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193rd Airmen score with Gridiron Greats

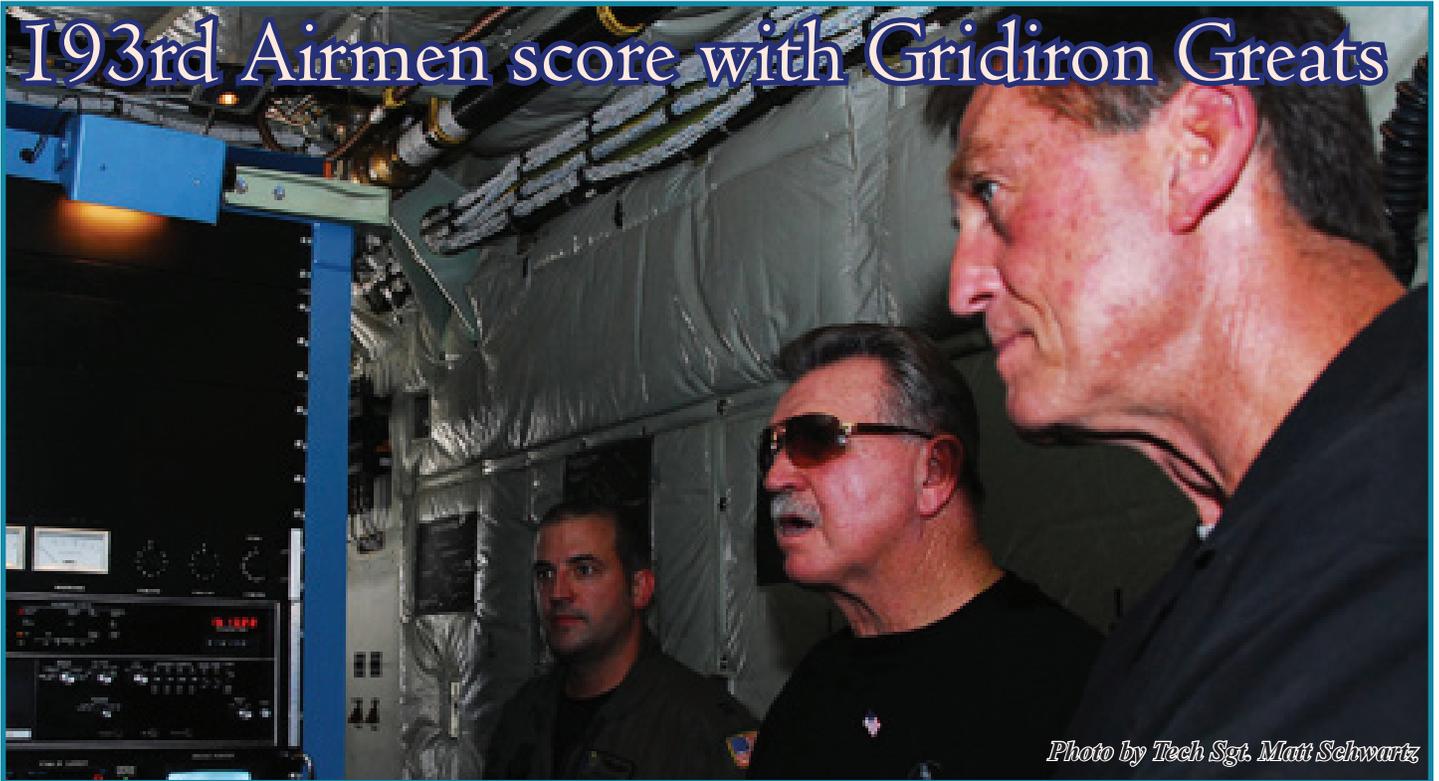


Photo by Tech Sgt. Matt Schwartz

Explaining how Commando Solo works, 193rd pilot Capt. Dave Earhart draws cheers from fans Mike Ditka and Jack Youngblood.

By Tech. Sgt. Matt Schwartz

TAMPA, Fla. – Do the names Mike Ditka, Gale Sayers and Jack Youngblood mean anything to you?

They are gridiron greats – pro football’s finest. But even if you don’t enjoy the game, you can appreciate how special it is to be the very best at what you do. It requires hard work, overcoming adversity, sacrifice and a whole lot of teamwork.

Come to think of it, it sounds a lot like being in military special operations. That’s

why as of Nov. 12, Ditka and more than 100 football legends and Hall of Famers are teaming up to support U.S. Military Special Operations personnel and their families through the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

But like any great team, members of the special operations community are not casually sitting on the sidelines waiting for Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund founder Ditka to draw up a great play.

