs and help recruit even more Airmen for our Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

As I have said several times in previous articles and while addressing Airmen during my visits, we all have great stories to tell about what the Air National Guard has done for us as individuals. Being a successful RA is made easy by telling your Air National Guard story to those you meet.

I ask that if you are eligible, that you consider becoming a G-RAP RA. Participating in this program ensures that we bring quality new Airmen into our ranks, as well as putting some extra money in your pocket. It is possible that with a little extra effort you can be very successful as a RA.

Please visit the website below to enroll as a G-RAP RA:

<http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com/>



1 August 2008

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PROMOTIONS

Effective May 2008

PROMOTION TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Robert J. Peters Jr 112 AOS



PROMOTION TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

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Luke L. Landis Jr 193 MXS

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PROMOTED TO SENIOR AIRMAN

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PROMOTED TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Murphy C. Fountain III 148 ASOS



News In Brief

PA ARNG Soldier killed in Afghanistan

A Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldier was killed June 3 near the town of Zormat, Afghanistan.

Spc. Derek Holland, 20, Wind Gap, of Alpha Company, 228th Brigade Support Battalion, Bethlehem, died when an improvised explosive device struck his Humvee. Holland was serving as security for the Gardez Provincial Reconstruction Team. The team operates in Paktia Province helping Afghanistan build its infrastructure for essential services.

An Air Force major serving with the Provincial Reconstruction Team was also killed in the attack. The gunner for the vehicle, also a Pennsylvania National Guard soldier, was injured and evacuated to Landstuhl, Germany.

Thirty-two members of the Pennsylvania National Guard have been killed in action while serving in the Global War on Terror

Former PA TAG named to HOF

Maj. Gen. William B. Lynch (USAF-Ret.), the 49th adjutant general of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the Vietnam War, was inducted June 6 into the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Hall of Fame.

A decorated pilot who flew more than 100 combat missions over North Vietnam, Lynch served as Pennsylvania adjutant general from March 1999 until March 2004.

"General Lynch's ability to work with senior leaders from the active and reserve components made him a tremendous asset to our commonwealth and country, particularly in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks," said Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, Pennsylvania adjutant general. "He provided leadership to the Pennsylvania National Guard at a pivotal time, and continues to exemplify the best qualities of a true American patriot."

Gov assures Willow Grove future

Gov. Edward G. Rendell further clarified his administration's vision for the future Willow Grove/Horsham Joint Interagency Installation during a meeting among local, state and military officials June 5.

"There are no missions more important than the national defense, homeland security and emergency preparedness missions assigned to this base," Rendell said. "I am committed to making this base a model homeland security and emergency preparedness hub, which will protect and defend our state, our nation and the region.

"I am also committed to addressing community concerns as this project moves forward," Rendell noted."



Horse sense on the fence: 201st RHS makes difference on border



Senior Master Sgt. Larry Boyer checks to make sure this I-beam is secured safely before the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., puts the finishing touches on a firing range that will be used by Border Patrol officers to hone in their skills. Boyer has been a member of the unit for more than three decades.

Photos and story by 1st Lt. Jay Ostrich

At the crossroads

Dusty, drug infested, deadly and down-right desolate are just some of the daily obstacles faced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers patrolling nearly 2,000 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Vast stretches of desert canyon, rocky terrain, switchback roads and hairpin turns make for slower response time, dangerous conditions and high maintenance costs for the CBP.

In essence, to protect the border, CBP officers actually have to get to the border where illegal immigration and drug smuggling are 24-hour operations.

That's why a call went to the 201st RED HORSE Squadron from Fort Indiantown Gap, whose proven wartime expertise in heavy equipment operation and engineering is ideal for the austere conditions faced in Operation Jump Start, a National Guard mission to help enforce border security and construct valuable infrastructure set to end in July.

You didn't have to call them twice.

"This is exactly what we do when we deploy," said 1st Sgt. David Godin, whose

team was charged with a three-week project to finish building a firing range and improving hazardous roads near Campo, Calif., some 60 miles east of San Diego.

While on the border, the 201st RHS would move thousands of tons of steel, heavy rock, dirt and sand to make better training and operational conditions for their colleagues at CBP.

"Members of this unit live for this kind of atmosphere and mission," said Godin.

