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193rd Special Operations Wing - Pennsylvania Air National Guard - Middletown, Pa.

193rd FSS utilizes all facets during deployment

By Airman 1st Class
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Public Affairs Specialist

From food to fitness to community outreach, the 193rd Special Operations Wing Force Support Squadron took their mission abroad.

Fourteen members of the 193rd FSS deployed to Transit Center Manas, Kyrgyzstan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from May to October 2009. These Airmen were assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, who supported air refueling and warrior care missions.

“We served any branch of military, including coalition forces,” said Senior Airman Jackie Ebersole, services journeyman. “Going to or from Afghanistan, they had to transfer through Manas first, so we did their out processing and in processing.”

During the deployment, Ebersole spent her time working at Pete’s Place, which she describes as a pool hall used to help lift the spirits of the troops.

“We would host pool



Photo by Senior Airman Jackie Ebersole

Airmen of the 376th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, Transit Center Manas, Kyrgyzstan, work to refurbish the community center of Jany-Pakhta village. The squadron sponsored the village and worked with the mayor and school principal to determine what was needed and what the Airmen could do to assist the village.

tournaments, karaoke nights, Christmas in July, and even had a Manas Idol,” said Ebersole. “The goal of our mission was to boost morale of those going to and from Afghanistan or even going home. For some, we were providing their last hot meal before going down-range.”

That morale boost extended far beyond the walls of Pete’s Place when 30 volunteers of the 376th visited the squadron sponsored village of Jany-Pakhta, Kyrgyzstan.

“We did volunteer work with the Jany-Pakhta mayor and the school principal,” said Chief Master Sgt. James Nelson, services superintendent. “For the mayor we did refurbishing work at the community center which included replacing six basketball hoops, repainting the recreation center, and donating basketballs, soccer balls, and nets.”

The refurbishing also included working around the perimeter of the recreation center picking up trash and broken glass, said Senior Airman Shanna Berkheimer ser-

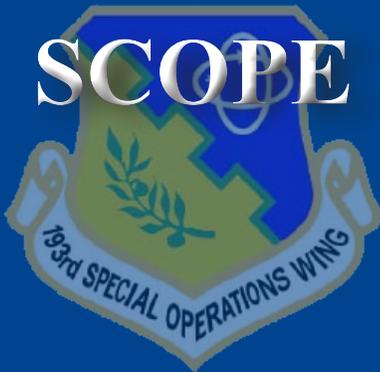
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193rd Special Operations Wing
Dining Out



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State Command Chief Perspective



By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden
State Command Chief

A few months ago all Air National Guard state command chief master sergeants were asked to nominate outstanding senior non-commissioned officers who were interested in serving on the Air Force Association – Air National Guard Council. Our nominees were forwarded to the command chief master sergeant of the Air National Guard and then on to the Air Force Association selection board.

I am proud to say that one of our states' outstanding Airmen was selected to serve on the AFA Air National Guard Council. Senior Master Sgt. John Lyon of the 111th Fighter Wing is one of the two enlisted representatives to the AFA Air National Guard Council. Lyon is looking forward to representing our Air National Guard as a member of this council and I am positive that he will serve us well.

Below is some information about the AFA and AFA Air National Guard Council that Lyon asked that I pass along to you. He is looking forward to hearing from you and serving the Air National Guard as a member of the AFA Air National Guard Council.

Lyon would like to hear your input and the issues that you face as Airmen. All input to Lyon must be sent to your wing

command chief master sergeant who will forward your input to Lyon. Send your input via e-mail, preferably in a word document with information concerning the issue you would like addressed. At a minimum include your name, base and telephone number in case additional information is required.

The AFA has several councils to help research issues that are relevant to the betterment of the Air Force. The responsibilities of the Air National Guard Council are as follows: develops Air Force policy recommendations on quality of life and quality of service issues which impact Air National Guard members; identifies and prioritizes quality of life and quality of service issues, driven by legislative action, which impact Air National Guard members; prepares input, to include background information, and recommends action by the Air National Guard on these issues; makes recommendations to the Air National Guard on policy issues which impact Air National Guard members; responds to Air National Guard requests for study, evaluation, and/or recommendation on issues affecting Air National Guard members; performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Air National Guard.

Some examples of the issues that the ANG council has addressed include funding the ANG Yellow Ribbon program, debt repayment, and ANG homeland defense and security consideration.

The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation.