Airmen from the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa., eagerly took the ball and ran with it during their annual golf tournament and SOWF Benefit Pig Roast. The wing was able to raise more than \$12,000 and presented the checks to Colonel Carney, Ditka and Youngblood during ceremonies here.

“The money that the 193rd has raised this year and in the past is just a small portion of what the (Special Operations)

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211th celebrates Camp Shuey



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Chief: Get re-blued at BMT

By State Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden



I attended the Air National Guard Command Chief Orientation Course at Lackland Air Force Base in late October. As most of you know Lackland AFB is referred to as the "Gateway to the Air Force." Generations of American Airmen have passed through this gateway to become lifetime members of the world's greatest Air Force.

During the course, we had the opportunity to see first hand what our future Airmen are experiencing in BMT.

We observed trainees negotiating the confidence course, we were given briefs on the BMT experience and changes to the BMT curriculum, which has extended BMT to 8.5 weeks, we ate lunch with a trainee, we attended the Airmen Coin Ceremony and we attended the BMT Graduation

Ceremony.

We received numerous briefs and had the opportunity to share experiences/best practices as command chiefs. The command chiefs in attendance gained valuable knowledge and developed relationships which will enable us to better serve our Airmen.

However, all the command chiefs in attendance concurred that meeting the future Airmen of our Air Force and experiencing firsthand the caliber of these Airmen for ourselves was the best part of our course.

Every command chief in attendance but me had attended BMT at Lackland AFB. They all concurred that they felt "re-blued." Although I attended BMT twice I did not go through Air Force BMT.

As for me, I attended Army BMT in 1973 and Navy BMT in 1979. I have to say that although I was never officially "blued" I came away "re-blued" and very proud of the young Airmen joining our Air Force Enlisted ranks.

The Pennsylvania Air National Guard had four Airmen graduate BMT on Oct. 24, 2008. I am sorry to say that I did not get to meet each of them, congratulate them on their accomplishment, and shake each of their hands.

There were more than 5000 family members and friends in attendance for the Graduation ceremony. After the ceremony was complete the family members were allowed on the parade field and it became very difficult to locate an individual Airman out of the 780 graduates.

My fellow command chiefs and I walked through the crowd of graduates congratulating the Airmen we met along the way. Command Chief Guerra from the 171st Air Refueling Wing attended the course with me. In the hubbub of the graduation scene Command Chief Guerra was located by a graduating Airmen from the 171st.

It was a great experience to be able to congratulate this Pennsylvania Air National Guard Airmen on her accomplishment. Her parents were present and their pride in their daughter was evident on their faces.

It was my pleasure to be able to congratulate one of our Guardsmen and meet her proud parents.

If you have the opportunity to attend a BMT graduation and the coin ceremony I would highly recommend it. Your Airman will appreciate it and it will fill your heart with pride in them, the United States Air Force and the great nation that we serve.




Promotions

Promotion to Master Sergeant

James W. McMillan Jr 271 CBCS
 Timothy Q. Farrell 148 ASOS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Mark C. Trimmer 193 LRS
 Robert J. Cope 193 LRS
 Michael A. Overbaugh 193 SOW

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Katrina M. Scheibelhut 193 SVF
 Paul A. Holder 193 LRS



News In Brief

New Airman program gets charity nod

Times are tough and many Americans seem to be feeling the strain. There are many different organizations geared to help those in need, and now there is a special charitable organization developed by the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association specifically for Airmen and their families.

The assistance fund is a relatively new concept. It started about one year ago when an anonymous donor left the Association money to help Airmen in need. It was through this generosity that the idea was born.

The fund is used to help Airmen and their families who encounter hardship. So far, the fund has been used to help families deal with economic issues. Some of these issues stem from their service and some do not.

Since the donation, the Association has been hard at work developing and defining the parameters for the fund. Initially the fund was set to help only the Airmen of the 193rd SOW; however, the spectrum has broadened. It is now possible for this fund to be used to help those in other service branches if the Association deems the cause dire.

Recently, the assistance fund gained important recognition from the United Way of the Capitol Region as a charity. "We are delighted to be included in the Combined Federal Campaign. It is a wonderful opportunity to get more money to help Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Barry Frey (Ret.).

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this cause may do so by making a donation to the Combined Federal Campaign, Charity 45961 or by contacting the Association directly at solo@193sow.org.

Gap dedicates 23 new facilities

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP – On Nov. 14, the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard dedicated 23 new facilities and ranges at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard training site, Annville, to support the training of the 28th Infantry Division's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, other Guard units, and personnel that use the training site.