'Please come back'

"Everywhere we go our goal is to make it a better place than when we arrived," said Godin.

You don't have to tell that to Vincent Burke, a California chemist who volunteers his spare time to the Mountain Minutemen's Patriot Point Posse, a group comprised of concerned U.S. citizens outraged by the state of affairs on the border. They camp out on the fence and try to be extra eyes and ears for CBP, often reporting dozens of incursions into U.S. territory.

"We're being invaded and it all starts right here," said Burke.

Burke said black tar heroin and criminals stream over the border every day and

they could be coming to a neighborhood near you.

"They are killing Americans every day," said Burke. "We need more of you. Your Guardsmen are helping save precious time for the Border Patrol to respond, which means they are saving lives with the work they do here."

Yvonne Keefauver, a great-grandmother who drove 710 miles from Redding, Calif., to volunteer her time to the Mountain Minutemen's efforts, said she is beyond thankful for the Guard's efforts here.

"We really want your families to know how grateful we are for your service here," said Keefauver. "To me, this is a war here and we really need the Guard, so please come back."

That wouldn't be a problem with Master Sgt. Gregory Speicher, an airfields crew supervisor, whose son, Grant, 25, is a CBP officer working in the area.

"I'm proud of the work we are doing here," said Speicher, who has had multiple deployments to Arizona and California for OJS. "I know through (Grant) it's making a difference."

An added bonus

"This is the front line in the war on drugs and illegal immigration," said Chief Master Sgt. George Flick. "We're just glad to have a role in it. The added bonus is that we get a lot of valuable 'stick time' while we're here."

For the Airmen of the 201st RHS, stick time means getting the 50 hours of hands-on training in heavy equipment operation needed to gain certification and be deployable in war.

Moreover, the field conditions on the southern American border are very similar those the 201st faced in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Flick.

"We just don't have an opportunity to train like this at home," said Flick. "A mission like this is ideal in that they are doing something real and getting their certifications at the same time. They're thrilled to be here."

For Senior Airman Toni Chia, personnel specialist, and Senior Airman Veronica Tobin who works in supply, it was an op-

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portunity to see firsthand what it takes to be a part of this oft-deployed unit.

"I really like getting my hands on stuff and actually doing my job," said Chia. "It's been a great opportunity to learn new things and see how hard this unit works when we're out in the field."

Sunset on success

As the hot California desert sun sets upon miles of thin steel fence separating freedom from desperation, a few constants were in play in this region of uncertainty.

CBP agents prepared to work into the night to keep our borders and citizens secure

from human traffickers and drug smugglers. On Patriot Point, the Mountain Minutemen manned their binoculars and two-way phones, ready to call in another round of illegal activity. Down the rough road a spell, the 201st RHS cleaned their equipment and readied for another hard day of work.

"Any way you look at it, it's been a win for the Border Patrol and a win for the Pennsylvania National Guard," said Master Sgt. Chris Blackwell, airfield crew leader. "We're really proud to have been here."



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Border Patrol agents of non-law enforcement duties and provided assistance with surveillance, construction, and logistics

--Recognition as one of the first Maintenance Groups in the ANG to test and field wireless internet connection for use on the flight line, providing real-time Integrated Maintenance Data Systems (IMDS) capability to document and clear maintenance discrepancies.

--Community Outreach activities included raising \$5,500 for the annual motorcycle "Fall Ride" and delivering 735 stuffed Easter-themed animals to 16 regional hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses across Pennsylvania.

"Winning the ANG MEA is testament to the teamwork that you must have for success in Maintenance," said Colonel Brian W. Leakway, Commander, 193rd Maintenance

Group. "[This award] demonstrates our ability to overcome the difficult challenges we face almost everyday. There is no doubt in my mind that the enlisted force we have in the Maintenance Group is the finest I've ever seen."

Lt Kristin Bittner, Executive Officer, 193 MXG, served as the author of the award package and ultimately assumed the daunting task of sorting through the over-abundance of quality input. When speaking to the secret behind the successful package submission, the Lt said. "... this Group is so good at what they do that there was just too much great input readily available... We literally found it hard to determine what should be included and what should be left out."

