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193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING



## 193<sup>rd</sup> awarded for year of outstanding service

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Claire Behney

The Colors at the 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing are about to get a new streamer for the units receipt of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This streamer will join 12 others of its kind to be displayed with honor and show the accomplishments of the Wing. These accomplishments would not have been achieved if it weren't for the devoted Airmen who make up the 193<sup>rd</sup>.

The honor of the AFOUA is awarded to unit's that have demonstrated meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly distinguish them from other units.

"I am proud of the 193rd Special Operations Wing as it consis-

tently sets the bench mark in meeting and indeed exceeding the goals that have been established throughout its demanding high operational tempo," said Brig. Gen. Eric G. Weller, 193<sup>rd</sup> Wing Commander.

He said the success of the Wing could not have been possible without the "unwavering dedication and commitment" of its Airmen.

The Wing is awarded for their accomplishments for the period Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2007

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# State Command Chief Perspective



**By State Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden**

This month's topic is diversity in our Air National Guard. Below is the Airman's Roll Call from April 2008, "Diversity in the Air Force," which defines diversity in our Air Force and the expectations of our Airmen as they relate to diversity.

### Diversity in the Air Force

*In order to be prepared to respond to a variety of threats throughout the world, Airmen must be able to fight effectively in this dynamic global environment. Airmen must be prepared to successfully work with, or fight against, military forces and people of differing cultures and views.*

*We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the Air Force team to achieve his or her greatest potential.*

*Below are some things you should know about diversity in the Air Force:*

*Diversity in our service is broadly defined as a composite of individual characteristics, experiences and abilities consistent with the Air Force Core Values and the Air Force Mission.*

*Air Force diversity includes, but is not limited to, personal life experiences, geographic background, socioeconomic background, cultural*

*knowledge, educational background, work background, language abilities, physical abilities, philosophical/spiritual perspectives, age, race, ethnicity and gender.*

*Air Force capabilities and warfighting skills are enhanced by diversity among its Airmen. At its core, such diversity provides our force an aggregation of strengths, perspectives and capabilities that transcends individual contributions.*

*Air Force people who work in a diverse environment learn to maximize individual strengths and to combine individual abilities and perspectives for the good of the mission.*

Diversity is as important in the ANG as it is in the Active Duty Air Force, the Air Force Reserve and in our civilian jobs. All of us as Airmen bring a wealth of diverse backgrounds and experience that we need to share with our fellow Airmen.

Sharing our individual diverse experiences as ANG Airmen has enabled us to contribute substantially to the success of Air Force total force operations over the years. The experience we bring from our civilian professions has the potential to further enhance our ANG and our Air Force. However, we must share our experiences and viewpoints if this is to happen.

I will close this article with a quote from the Dalai Lama's daily meditations book "The Path to Tranquility." In my opinion, this quote relates how we can approach diversity in thought to better ourselves, our relationships and our ANG.

"In every group different points of view will occur. But I see this as an advantage. The more we come across different opinions, the greater our opportunity to gain a greater understanding of others and to improve ourselves. If we battle against anyone who thinks differently from us, everything becomes hard. We should not hold rigidly to our personal views but enter into dialogue in an open-minded way. In this way we will be able to compare viewpoints and discover new ones."



# Promotions

for the month of April

## Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

David T. Batz	193 OSF
Antonio T. Powell	193 OSF
Matthew T. Giacobbe	Hq's

## Promotion to Master Sergeant

Robert B. Stark	193 LRS
Timothy J. Madole	193 LRS
George P. Henry	193 SOS
Kimberly L. Hulse	193 SOS

## Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Kristin J. Noll	203 WF
Joshua A. Fickes	553 Band
Deyna M. Crummel	193 LRS
Michael P. Graby	201 RHS
Shawn C. Bearinger	148 ASOS
Paul D. Wagaman	193 MXS
David L. Curry	193 MXS
Steven W. Wemple II	193 MXS
Eric J. Tritch	193 MXS
Paul V. McFarland	271 CBCS
Daniel R. Curry	112 AOS

## Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Lee E. Hyman	211 EIS
Kelly P. Toppin	271 CBCS
William H. Krieger III	193 MXS

## Promoted to Senior Airman

Bryon K. Stumpf, Jr	201 RHS
Jesi L. Shaffer	193 SOS
Denita L. Oden	193 LRS
Joseph M. Nguyen	193 MXS
Nathan D. Wehr	271 CBCS

## Congratulations!

# News In Brief

## Chaplain assist. position announced

The Chaplain's Office would like to announce a chaplain assistant staff position opening.