"It took a tremendous team effort to make all of these facilities and ranges a possibility," said Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, state adjutant general. "These projects make Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center viable now and vital in the future."

The training site, which is the headquarters of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, stretches 17,000 acres across northern Lebanon and Dauphin counties.



211th celebrates life in Camp Shuey, FTIG



Members of the 211th join the family and friends of Master Sgt. Chuck Shuey at a new facility dedicated in his honor at FTIG.

By 2nd Lt. Cynthia Chagon-Mackenzie

On Sunday July 20, 2008, Camp Shuey was dedicated in memory of Master Sgt. Charles V. “Chuck” Shuey (1951-2007).

Like Chuck, Camp Shuey is culmination of the dedicated work and tireless efforts of many support agencies, including the 193rd CES, 201st REOTS, 201st RHS, and the 271st CCS.

Thanks to many contributions, Fort Indiantown Gap’s Camp Shuey will be a permanent, expeditionary training facility available for a variety of mobility and training exercises. In July, the training facilities were used to host the Air Combat Command Inspector General team, which conducted an ORI on the 211th EIS.

During the dedication ceremony, Master Sgt. Shuey was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for 29 commendable years of service to the 211th Engineering Installation Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap.

His mother, Lois Shuey, accepted the

award with other family members in attendance.

Shuey was the epitome of the 211th Family--everyone liked Chuck. He was a personable team member who represented the 211th in every positive light. His laughter and personality was infectious.

He always stepped up and volunteered for the most challenging projects. As one of the initial cadre of Lightning Force Academy instructors, Sergeant Shuey was instrumental in establishing the school house and his efforts will influence the Air Force for years to come.

He was a major contributor to the development of the Electronics and Cable Standard Installations Practices Training as well as the Team Chief Course.

Sergeant Shuey served as a team chief, engineer, and quality assurance evaluator for several major installation projects located throughout the United States and overseas, to include several Air Expedi-

tionary Force tours.

Additionally, Sergeant Shuey played a significant role as an engineer and then team member on the Communication Installation project at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., for 24 months.

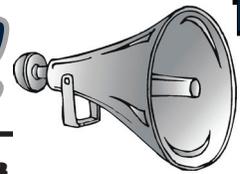
His leadership and experience proved invaluable, enabling a timely completion of the communications project for the newly restored building 3500, the Air National Guard Readiness Center.

Sergeant Shuey also engineered projects for Kable Fest in Germany and the Air Traffic Control relocation project in Martinsburg, W. Va. He was also the lead on most of the 211th building renovations providing much improved work areas.

Master Sgt. Chuck Shuey is the type of person that no one will ever forget. Thanks to the new site at the Gap, no one ever will.



Sounding Off



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

Ecumenical service to be held Saturday

Come celebrate fellowship, fun and the holiday season as all the 193rd Chaplains host an Ecumenical service Saturday, Dec. 6, in the Operations Blue room at 9:30 a.m.

All Airman, family and friends are welcome to join the celebration.

Celebrate "Airman's Month" at 193rd

The month of January has been designated "Month of the Airman" at the 193rd Special Operations Wing to recognize the dedication and outstanding performance of those who serve in the Airman ranks.

The following activities are available:

When: Lunch on Saturday Jan. 10, 2009 from 1130 a.m. to 1p.m

What: "Airmen Served First" at Dining Facilities wing-wide! First priority in the Dining Facility lines. First Sgts will be on hand to help serve!

Who: SrA/E-4 and below!

In addition, the Enlisted Council is sponsoring a free night of bowling at ABC Lanes Inc. Bowling Alley located on Eisenhower Blvd the same night.

When: Saturday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. to ???

What: The Enlisted Council and ABC East Bowling Ally are partnering up to offer an opportunity for Airmen to congregate after drill. There are 60 tickets available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact your unit's First Sergeant or Tech. Sgt. Noelani Uhl at noelani.uhl@paharr.ang.af.mil or 717-948-2318 if you are interested. For those interested at Fort Indiantown Gap, a bus will be available for transportation to ABC Bowling Alley East. Included in the tickets are 2 games and shoe rental fee.

Where: ABC Lanes Incorporated, 1001 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg Pa 17111, (717) 939-9536 <http://www.abceast.com/>

Who: Open to the first 60 SrA/E-4 and below who sign up. More details and events to follow, so stay tuned...

What's on the Menu



19 Dec.
MILITARY PAYDAY

Saturday

Roast Beef
w/ Horseradish
Strawberry Pork Loin
Fresh Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
w/ Gravy
Asparagus

Sunday

Deli Style Buffet
Chips, Cookies, Drink

Snack Line

Clancy's will be open

Hours of Operation: 1130 a.m. - 1 p.m.