Clearly a team effort, this award demonstrates much more than just skilled exper-

tise. The MXG is the very definition of a close knit family – a family that, according to EES Supervisor, MSgt Joe Garritano, epitomizes Air Force core values. "... I can sum up our win in three statements: Integrity. Excellence in all we do. And Service before self. We always do the right thing, even when nobody else is looking."

The MXG maintainers are now in the running for the Air Force-level maintenance award and await the competition with the momentum and support of the entire 193 SOW. "The men and women of the 193 MXG get the job done and find solutions to problems when it appears there are none," said Col Leakway. "The professionalism, work ethic and willingness to make personal sacrifices are what makes them winners and I'm very proud that they won the MEA – They've earned it."

Family Readiness Group News

The Family Support Office has moved. Our new location is bldg 81, 1st floor, room 131 (formerly Public Affairs) with the same phone number X 3155. I want to thank those who volunteered your muscles and helped make the move possible. THANKS!!!!

COMING EVENTS FOR 2008:

Saturday, 19 July at 12:30 pm, Mini-Seminar on "Identity Theft", at Hosses in Hummelstown, come at 12:00 and do lunch on your own.

Saturday, 19 July at 3:00 pm, FRG meeting in Bldg 81, Wing Conference Room

Saturday, 09 August Family Day at City Island, See Family Day ad on Page 6

Friday eve and all day Saturday-19-20 September Marriage Enrichment Couple's Retreat –at Château Resort and Conf Center – Pocono –

Saturday, 13 September, at 3:00 pm, FRG meeting in bldg 81, Wing Conference Room

Saturday, 18 October from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Fire Safety Training for Children Base Firehouse

Saturday, 09 November at 3:00 pm, FRG meeting in bldg 81, Wing Conference Room

Saturday, 15 November from 11:00 to 5:00 pm Spouse's Day/Expo –at bldg 8-80 at the GAP

Sunday, 07 December, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm Holiday Party

Saturday, 20 December, bus trip to NYC – departure from Middletown and Ft. Indiantown Gap

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above events, please let me know. Many hands make small work!!

Registrations for September, October, November, and December events will be in future issues of the Scope and Family Readiness newsletters.



MENU

SATURDAY-MAIN

BBQ Chicken Breast
 Beef Skewers
 Baked Beans
 Potato Salad
 Corn-on-the-Cobb
 Veg. Du Jour
 Soup Du Jour

SATURDAY- SNACK

Burgers
 Burgers w/cheese
 BBQ Chicken Sandwich
 Chips
 Baked Beans

SATURDAY - CLANCY'S

Veggie Burgers
 Strawberry Chicken Salad
 Chips
 Granola
 Beverage

SUNDAY-MAIN

Veal Parmesan
 Chicken Teriyaki
 Rice
 Veg Du Jour
 Soup Du Jour

SUNDAY-SNACK

Burgers
 Burgers w/cheese
 Meatball Subs
 Chips

SUNDAY-CLANCY'S

Pork BBQ
 Hot Wings
 Celery w/bleu Cheese
 Chips
 Granola
 Beverage

“2008 AIR NATIONAL GUARD BOWLING TOURNAMENT”

The 193rd SOW is hosting this year's North East Regional Bowling Tournament, October 11 & 12 at the ABC West Bowling lanes on the Carlisle Pike. Do you have a four bowler team and want to bowl? Or maybe you just want to help. Contact either John Kuntz at 717-395-6794 or Mike Beachley-DSN-423-3237 or Comm: 948-3237 for more information. We are also looking for woven baskets to make up “raffle baskets”.

FLIGHT OF FREEDOM HONORS CEREMONY Sunday 14 Sept 08 Time to Shine!

This year, the Flight of Freedom Honors Ceremony will be hosted by the 193d SOW. This annual event gives members of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard an opportunity to reflect upon the past years' accomplishments, remember fallen comrades, and honor prestigious Pennsylvania Guardsmen and friends. It also gives us the chance to openly display our pride, patriotism and dedication to the Commonwealth and our country. That being said, please take a look at your uniforms to be sure you have one that is worthy of this event. Our uniform of the day will be BDU, ABU, or flight suit with appropriate cap. Organizational hats are authorized. Award recipients, speakers, VIPs, and anyone on stage will wear service dress.

The Honors Ceremony will be held on Sunday, 14 September at 1000 hours. One of the many components in making this function successful is a formation in front of the viewing stand. The uniform to be worn in formation will be duty uniform, sleeves up, with appropriate hat. Organizational hats may be worn in formation, providing the entire formation has the same hat.