The AFA is one of the professional military associations that work in support of the Air National Guard.

I would ask you to visit their Web site, www.afa.org and consider joining this remarkable organization that works so hard on our behalf.



Promotions

Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant

James P. Porta 193 LRS

Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Michele Brown 193 CES
Harvey L. Pennell 193 LRS
Richard C. Sites 211 EIS

Promotion to Master Sergeant

Leland McKenney 193 CES
Natalie A. White 193 FSS
Robert A. Wells 112 AOS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Brenda L. Crawford 193 MOF
John H. Savidge 193 LRS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Ricky R. Archer 193 AMXS
Shanna M. Berkheimer 193 FSS

Promoted to Senior Airman

Nathaniel G. Bickel 193 AMXS
Summer A. Keck 193 AMXS

Promoted to Airman First Class

Kevin M. Foy 193 SF

Congratulations!

News In Brief

Outstanding Airmen announced

The selections of the 193rd Special Operations Wing Airmen of the year to include outstanding company grade officer, first sergeant, Honor Guard member and Honor Guard manager, for 2009 have been announced.

The winners of each category are:

Airman – Senior Airman Stefanie A. Ritchie, 193 LRS

Non-Commissioned Officer – Staff Sgt Matthew W. Mehlick, 193 MDG

Senior Non-Commission Officer – Senior Master Sgt. Scott T. Ball, 148 ASOS

First Sergeant – Master Sgt. William E. Benner III, 193 AMXS

Honor Guard Member – Chief Master Sgt. Scotty L. Seivertling, 193 MXS

Honor Guard Manager – Tech. Sgt. Timothy S. Greiner, 148 ASOS

Company Grade Officer – First Lt. Kathleen S. Pearson, 193 SOS

The Airman, NCO, SNCO, first sergeant, Honor Guard member, and Honor Guard manager will move on to the state competition. The company grade officer does not compete at the state level.

Congratulations and best of luck to the outstanding Airmen of the 193rd.

SFS commander position announced

The Mission Support Group is currently accepting applications for the Security Forces Commander. This Traditional Guard position is open to captain promotable, major or lieutenant colonel. The Security Forces Commander is the Chief of Security for the 193rd Special Operations Wing and is responsible for the security of all 193rd facilities, resources, and high value assets. The Security Forces Commander ensures the highest level of combat readiness of Security Forces Squadron and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection for the 1,800 members of the 193rd at three separate locations.

If interested in the position please send a letter of intent and resume to Tech. Sgt. Pamela Nee at pamela.nee@ang.af.mil by Jan. 10, 2010.

Intel. officer position announced

There is an open position for a traditional guardmember intelligence officer with the 112th Air Operations Squadron, State College, Pa. We are accepting applications for officers or enlisted qualified for a commission.

If interested send a letter of intent and resume to Lt. Col. Sharon Gattens at sharon.gattens@ang.af.mil by Jan. 5, 2010.

Air National Guard Schoolhouse: who, what, where



By Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Deck
REOTS

The Air National Guard Schoolhouse is located at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa., and has five missions assigned to it. These missions include the Regional Equipment Operator Training Site, Lighting Force Academy, Regional Training Site, Services RTS and Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers Special Capabilities. With dedication to professionalism and attention to detail as its motto, the Schoolhouse trains civil engineers and engineering installation personnel to perform their war fighting duties.

The Schoolhouse is a total force schoolhouse, serving Air National Guard, active duty Air Force, and Air Force Reserve personnel. DoD personnel and Foreign Forces such as British, Canadian, Norwegian and Lithuanian troops also train at this facility. The student base for the Schoolhouse is worldwide. REOTS and LFA are the only schools of this type in the Air Force community. On an annual basis the Schoolhouse trains 2,500 to 3,000 students.

In the early 1980s, it was determined that equipment operators needed additional training within their career field for rapid runway repair, which today is called airfield damage repair. With that brought the birth of REOTS in February 1989.

The mission statement for REOTS is to provide additional readiness training for upgrading proficiency levels of civil

engineer heavy equipment operators. This tasking has a direct impact on the wartime mission and is accomplished with the use of specialized equipment and training not available at home stations due to costs and complexity of tasks.

REOTS has the capabilities of conducting 40 classes per year, with a two to one student/instructor ratio. Each student operates his own piece of equipment and rotates to a different machine on a daily basis.