~ Constellation Cafe ~



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Warrior Foundation needs,” said Capt. Dave Earhart, pilot at the 193rd SOW. “Seeing these sports legends raise their hands to help families of fallen members of the SOF community-is impressive to say the least. Together we are going to make a difference.”

This is great news to an organization like SOWF that is eager to score a touchdown with these much needed funds.

After the 1980 failed attempt to free hostages of the Iranian embassy, the Col. Arthur D. “Bull” Simmons Scholarship Fund was created to help provide college educations to the 17 children of the nine men killed.

Twenty-eight-years later, the Special Operations Warrior Foundation continues the tradition of helping the children of fallen or injured Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen

and Marines of Special Operations.

The week leading up to the Super Bowl, there will be a series of events in the Tampa area to support the GGAF and the SOWF, highlighted by memorabilia auctions. The 100 gridiron legends will donate two items each, one for GGAF and one for SOWF.

“Both the special operations community and the Gridiron Greats share a bond of brotherhood like no other,” said Ditka, board member of the GGAF. “It is with this strong sense of spirit that retired professional football players and special operations vow to take care of their own and have formed this very special relationship.”

After the presentation, many participants took a tour of a 193rd SOW aircraft to better understand the mission of this

one-of-a-kind unit.

The unique aircraft called Commando Solo is a piece of that team the Gridiron Greats are reaching out to help support.

“Whether they knew the 193rd mission or not, I think they have a better understanding of what we role we take both civilly and in combat. It is a truly unique mission,” said Earhart.

And so is the new mission of the 193rd SOW, GGAF and SOWF where they are driving as a team into the end zone to score a victory for the special operations warrior family.

For more information on the Gridiron Greats or the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, log onto their respective Web sites www.gridirongreats.org or www.specialops.org.

Chief: Discover true value in people

By Chief MasterSgt. Cameron CR Bailey

You cannot help but notice the value of the house you live in has taken a sudden drop in value recently. Have you noticed or watched the value of your stocks in your Thrift Savings Plan? So what is the true value of your investment and who determines that value? You could say it is Wall Street or the market that tell you the value. Or could it be up to you to make that determination?

The “true” value of your children is going to be different to the census taker that knocks on your door than what your children mean to you. Everyone makes an estimation or determination on the true value of something or someone. What that estimate is based upon will vary depending on what the estimator sees and how closely they look.

How do you see your own true value? My experience has been one where my true value as I saw it would vary depending on outside factors. It has been up and down like the DOW industrial average. Some factors in my value have been people, events, or how well I performed. These people were important to me and their estimation of me weighed in how I saw myself.

We live in a very competitive world and an intensely competitive nation. While we

should live by the Air Force core value of excellence in all we do, that does not mean the when we fall short of perfection, that we are losers.

I worked hard and gave my all in every challenge to prove myself to those who expressed doubt or gave me the impression that their view of my value was lower than I wanted. I also believed that my true value was determined by the assignments or responsibilities that parents, teachers, superiors, or supervisors would entrust me with. I would struggle for perfection and then be disappointed when I did not score an ace on the test or finish in first place. But after achieving many things and growing older, I have reached a place in my life where I know that true value is not performance based.

Everyone has been given different gifts and abilities and many of them are yet to be discovered. Not even the ASVAB test can reveal them all! My brother, who struggled through out high school and has no formal training or education, has a memory that will rival an IBM mainframe.

He can recall the smallest details from anytime in the past. I am lucky if I can recall the number on the locker I put my clothes in at the gym after my workout. But, I must help my brother complete his

form 1040 every year for his taxes. He always could recall his income and refund! So be secure in yourself and see yourself as having great value and be careful not to base it on external standards because everyone has a gift or an ability to offer.

That brings me to my last point. See the true value of others around you. I believe one of the saddest things to see is someone living an entire life and they never reached their full potential. If you have ever watched the television contest, “America’s Got Talent”, you will see that often the winner was someone who had an ability or gift that was recognized by someone else who then became a mentor and helped that person develop and use their talent. Another example is 2008 eight-time Olympic gold medal winner, Michael Phelps.

His school swimming coach noticed his abilities during gym class. Never jump to a conclusion or pre-judge the true value of those around you. Give them every opportunity to use their skills and gifts while you guide, encourage, and mentor them.

So while we may all be just a number or a place holder to someone else, see yourself and those you serve with you as being people who have great true value to our great organization. People are the Air National Guard’s greatest asset.