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ON THE COVER



A compilation of the covers from the 2010 editions of Scope provide a look back over the course of the year at the deployments, events and happenings from around the 193rd Special Operations Wing. (Photo illustration by Senior Airman Claire Behney)

Enlisted Perspective



By CMSAF James A. Roy

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

The Air Force Core Values guide us in all of our decisions as we rise to meet any challenge presented. These enduring values anchor and bind Airmen together each and every day. Any compromise diminishes the character of our service.

With input from each of the military services, Congress is now considering changes to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. As military men and women, the American people count on us to adhere to the laws of the land, and we now stand ready and able to follow any decisions made. The success of implementing any changes in policy rests on the shoulders of our Air Force senior leaders, commanders

and the NCO corps. We're confident that as professional Airmen, we will let our Core Values guide us in meeting challenges resulting from any changes.

Integrity First

Airmen must serve with the utmost integrity. We need to be honest in all things and have respect for ourselves and each other. It is necessary that we act with integrity both in our professional lives as well as our personal lives because our word is our bond

Service Before Self

All of us volunteered to serve our nation and put the needs of the Air Force before our own. No matter the issue or task, you have always overcome challenges with conviction, confidence and professionalism. This time is no different. Serving in our Air Force is a higher calling. We commit to following our leaders and protect our wingmen every day.

Excellence in All We Do

Excellence means respect for each other and value of individual contributions. We need to understand that people depend on and trust us to give our very best. As others value our contributions, we must recognize the worth of fellow Airmen.

The Air Force Core Values are what we live by, and they will continue to guide our standards. I'm proud to serve alongside you in the world's finest Air Force. I know we can handle any challenge we face.

Have a story to tell?

Contact the Public Affairs Office
and share the good news!

Job vacancy?

Scope advertising works for you to get the word out!

**All submissions must be received
by the Sunday of the UTA prior to the desired run date*



News In Brief

State Airmen of year announced

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. John C. Norris of the 148th Air Support Operations Squadron for being selected as the outstanding non-commissioned officer within the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Air.

Sergeant Norris will go forward and compete at the Air National Guard level with nominees from the other 49 states and four territories. Those selected from this group will represent the Air National Guard in competition at the Air Force level.

NCO leadership seminar announced

The Non-Commissioned Officer Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar will be held at the new 201st RED HORSE Squadron facility, Fort Indiantown Gap, Jan 27-30, 2011. This seminar is open to staff sergeants through senior NCOs. If you have attended this seminar in the past and desire to attend again, you may do so with first time attendees having priority status.

To register visit the 193rd Air Force portal global page under "Education and Retention." There is more seminar information on this form. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011. The completed registration form should be sent to retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Isett, seminar facilitator, at wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil or they can also be mailed to 193MSG/IM, ATTN: NCO Seminar, 81 Constellation Court, Middletown, Pa. 17057.

For more information or questions concerning the seminar criteria contact Chief Isett. For questions regarding orders, pay and housing contact your unit orderly room or Tech. Sgt. Pam Nee at pamela.nee@ang.af.mil.

2010 FRG awards announced

This year along with the 193 SOW's Annual Awards Ceremony the Airmen and Family Readiness Program Office formally recognized the volunteers by dedicating an engraved crystal and certificates of appreciation.

The 2010 awardees were, Christy Rice, Kelli and Kevin Dreibelbis, Kelly and Ron Rolfe, Connie Appleby, Janis Robinson, Tara Campbell, and Lynn and Terry Robinson.

The volunteers received the award for their numerous hours of dedicating their personal time freely to serve the members and their families. They were recognized because they worked and attended numerous departure and return parties at all hours in the day and night. Thanked for attending the monthly FRG meetings, to learn of the various events, and resources available to the members and their families. Also, it was noted they attended several training events; both in and out of state which in turn, help them stay abreast of the rules and regulations.