In 1995 REOTS was expanded to a Regional Training Site. The mission statement for the RTS is to provide upgrade proficiency training and enhance silver flag certification for bare base operations for all civil engineer career fields.

The RTS located at Fort Indiantown Gap is one of five RTS's within the Air National Guard. In this scenario, an entire civil engineer unit is trained within their individual war skills specialties. Over 25 different taskings are capable of being trained at these sites.

The creation of the RTS brought more formal classes to the Schoolhouse to include one-week courses that are 90 percent hands-on training. There is also a two-week course for new crane operators. This course is 50 percent classroom instruction and 50 percent hands-on. The training site hosts up to 15 units and 40 classes a year.

In 1994 the EI Academy was moved to Fort Indiantown Gap. The Mission Statement for LFA is to provide a solid foundation and necessary skills to support C4 in friendly or hostile environments. This tasking has a direct impact on the wartime mission and is accomplished with the use of specialized equipment and training.

LFA's curriculum consists of 53 classes annually including team chief academy, project engineering, cable/antenna, electronics, network infrastructure, CADD, quality assurance, team chief refresher, giant voice, GeoBASE, pole top rescue/confined spaces and project management. The key item to the LFA curriculum is that 95 percent of their courses are Community College of the Air Force accredited.

During 2004 there was a need to expand the RTS for the services craftsman personnel. This created the Services RTS. The

mission statement for the Services RTS is to provide upgrade proficiency training and enhance silver flag certification on a variety of wartime tasks to include an emphasis on bare base beddown equipment.

In June of 2008, the CE side of the Schoolhouse was tasked to start looking into RED HORSE special capabilities training. National Guard Bureau/A7 procured a milling machine in late fall of 2008 and since then two classes were scheduled and operated. This course will grow to three or four courses a year, depending on the need from the RED HORSE community.

Throughout the years the schoolhouse hosts mobile trainer training courses. These courses are operated by a variety of major commands or AETC. These courses include MTT MAAS, backflow prevention, introduction to GeoBASE, Trimble 5700, and the 193rd Special Operations Wing officer and non-commissioned officer leadership seminars.

The Schoolhouse is authorized a full time staff of 24 instructors and a traditional staff of 11. In the past 20 years the schoolhouse has trained over 30,000 students. The training assets assigned to the Schoolhouse are valued at approximately twelve million dollars.

June 2008 brought the Schoolhouse new facilities including two 4,000 square-foot buildings and infrastructure at a cost of \$2.2 million for the three projects. The schoolhouse consolidated from two geographically separated locations to the new location on Range Road at Fort Indiantown Gap. All schoolhouse operations work out of this location.

The near future will bring a new troop camp for the students. This is a \$7 million project to be completed sometime late 2010. Another building slated for construction is a 4,000 square-foot structure that will be adjacent to the two facilities already in place. All these new buildings allow the students and staff to vacate World War II facilities and give the students modern training and living facilities.

If you would like a tour of the Schoolhouse, please call our office and we would be happy to show you all we have to offer.



Boosting morale of servicemembers, community (continued from Page 1)

vice journeyman. “While we were cleaning up outside of the gym the kids were watching us and wanted to help out, in exchange for a bag of chips.”

Nelson said for the school they donated \$600 worth of text books and donated 45 desks. He said the number one priority from the school principal was to help get school uniforms for the children of families that could not afford them.

“Out of the 900 students in attendance of the school, 100 families could not afford to purchase school uniforms,” Nelson said. A donation of \$2,000 was gathered from the 376th and used to purchase those 100 uniforms.

“The kids were there with their families the day we handed out their uniforms,” said Senior Airman Megan Brown, services journeyman. “They were so excited to see us and what we had for them.”

Overall, Airmen of the 376th volunteered a total of 250 hours to Jany-Pakhta village and donated funds totaling more than \$5,000.

All facets of the 193rd FSS were utilized during this deployment including, dining, lodging, fitness, and mortuary affairs. For many troops at Transit Center Manas, the FSS assisted them in their transitions to and from Afghanistan, boosting their morale and helping to process them through. And for Jany-Pakhta village, they reached out to help better their way of life.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. James Nelson

Senior Airman Megan Brown and Senior Airman Shanna Berkhimer, 193rd FSS services journeymen, work in Jany-Pakhta village’s school distributing new uniforms that Airmen of the 376th donated.

Children’s Christmas Party



Family Support will be holding a Children's Christmas Party again this year. It will be held at Clancy’s at Air Station Middletown.