They are seeking a highly motivated, outgoing, personable, competent, organized Airman who meets or exceeds all Air Force Standards. No particular religious affiliation required.

Candidates must be prior service and working in their current AFSC for at least three years. This is a staff sergeant position.

Please send resumes and letters of interest to Chaplain Richard Denison, wing chaplain, by close of business Aug. 9 at: Richard.Denison@paharr.ang.af.mil or mail to the Chaplain's Office at: 81 Constellation Court Middletown, PA 17057.

Interviews will be conducted during September drill.

If you have any questions, please contact Ch. Denison or Staff Sgt. Megan Kopp at extension 2265.

## Four charged with terror plot

The FBI and N.Y. police arrested four suspects May 20 who allegedly were planning to shoot down military planes at the New York Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y., and blow up a synagogue and Jewish community center in the Bronx.

James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams and La-guerre Payen were charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction in the United States and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles, FBI officials said.

Authorities made the arrests during the evening as the defendants were preparing to carry out their planned attacks, officials said. The suspects intended to use devices containing C-4 plastic explosives to attack the synagogue and community center, they said.

From there, the defendants allegedly planned to head north to the Air Guard base at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, N.Y. with what they thought was an activated Stinger surface-to-air missile to shoot down military aircraft, officials said.

The suspects, all Muslims, said they wanted to carry out a jihad, or holy war, because of operations under way in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told reporters.

Acting U.S. Attorney Lev. L. Dassin praised the cooperative investigation that included the Air Force Office of Special Investigations as well as the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the FBI, New York Police Department, New York State Police and New York State Office of Homeland Security.

"Thanks to the extraordinary, collaborative work of our law enforcement partners, the defendants' plans were thwarted and the defendants are under arrest," he said.



# Reflecting on our nation's colors



*By Chief Master Sgt. Marlin L. Haldeman*

Next Sunday, June 14, is Flag Day here in America. It's a day to commemorate a beloved American icon. Our American Flag is one of the most recognized symbols not only in our nation, but across the globe. As opposed to the flags of most nations, ours keeps changing. From the legend of the original sewn by Betsy Ross to the flag we fly today, it has changed as our nation has changed with a star added every time a state joins the union.

One of the most venerated flags is the one that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. That flag inspired Francis Scott Key, as he was detained on a British ship, and 'thru the dawn's early light' see that 'our flag was still there', to pen the words to what we know as 'The National Anthem.' That very flag, now nearing 200 years old, and just recently painstakingly restored, can be seen on limited display at the Smithsonian Museum of American history in Washington D.C.

Did you know that flag was originally 30 by 42 feet, custom ordered that large as a way of 'thumbing our nose' to the British warships in the Chesapeake Bay? It was sewn by Baltimore seamstress, Mary Pickersgill and her 13-year-old daughter.

Our flag is seen nearly everywhere. You can find it around government and military buildings, businesses, homes, stickers and on car windows, and on clothing itself.

It's on some of our military uniforms and it's even on the moon. But driving down the street of a town lined with flags in the yards and porches of homes is an awe inspiring sight. It's a sight I love to see and it's one you won't find anywhere else.

When you start to think about our flag and it can readily stir emotions - I know that it does for me. In my town of Lititz, the annual Memorial Day and Independence Day parade is led by an Honor Guard from the local American Legion and VFW. I march with the Honor Guard and it amazes me as I watch those WWII veterans struggle to stand up so they can salute the colors; but, it's not only the vets who show their respect. Boys and girls, men and women applaud and cheer as the flag passes by while others stand silent and somber with their right hand

servicemembers who have perished in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's a somber sight. Many too, have experienced the heart wrenching grief of a flag-draped-coffin or when the Honor Guard folds the flag and presents it to a grieving loved one.