Promotions

For December 2010

Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Kevin S. Kistler	193 SOW
Barry L. Drumheller	193 MXS

Promotion to Master Sergeant

William M. Corl	193 CS
Christopher S. Santay	193 MXS
Keith E. Woodruff	193 AMXS
Matthew J. Iredale	193 AMXS
William F. Potter	211 EIS
Jeffrey R. Wills	112 AOS
Daniel C. Carber	112 AOS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Jason S. Reynolds	193 MXS
Benjamin H. Garner	193 OSF
Jason A. Gordner	211 EIS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Ryan M. Brenneman	193 CES
Mylynda L. Lancaster	193 MXS
Hayden R. Shenk	193 CS
Steven R. Breach	201 RHS
Joshua J. Deck	271 CBCS
Tri C. Pham	271 CBCS
Anthony W. Demsko	HQ

Promoted to Senior Airman

Hannah B. Yeckley	193 FSS
Logan M. Davis	193 MXS
Ryan D. Mowen	193 MXS
Charles J. Gerst	193 CS
Michael S. Niu	211 EIS

Congratulations!



2010 Wing highlights through Scope

Commentary by Senior Airman Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

The year 2010 was a busy and productive time for the 193rd Special Operations Wing. From deployments, to homecomings, to fundraisers, to awards, to training, the Wing covered the spectrum. As a public affairs office we were also busy documenting these events and happenings around the Wing, so take a look back over the past year with us as we bring to you the highlights from 2010...through the pages of Scope.

January 2010 Scope edition

One of the Air National Guard's largest Airmen recognition programs made its debut at the Wing, the Hometown Heroes Salute campaign. More than 1,100 Airmen of the 193rd were honored during the Wing's annual awards ceremonies, Dec. 5 and 6, 2009.

Members of the 193rd Flight Crew and Maintenance Operations Flights returned home from a deployment in support of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The homecoming marked the return of an EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft. During this nine month deployment a total of 1,617.9 flying hours, 550 missions and 286 sorties were tallied.

February 2010 Scope edition

When the Haitians' world shook, the 193rd responded. On Jan. 14, 2010 more than 50 Airmen deployed in support of Operation Unified Response, just a few days after the 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated southern Haiti. Three aircraft were deployed in support of this mission, two C-130s and one Commando Solo.

Back home, Airmen were on snow removal duty as 36 inches of snow fell on the Harrisburg area due to two snow storms that struck between Feb. 4 and 11, 2010.

March 2010 Scope edition

The 193rd celebrated the role women have played in the history books of the Wing in honor of Women's History Month by showcasing photographs of women throughout the history of the Wing and known female firsts of the Wing.

Also covered in this edition was the story of Tech. Sgt. Pamela Nee and how she balanced her collegiate career as a swimmer and a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

April 2010 Scope edition

Scope showcased the Wings participation in the sixth annual Pennsylvania Bunny Run. More than 250 participants met at the base and distributed donations to be delivered to local children's hospitals. More than 1,400 bunnies were taken to the children of 24 area hospitals.

Also covered was the homecoming of more than 100 Airmen of the 201st RED HORSE Squadron. During their six month deployment to locations throughout Iraq and Afghanistan, the Squadron reported to 25 sites and completed more than 100 projects at a value of approximated \$110 million.

May 2010 Scope edition

Scope reported on the Memorial Day flag display at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery by The National Sojourners, Harrisburg Chapter 76. Twice a year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, 5,000 small American flags are placed in ordered rows and columns to represent the servicemembers killed in action during the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also in this edition was the story covering the 193rd Special Operations Wing Weather Station, staged on the flight line of Muir Army Air Field, Fort Indiantown Gap. The three-man team of the Weather Station is a key asset to the Gap by briefing the pilots who fly in and out of the airfield on the weather conditions. They also provide resource protection by issuing weather warnings.

June 2010 Scope edition

The 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, conducted their four-day field training exercise. This FTX simulated several down range scenarios for the tactical air control party Airmen including night operations and incoming mortar attacks.

Also covered in this edition was the 201st RED HORSE building and pavers dedication. The new \$6.7 million, 22,500 square-foot building provides critical operations and logistic space to ensure the unit can accomplish its war-time mission.

July 2010 Scope edition

The 193rd Medial Group deployed to Hawaii for six days as part of the Hawaii Medical Innovative Readiness Training program. Twenty-eight Airmen participated in the mission, providing free health and dental screening to the people of Hilo, Hawaii and the surrounding areas.