WHO: Member’s children

WHAT: 2009 Children’s Christmas Party

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Clancy’s – Air Station Middletown

The children will have the opportunity to get a photograph with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Refreshments, crafts and a goodie bag will also be available.

In order to make sure we have sufficient amounts for refreshments, crafts, etc., please fill out the registration form below and submit it to Sandy or Tracey at the Family Readiness Office, Building 81, first floor, room 131 as soon as possible.

If you have further question you may contact Sandy at extension 3155 or a sandy.scott@ang.af.mil or Tracey at extension 2179 or tracey.mccarthy@ang.af.mil



Member’s name: _____

Name (s) of children/adults attending: _____

Phone number: _____

Member’s address: _____



Dec. 1 golden anniversary of chief master sergeant rank

By Bryan D. Carnes

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

Chief master sergeants weren't a part of the Air Force's enlisted structure when the service was formed in 1947. In fact, it took 11 years after the fact until the rank even existed.

This year marks the 50th anniversary, of the establishment by Air Force officials of the rank of chief master sergeant, adding another important chapter to the Air Force's enlisted heritage.

The need to create the chief master sergeant rank was forged from the technology that World War II produced. In the attempt to end the war as quickly as possible, officials in the U.S., along with those of other countries, dedicated teams of scientist and engineers to create the most advanced war-winning capabilities possible.

While the U.S. military was fighting the war in Africa, Europe and Asia, U.S. researchers were producing the most advanced technology ever seen. The emergence of faster aircraft, bombers, advanced electronics, radar systems and missiles were on the rise.

With the growth of aviation during the war, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947 creating the U.S. Air Force. It was on Sept. 18, 1947, that the Air Force became a separate entity which "shall include aviation forces both combat and service not otherwise assigned."

It was not until after the Korean War, however, that Air Force officials realized that the enlisted corps suffered from stagnation in rank. Master sergeant was the highest enlisted rank a person could achieve. It was then that Congress enacted the Career Compensation Act of 1958.

The act allowed Air Force officials to create two new ranks, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant. Air Force personnel officials conducted an in-depth study of all Air Force specialty codes and organized the career fields into highly technical, technical and non-technical fields.

It was decided that 1 percent of the master sergeants from



the highly technical fields would be promoted to chief master sergeant. This is still true today, as only 1 percent of the enlisted force at any given time reach the rank of chief master sergeant.

There were 58,000 master sergeants which qualified for promotion to either of the two grades. A promotion board was held to review records and look for demonstrated leadership and supervisory skills, evaluations and commander recommendations. Six hundred and twenty-five Airmen were selected to the rank chief master sergeant. Since there were no line numbers at the time, they all were promoted on the same day, Dec. 1, 1959, becoming the Air Force's charter chiefs.

The rank has flourished since 1959, earning the respect of all other services and ranks. During the 1970s, Air Staff officials made "chief" the official term of address for an E-9.

One of the original charter chiefs, retired Chief Master Sgt. James J. Flaschenriem, wrote, "The chief does not manage by fear or intimidation as the old first sergeant, did but by knowledge, training and great leadership ability."

Update from 193rd SOW Association

By Senior Airman Kathleen Garrity

193rd Association Recording Secretary

The 193rd Speical Operations Wing Association's new Web site is now up and running. Visit the site at www.193sow.org. A new feature on the Web site is the ability to follow the Association on Twitter. Be sure to sign up to receive notifications, read event postings, and see who the board members are. Membership applications are

available on the Web site as well.

The Association's award committee is currently collecting donations from local businesses to be given as prizes to all outstanding ready guardsman of the year category winners.

Current prizes include restaurant gift cards, ice skating passes, and a paintball, biking, or whitewater rafting adventure. All contributing businesses will be listed

in the Association's upcoming newsletter.

As always, please remember that the 193rd SOW Association is here for you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns let us know.

The board of director's meets the first Thursday of each month in the Wing conference room of Air Station Middletown at 5 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Have a story to tell?

Contact your Public Affairs Office and share the good news!

Job vacancy?

Scope advertising works for you to get the word out!



Sounding Off

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

Master Sgt. position announced

The retention office is looking for an energetic and positive person to work with the retention office at Fort Indiantown Gap on drill weekends. This position will be a Master Sgt. personnel AFSC (3SOx1) which will be assigned to the 271st CBCS, however working directly with the 193rd retention office. It will be required that the selected person will attend the personnel (if not a Personnelist) and the basic retention course.