Unfortunately, not everyone has loyal, patriotic feelings toward our flag or nation as we often see in the media. Those who have disdain for our nation often demonstrate it by burning the flag. That, too, has a dramatic impact on the patriotic American, who often, with clenched fists, has an urge to retaliate. Flag burning leads to constitutional conflict regarding the right to free speech. There is currently a movement to amend the Constitution to prohibit flag desecration.

As children, we repeated the Pledge of Allegiance every day to begin the school



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Claire Behney*

*Members of the Harrisburg Chapter 76 National Sojourners and Pa. Squadron Navy Club of the U.S.A. placed Memorial Flags in the Pennsylvania National Cemetery, Fort Indiantown Gap, to honor and remember those who have lost their lives while serving America in Iraq and Afghanistan. This year they placed 5,100 American flags.*

over their heart as Old Glory passes by.

Another emotion is one of sorrow. Memorial Day is a time for Americans to reflect on those who, as President Lincoln stated in the Gettysburg Address, 'gave the last full measure of devotion.' Upon visiting the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend, I viewed the 5,000 flags displayed to honor

day. At the retirement ceremony of my good friend Senior Master Sgt. Mike Caffen, he closed by asking those in attendance to join him in pledging our flag. For many it was the first time they repeated the Pledge in a long time.

When is the last you recited the Pledge or took a moment to reflect on what our flag represents?



# 'Showing up' half the battle

Commentary by Capt. Jay Ostrich

The American spirit is alive and well. You need look no further than a previously unknown Spc. Zachary Boyd, 19, of Fort Worth, Texas, who reminded us not only that our latest generation of combat veteran carries the grit and perseverance to succeed on the battlefield, but that service before self can come at the most inopportune times.

His actions on May 11 reminded me of the often-imitated credit card commercials that go a little something like this:

*Ticket to Afghanistan: 0\$*

*BX Flip Flops: \$2*

*Novelty boxer shorts: \$25*

*Kevlar body armor: \$800*

*Fighting back radical Islamofacists from an austere Afghanistan mountaintop while wearing pink boxers and flip flops ... priceless.*

You see, Boyd was fast asleep in his quarters when a Taliban attack bucked him awake. Rather than sit around wondering what to do, Boyd rushed to a rampart and



Photo by David Guttenfelder

*Spc. Zachary Boyd (left), in his pink "I love NY" boxers, fights alongside fellow Soldiers. Boyd was fast asleep when his unit was ambushed by insurgents in Eastern Afghanistan and he didn't have time to put his pants on, but was sure to grab his weapon and kevlar.*

helped his fellow platoon members repel the attack.

There was one catch though: Boyd took up his post in pink 'I love NY' boxer shorts and shower shoes which was

captured by civilian photographer David Guttenfelder, whose photo appeared on the cover of the New York Times.

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## Are you ready for the tests of life?

By Chaplain Capt. Mark D. Brumbach

2 Timothy 4:2a

*"Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not."*

Matthew 4:4

*"Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

A wise chaplain once spoke these words to a class of chaplain trainees, "A time of reckoning is coming gentlemen. It is called a PT test and you must prepare yourselves now if you are going to be ready and able to pass!" Annually we face this test of our physical fitness and annually I struggle to be prepared. I wish that push ups, crunches and running came naturally to me but the reality is that they do not. I have to work throughout the year to be prepared. My experience tells me that I cannot wait until the last minute to cram for the test. In truth, if I take a few short weeks off I begin to lose strength and ability. I must discipline myself to prepare for the test that is coming by engaging in the work of physical exercise on a regular basis.

Are you ready for the test? A day of reckoning is coming. Life is full of various kinds of tests. Sometimes it is a test of our bodies, sometimes it is a test of our minds and sometimes it is a test of our spirits. Tests of the body push our muscles and make us

sweat. Tests of the mind evaluate our base of knowledge. Tests of the spirit examine our beliefs and values. Today is the day to begin preparing because the tests will come.