A forklift places a pallet of relief supplies into the cargo area of a C-130 as the crew prepare the aircraft for flight into Haiti's airport. More than 100 tons of supplies were taken into Haiti by way of the 193rd Special Operations Wing's C-130 aircraft during the Wing's participation in Operation Unified Response. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Victoria Meyer)

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Also in this edition was the story of Chief Master Sgt. George Vasiloff and his once in a lifetime opportunity hitting the links with professional golfer, Tiger Woods.



Lt. Col. LaDawn Straub, a registered nurse with the 193rd Special Operations Wing's Medical Group measures the height of 23-month old Kahia Inman. Straub and other members of the 193rd Medical Group provided free health screenings at Kihei Pua Emergency Shelter in Hilo, Hawaii, as part of the Hawaii Medical Innovative Readiness Training program. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer)

August 2010 Scope edition

The Wing, community and entire Pennsylvania National Guard said goodbye to respected leader, Pennsylvania Air National Guard retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank H. Smoker Jr. after he passed away following a lengthy illness. During his 42-year military career General Smoker served in various Air National Guard capacities and retired in June 1985.

September 2010 Scope edition

Scope covered the first deployment of the ten-member group High Altitude, the rock band ensemble of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, 553rd Band of the Mid-Atlantic. Their tour schedule spanned 42 days and included 25 performances throughout the United States Central Command area of operations in support of the band's missions of enhancing troop morale and community relations, inspiring patriotism and advancing international relationships.

Also reported in this edition of Scope was the change of Wing command chief master sergeant. During a ceremony during August drill Command Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile was passed the title of Wing command chief from the Wing's previous command chief, retired Chief Master Sgt. Scott Keener. Chief Hile is the fifth Airman to hold the title of Wing command chief master sergeant.

October 2010 Scope edition

The public affairs team covered the tower climbing and electronic training of members of the 211th Engineering Installation Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, as they installed a Very High Frequency antenna and repeater in the antenna shelter sitting on top Blue Mountain, Annville, Pa.

The Airmen worked closely with the Lebanon Valley Society of Radio Amateurs as the goal of the project was to provide an additional amateur radio communication link as part of the emergency service to Lebanon County Emergency Management Agency and area hospitals in the event of a major disaster.



Staff Sgt. Charles Murray and Airman 1st Class Christian Dolbin, both 211th Engineering Installation Squadron, cable and antenna installers, work to secure a line to the VHF antenna so that it can be transported up the tower where four Airmen wait to attached it to the mast they installed. (Photo by Senior Airman Claire Behney)

November 2010 Scope edition

Scope took a closer look at the role wingmen play in preventing suicides amongst Airmen, reporting that stepping up as wingmen and taking action is crucial if a change is noticed in a fellow Airmen or even yourself.

December 2010 Scope edition

Tech. Sgt. Brent Will, 193rd Special Operations Wing, command support staff, was the cover story for the year-end edition of Scope. Sergeant Will qualified for the 2010 Conseil International du Sports Militaire Golf Championship by placing fourth in both the 2010 Air Force Golf Championship tournament and the 2010 Armed Forces Golf Championship.

The public affairs team also covered the activation ceremony of the Comptroller Flight in this edition. Also during the ceremony, Lt. Col. Kimber Connelly assumed command of the Flight as its first commander.



Special thanks from Airmen, Family Readiness Program Office

The Children's Christmas Party was a huge success this year. The 193rd SOW Airmen and Family Readiness Program Office Staff and volunteers hosted the event for 90 children and 69 adults. After visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus; each child received a goody bag filled with candy, coloring book, McDonald's gift cards, and Hershey's Chocolates, provided by the 193rd Air Station 3 Family Readiness Group Volunteers. A big "Thank You" to all who participated in this festive event! (Photo provided by Family Support Office)

Educational benefits available to Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Erica L. Chalk

Assistant Retention Office Manager

Which education benefits are you entitled to?

Did you know the Pennsylvania Air National Guard offers three different programs that can pay for your education? You are most likely eligible for at least one – if not all three programs and you can use them simultaneously. Please contact the Retention Office to inquire about the following benefits and incentives:

Benefit #1 Education Assistance Program - Money sent directly to the school for tuition costs.