All resumes needs to be turned in to Master Sgt. Kristofer Gacono or Maj. Andrea Barlup by close of business Dec. 5. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gacono at Kristofer.gacono@ang.af.mil, 717-948-2505 or Maj Andrea Barlup at andrea.Barlup@ang.af.mil, 717-861-1255

Leukemia fundraiser announced

There will be a Robert Bahl's Leukemia Fundraiser held Feb. 20, 2010 at Clearview Lanes in Mt. Joy from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring family and friends.

Donations are welcome if you are unable to attend. Money raised will go toward a donation in honor of Staff Sgt. Robert Bahl. Please come out and support this great cause.

Reserve your tickets now with Master Sgt. McMurray, Master Sgt. Porta, Staff Sgt. Oakley, Senior Airman Ritchie, or Master Sgt. Madole.

TAA display announced

The state transitional assistance advisor, Katie Johnson, will have a table display and question and answer time at Air Station Middletown, in the lobby of Building 81, Dec. 5.

Katie will be available to answer questions and concerns from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please stop by her table and visit on your way to or from the dining hall.

Red Cross display announced

The Red Cross will have a table display at Air Station Middletown, in the lobby of Building 8, Jan. 9 2010. If you are not familiar with what the Red Cross can do for you as a member or member of your family, this will be a good time to stop and have your questions answered.

A representative from Red Cross will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to answer any of your questions.

Bowling fundraiser announced

The second annual ATARS bowling fund raiser will take place Jan. 11, 2010 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at ABC East Blowing Alley on Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg. All proceeds benefit the Fisher House for Disabled Veterans.

Five person teams will bowl three games. Creative team names and uniforms are encourage and there will be team photos taken at the event.

The cost is \$35.00 donation with all proceeds donated to the Fisher House for Disabled Veterans. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks can be made payable to Jeff Bitner.

To sign-up, make a direct donation, or ask questions, contact Mike Beachley at 717-948-3237 or Michael.beachley@ang.af.mil. When registering you must provide team name and bowlers' names.

What's on the Menu

The Services Flight will be serving
their holiday meal on Saturday

Constellation Cafe

Hours of operation: 11:30-1:00

Saturday

Both Lines:

Shrimp Cocktail

Lobster Bisque

Baked ham with pineapple

Roast beef with gravy

Stuffing with gravy

Mashed sweet potatoes with

crumb topping

Mac & Cheese

Corn On Cob

Asparagus

Salad bar, soup du jour and assorted holiday desserts

Sunday

Both Lines:

Meatballs with marinara

Hot and Plain Chicken wings

Baked beans

Chips

*** Due to the awards
ceremony, the dining
facility will open at noon
on Sunday.**

Clancy's be closed December UTA.



UTA Payday: Dec. 18



***R.S.V.P. now to reserve your seat at the
193rd Special Operations Wing Dining Out
April 17, 2010***

- Who:** 193rd Members and their Spouses/Guests
- Where:** Harrisburg Hilton
- Time:** Cocktail hour commences at 6 p.m.
Dinner is served at 7 p.m.
- Dress:** Military, Mess Dress or Semi Formal Uniform
Civilian, Semi Formal Attire
- Price:** E-1 thru E-4: \$25 per person
E-5 thru E-9 and retirees: \$30 per person
Officers: \$35 per person

****Please note*** Rooms are available at the Hilton,
be sure to ask for the '193rd special event rate' when reserving your room at the Hilton.

Banquet Menu

Chicken

Gruyere Cheeses, Prosciutto and Spinach Stuffed Chicken Roulade
with Fine Herb Jus Lie, Saffron Rice and Julienne Vegetables.

Vegetarian

Baked Eggplant Rollantini with Herbed Sauce Cheese,
Fresh Tomato and Basil, Herbed Orzo and Julienne Vegetables

Beef

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish-Scented Jus Lie,
White Truffle-Infused Mashed Potatoes and Julienne Vegetables.

With your entrée selection, please make check or money order payable to *193rd Dining Out Fund*
and return to Senior Master Sgt. M. Scott Richmond,
76 Constellation Court, Middletown PA, 17057, Michael.richmond@ang.af.mil

Please detach and return to Senior Master Sgt. M. Scott Richmond -----

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Unit: _____

_____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian # _____ Beef