This is a very distinguished ceremony, so please be proactive and make sure you are prepared for this important event.

Airman Idol is back

Saturday, July 19 Clancy's will host the 2008 edition of the 193rd's Airman Idol contest. The winner has the distinct privilege of singing “The National Anthem” prior to the Harrisburg Senators baseball game at Family Day 9 August 08 on City Island.

Family Day - August 9, 2008

Saturday, August 9 is the 193rd's annual family day. This year's event will be held at Harrisburg's City Island

Events planned on Base in the morning include:

- Movies in the Blue Room with refreshments
- Air Force Man—walk around costume
- Security Forces display
- Tour an airplane
- Candy Scramble
- Scavenger Hunt
- Raffel to throw out the first pitch at the ball game

Events planned for City Island in the afternoon:

- 193rd member to sing National Anthem
- Base Honor Guard presents Colors
- Pre-game concert by Fink's Constant
- 193rd special game jerseys raffled off

Events in grove outside stadium

- Pie in the Face throw
- Face painting
- 4-H hands display for children
- USAA door prizes (5 x \$100.00)
- USO Display
- Therapy Dogs—hands on training
- Keystone Greyhounds—hands on display
- Operations Military Kids—display and giveaways
- ID a Kid—Prudential Insurance—free finger print ing service
- Family Support Office—mix your own snak, resource table, 4,000 packs of popcorn

There will be a picnic lunch served at City Island and includes tickets to a Harrisburg Senators baseball game which starts at 6:05 pm

For more information contact your First Sergeant





Chaplain's Corner: The Treasure of Friendship

By Chaplain Richard Denison

Bernard Metzger said, "A true friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg, even though you are slightly cracked." All of us need friends and many of us struggle to become popular and have many friends. Ask yourself, how many of these friends do you know that will stick by you through thick and thin. Jay Leno put it this way, "go through your address book check the ones who will drive you to the airport – they are your friends. The rest are just acquaintances.

Our true friends are the ones we can really count on. We all need friends who can

be a listening ear and who we can trust to be honest even when it's not what we want to hear. A friend can disagree with us and still be our friend. A true friend is someone we can trust to share personal struggles and no they will not judge or repeat what we say.

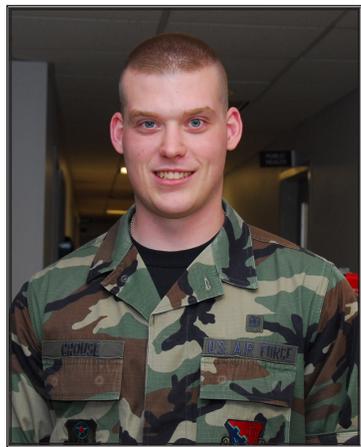
It's my hope that all of us may develop that one special friendship of close trust. When we face difficult days, that friend will walk with us and help us carry that burden. Sometimes in stead of seeking many acquaintances, its better to cultivate that one friendship of deep trust.

Blessings for a great drill weekend,



ABOUT FACE

"When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up and why? Are you doing that now?"



Senior Airman Nick Crouse, 193rd Medical Squadron, Medical Technician
"Orthopedic Surgeon & I still do, because it all started when I went to an orthopedic surgeon for a sports related injury and saw how helpful they were to get the patients back to normal daily life and I just want to be part of that. I'm a junior in undergraduate studies at Shippensburg University, I hope to go to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine fall of 2009."



Staff Sgt. Janet Perez, 193rd Logisites Readiness Squadron, Client Support Administrator
"As a child I wanted to be a police officer and still do, because I thought I could save the world." Perez is currently a social worker.



Senior Master Sgt Stan Line, 193rd Services Flight, Services Technician
"When I think of what I really wanted to be, I always wanted to be a Coast Guard helicopter pilot. I guess I wanted to save lives." Line is a middle school special education teacher.



Tech Sgt Culeen Shaffer, 193rd Public Affairs, Still Photographer
"I always knew I wanted to do something with art, I was always drawing, painting and creating art. I realized it would be really tough to make a living as a fine artist, so I turned my interest to graphic design and photography, which is what I do today. I still do fine art in my spare time.