Requirements include 6 year contract with PaANG, must be a Pennsylvania resident and choose a Pennsylvania school. Student can be enrolled in a degree program or a certificate achieving course of study.

Benefit #2 GI Bills - There are several different GI Bills, each defined by their chapter number. Each GI Bill differs from the next in the amount of money given and how it's paid out. Each GI Bill pays tax free money directly to the member to spend however they wish for every month they attend school; some pay to the school as well. Though members may be eligible for more than one type of GI Bill, it is only possible to take advantage of one at a time.

Chapter 1606- Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill

Chapter 1607- Reserve Educational Assistance Program GI Bill

Chapter 30- Active Duty Montgomery GI Bill

Chapter 33- Post 9/11 GI Bill, this is the only one you can transfer to a family member.

Types of training that can be taken under current GI Bill benefits include college (undergraduate, graduate), certificate programs, on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, flight training, and non-college degree courses. With the exception of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, this currently can only be used for programs taken at a college or university. Depending on your individual circumstances, one of these programs may give you better benefits than another.

Please refer to www.gibill.va.gov for additional information. There are numerous tools available for you to understand, apply, enroll and calculate which GI Bill is best for you.

Benefit #3 Kicker - This is only given to enlisted members serving in a critical AFSC and if you are receiving a bonus you are most likely eligible for the kicker as well. The kicker pays tax free money directly to the member to spend however they wish for every month they attend school. The rate is \$350 a month if the student is enrolled full-time (enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester).

For more information on any of these benefits and incentive please contact the Retention Office managers, Master Sgt. Natalie White or Tech. Sgt. Erica Chalk at extension 2105.



Sounding Off

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

1st sergeant positions announced

The 193rd Logistic Readiness Squadron and Mission Support Group are looking to fill first sergeant openings.

Please submit packages to Master Sgt. Rick Panzar by close of business Feb. 21. The boards will be held Mar. 5 with the time and location still to be determined.

Blood drive scheduled

Unleash the hero in you, Saturday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. by registering for the upcoming blood drive in the dining facility atrium. The bloodmobile bus will be located in front of the Headquarters Building. This drive aims to support Central Pennsylvania-based individuals in need of blood.

If you would like to schedule an appointment ahead of time, please contact Master Sgt. Denise Teats, extension 2426 or Tech. Sgt. Amy Snyder at extension 2566. Walk-ups are always welcome.

TRICARE representative visit scheduled

Ginger Goodyear, a TRICARE community representative, will be available for questions and TRICARE information Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the dining hall.

Ginger can address questions in regards to TRICARE for AGRs, TRICARE for deployers, the TRICARE Reserve Select programs and much more. Please take advantage of having her visit to base and don't hesitate to get your questions answered.

All Airmen must register in DTS

Defense Travel System (DTS) Registration. If you are not already registered in the Defense Travel System we need every Unit member to self-register. This includes all traditionals, technicians, and AGR's. Please contact your Units Organizational Defense Travel Administrator for assistance. Every Unit should have at least 2 ODTA's assigned if you are not sure who to contact see your orderly room.

Registration needs to be completed by Mar. 31. This will ensure that you are in compliance when we have to transition to using DTS for everyone.

Also, if you have received your new Controlled Spend Account, activate it immediately so that there are no delays in your travel.

Strong Bonds retreat announced

A Strong Bonds marriage event will be held Feb. 18 to 20 at the Omni Hotel and Resorts Bedford Resorts, Bedford, Pa.

Strong Bonds is a tool to help you stay close before and after deployment. This is an educational program not therapy and the short investment of time will enrich your life and marriage.

Space is limited and priority will be given to previously deployed/deploying Airmen.

Registration deadline is Feb. 4. Please see Sandy Scott or Tracey McCarthy in the Airmen and Family Readiness Program Office for more information or to register.

What's on the Menu

Constellation Cafe

Hours of operation 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Main Line:

Beef barbecue
Chicken fajitas
Rice
Potatoes Obrien
Vegetable de jour
Broccoli
Salad bar

Snack Line:

Hamburger
Hot dog
Sauerkraut
French fries

SUNDAY

Main Line:

Fried chicken
Oven browned potatoes
Gravy
Green beans
Salad bar

Snack Line:

Hamburger
Hot dog
French fries

Need space for a working lunch?