Some of us choose to ignore the reality of the tests. "It will never happen to me." "I'll never need to know that stuff." Disappointments, defeats, excuses and apologies are familiar companions for those in this group. Some of us are procrastinators who wait until the last possible moment to engage in the work of preparation. "I'll worry about that later." "A 'C' is all that I need to pass." These folks are often familiar with stress and mediocrity. Some of us buckle down and do the work that is required in order to be prepared. Success, confidence and self-worth often mark the lives of those who are ready when the tests come.

Preparation is not always fun nor is it easy but it is right and good. In order to pass the PT test I need to hit the gym. I need to hit the books and the notes to pass the class. I need to hammer out my spiritual beliefs and values through worship, prayer, meditation and devotion so that I might be ready for the spiritual tests that will arise in my life.

Are you ready for the test? The tests are real and they will come. The time to prepare is now. One final tidbit of wisdom that someone shared with me long ago, "Get ready, be ready, be found ready."

Success and victory belong to those who are prepared.



## Dedicated Airmen's efforts awarded (continued from Page 1)

A few mission accomplishments include flying 1,630 accident-free missions, involving 5,481.4 accident-free hours; deploying 121 volunteers to Operation Jumpstart; deploying more than 115 volunteers to Operation Winter Freeze; earning 84 individual Community College of the Air Force degrees; deploying eight aviation rotations; moving 300 short tons of cargo; gaining 206 members to wing in fiscal year 2007; upholding the reputation of being the most deployed unit in the Air National Guard with Airmen being deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Northern Sovereignty Operations; and the list continues.

This list was gathered as a part of the nomination packet assembled by Capt. Charles R. Longlois, the training officer. The research needed to create the nomination packet took Longlois more than a year to complete.

"I am very proud of our Wing and the truly outstanding people we have here," said Longlois. "I am deeply honored to have the privilege of serving with them, and helping everyone get recognized for their efforts."

Once the packet was prepared it was forwarded for endorsement from Weller, Maj. Gen. Stephen M. Sischo, Deputy Adjutant General Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, Pennsylvania National Guard Adjutant General.

After receiving the endorsements, the nomination packet was sent to the National Guard Bureau where it was up against all similar units within the command. Once at NGB, the packet went up against an award board of six officers ranging in rank from O-4 to O-6. Only 10 percent of packets are recommended annually for the AFOUA.

For the efforts of the 193<sup>rd</sup> Airmen, the Wing will receive a streamer to adorn the Colors, an award citation, a certificate, and unit decorations. The ceremony to present the award to the Wing is yet to be determined.

The accomplishments of the Airmen of the 193<sup>rd</sup> reveal the strong dedication they have towards the Wing and its mission. It's this type of commitment that makes the 193<sup>rd</sup> stand out for its excellence and makes winning the AFOUA possible. So Airmen of the 193<sup>rd</sup>, keep up the good work, it certainly won't go unnoticed.

### Citation to Accompany the Award of The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award To the 193rd Special Operations Wing Pennsylvania Air National Guard

The 193rd Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 2 January 2006 to 31 December 2007. During this period, the 193rd Special Operations Wing accomplished its mission with a maximum degree of war readiness. Members of the Wing flew 1,630 missions, involving 5,481.4 accident-free hours and the movement of over 300 short tons of cargo, eight aviation rotations, and 1,200 commercial shipments to four theaters of operation. In the Southwest Asian Theater of Operation wing members effectively aided in the detention of 6,702 insurgents, of which 382 were high value targets. The professionalism and technical skills of the 193rd Special Operations Wing personnel contributed directly to the fulfillment of national foreign policy objectives. Wing members established a new mission set, directly supporting US Southern Command forces, immediately saving over six million dollars in the first year of implementation. The distinctive accomplishments of the members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.

## *Soldier invents new brand of PSYOPS* (continued from Page 5)

Boyd would later call his mother, Sheree, and share he feared losing his job for his actions if President Obama had seen the photo.

During a speech in New York City, Defense Secretary Robert Gates would allay his fears.

"Any soldier who goes into battle against the Taliban in pink boxers and flip-flops has a special kind of courage," said Gates. "I can only wonder about the impact on the Taliban. Just imagine seeing

that: a guy in pink boxers and flip-flops has you in his cross-hairs. What an incredible innovation in psychological warfare."