The atrium is now available as space for a working lunch and can accommodate up to 24 people.

Please call extension 2456 to reserve this space.

All reservations must be made 48 hours in advance.

UTA PAYDAY: Jan. 21



Wing Command Chief Perspective



By Command Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile

Wing Command Chief

Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, I am excited to introduce you to my first of many columns for Scope. You can expect to see a column from me every month. It will be different from what you normally see as I want my column to be written on short subjects, which are informational. I also want them to answer questions you may have, so feel free to write me about topics you want addressed. Remember I am here to serve you and excited to do so.

For this month's article I'd like to focus on the councils of the Wing and showcase what they have been up to lately.

The Chiefs Council just completed the rewrite of the Wing Promotion Operation Instruction. This should be on the street in the next month if not already. The Chiefs also worked to get the "Outstanding Performer" coins and now have them and the OI in hand. This is a coin that the chiefs will present to an Airmen who they feel deserves the recognition of an outstanding performer. This is an accountable process because when a Chief issues a coin they must also write a brief narrative of the accomplishment and submit it to the council. The council tracks the narrative on a spreadsheet, which will then be used later to select outstanding Airmen for special details.

The council is now preparing to develop

and enhance the Outstanding Ready Guardsmen OI. This OI will be brand new and will outline the new OAY group process. More information will follow when this product is completed.

The First Sergeants Council is working diligently on the Feedback program. Currently they have created a data base and as soon as it is ready units will have a database to track feedback, which will auto populate the Airmen to their respective squadron and also will unpopulate the Airmen who retire or separate. This means less "hand jamming" but not all. A feedback monitor will still need to update feedback completion dates and track the status. Also they will update the local Feedback OI once the ANGI is completed. Currently this is under rewrite at NGB.

The Enlisted Council is working on and almost complete with an outstanding product. They have an OI in draft form for the "Hall of Heroes". This project is exciting because it will give the Wing a place to highlight our outstanding Airmen who have either given their all for their nation or were wounded in the performance of their duties...plus much more. In the next few months when you walk the hall by the dining facility you will see pictures and a brief synopsis about our heroes.

The Wing Diversity Council held their first meeting recently and I am looking forward to them developing a way ahead. The Council's main focus will be to ensure the Wing is diversified in areas of race, age, gender, and more.

The IUF Council (MWR) should be thanked for assisting in coordinating the Wing awards ceremony and for contributing \$1 per person towards the squadron Christmas parties. The Council also contributed to the children's Christmas party.

In closing I want you all to know that I respect the job you do and the dedication you have. Have a great UTA weekend and feel free to write about subjects you want addressed. I can do this in many formats

and depending on the response and the topic it may not directly come from me, but maybe in the Scope as a subject article or through other source media. So I want to know what you want me to talk about because remember I serve you!

More from Chief Hile

- Have you heard where to find the Enlisted Standards for which you are accountable to? If not I have something for you! Recently Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy procured enough of the AFI 36-2618 (The Little Brown Book) for every Airman in the ANG.

I plan to distribute these through the chiefs or squadron senior enlisted members during January UTA. Once you have this it is your responsibility to review it again and again. It is what you as an enlisted member must not only know and understand but also live as long as you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force.

- Have you sat on a promotion board lately as a potential promotion candidate? If so then you may wonder where and how you should receive feedback. The first thing to remember is the board will never provide immediate feedback to you. The commander is who makes the final recommendation for promotion after the written comments are received. So do not expect the board members to give you immediate feedback although they may want to.

The next question then is where do you get feedback? All promotion boards conducted require the board president to complete the back page of the Wing Form 3628. This is the board's written feedback. This first goes to your commander and then back to the first sergeant. The first sergeant will provide your supervisor with this information who should then meet with you and let you know how you did. This is how the process works and where you should go to ensure you get the feedback you deserve. Also I know most board members are willing to meet with you after the board and after the commander's decisions are made to give you feedback. I encourage you to seek feedback; it will only enhance your experience.