All joking aside, I'll challenge the more important takeaway from Boyd's brave boxer battle is to be reminded that moments to capture the essence of service before self do not come at the most opportune times.

It's easy to display core values when it conveniences us. But the true test comes when we have things we would rather

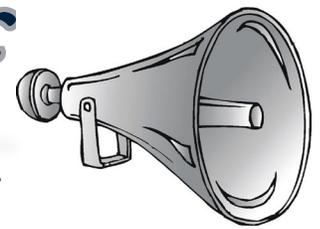
be doing with our time and yet we reach deeply into our hearts for the perseverance needed to do what is right, not what is easy.

So the next time you are given an opportunity to volunteer for extra details at a time you would rather be having fun with friends and family, remember Spc. Zachary Boyd, his pink boxers and his indomitable commitment to service before self.

Hopefully, it will be a reminder that showing up is always half the battle.



# Sounding Off



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

## Blood drive announced

Unleash the hero in you, Saturday July 11 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. by registering in the Dining Facility Atrium. The bloodmobile bus will be located in front the the Headquarters Building.

Please come out and donate to help individuals in Central Pennsylvania who are in need of blood.

If you would like to schedule an appointment ahead of time, please contact Master Sgt. Denise Teats (ext. 2426).

Walk-ups are always welcome on the day of the drive.

## Changes to scheduling passport

Due to the high volume of passport applications a schedule has been set up with Multimedia for pictures and the Readiness Office for the application process. Applications and pictures will be processed on Sundays of UTA from 1 to 3 p.m. and weekly on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Members will need to schedule an appointment with Multimedia and the Readiness Office if processing needs completed outside of this schedule.

Readiness Office: 717-948-2412

Multimedia Office: 717-948-2231

## OMK sponsors summer camp

Operation Military Kid Hero Youth Camp will be held at Kenbrook Camp, Lebanon, Pa. from August 2-7. This camp is for ages 7-12 and the registration is from April 15 to June 15.

Contact Janet Marquis for further questions at (717) 861-6289.

You can register online at [www.pngfamilyprogram.state.pa.us](http://www.pngfamilyprogram.state.pa.us)

## What's on the Menu

### ~Constellation Cafe~

Hours of operation: 11:30-1:00

#### Saturday

##### Main Line:

Mr. Z Baked Chicken

Pepper Steak

Ginger Rice

Mashed Potatoes

##### Snack Line:

Cheeseburgers

Cheese Steak Sub

Onion Rings

#### Sunday

##### Main Line:

Pineapple Chicken

Syrian Beef Stew

Baked Potatoes

Rice

Carrots

##### Snack Line:

Cheeseburgers

Chicken Cheese Steak Sub

Onion Rings

Salad bar, soup du jour and desserts

Call ahead for take out! Reserve tables! Go for seconds!

Special requests (specific diets, allergies, etc.)

## Clancy's will be open!

#### Saturday

Pizza

Wings

Chips

Cookies

Drinks

#### Sunday

Grilled sausage

Grilled burgers

Corn on the cob

Cookies

Chips

## Red Cross sponsors children's party

There will be a children's party sponsored by the Red Cross for children of active deployed military parents called "Daddy (or Mommy) Is Deployed". The event will be held on Saturday, June 27, at the Witaker Center in Harrisburg, Pa. from noon to 4 p.m.

The party will feature, a private big science theatre show, an all-day Harsco Science Center pass, admission to one Medial Imas Theatre film, liquid nitrogen ice cream, dry ice fruit punch and a discovery gift bag.

To register call Pat Greedy at (717) 368-3598

## Seminars offered for officers, NCOs

Officer Professional Development Seminar:

When: Aug. 31 - Sept. 1-3 2009

Where: 201st Red Horse Sq - Shambach Hall, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

NCO Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar:

When: Sept. 24-27 2009

Where: 201st Red Horse Sq - Shambach Hall, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Visit the "Education/Retention Information" on the 193rd AF Portal page to register and learn more!



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