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SCOPE

The 193rd Special Operations Wing

Photos courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Scott Lemmon

By Kevin Cramsey, DMVA Public Affairs

As a member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's l93rd Special Operations Wing, Tech. Sgt. Scott Lemmon has been deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Having fulfilled his role in those missions, Lemmon, together with his wife, Becky, is immersed in another international mission.

Call it OPERATION EVA.

At the core of the mission is a "deployment" to Guatemala to bring back little Eva back to America to start her new life with her new parents in Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland County.

The Lemmons have been going through the meticulous international adoption process since shortly after Eva was born on Aug. 20, 2007. Recently, they traveled to her Central American homeland for their first face-to-face visit with their soon-to-be-delivered bundle of joy. If all goes according to plan, they will be bringing Eva to her new home in America this spring.

A 12-year member of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Scott, has been doing quite a balancing act in recent years, juggling his "citizen-soldier" duties with his personal and professional responsibilities.

Since he and Becky married six years ago, Scott has deployed three times with the 193rd Communications Squadron; resumed his studies and earned two master's degrees from Penn State in Harrisburg; started a new job as a data base administrator at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle; and kept up his fatherly duties to 11-year-old Becca and 14-year-old Matt, his children from his first marriage. Add to this he and his wife's efforts to adopt Eva and, well, you've got a full dance card.

Adopting a child was discussed in the days after their marriage, Scott said, but he and Becky opted to enjoy one another's company and to travel during the initial years of their union.

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Tech. Sgt Scott Lemmon unfurls the flag while deployed to an undisclosed Southwest Asia location.

"In 2005, we started to revisit the idea," Scott said. "Then, the following year, we put our names on the list."

In August 2006, they attended their first educational class at the Lancaster-area adoption agency they enlisted to help with the adoption.

"They shock you into reality and show you a film with the worst-case scenarios," Scott recalled. "Then they ask you if you want to proceed."

Undeterred, the couple moved forward with the process, and proceeded to the home study phase, where prospective parents are evaluated for their suitability to adopt.

"It's amazing how they boil your life down to 10 pages," Scott said.

After receiving a referral for a child in June 2007, the Lemmons suffered a setback when the birth mother decided not to put her child up for adoption.

"As devastating as it was, it validated our understanding of the process," Scott said. "They do have the right to change their mind if they feel they made a mistake."

Disappointed, but not defeated, Scott and Becky waited for another referral from the agency. And, on September 6, that referral came in the form of a little 6-lb. 7-oz. bundle named Eva Naomi. The Lemmons changed her middle name to Bonita.

"It literally translates into 'Beautiful Life,' said Scott. "It is a name that will hopefully serve her well all during her life."

Eva was placed with a foster mother who has been seeing to all of her needs since shortly after her birth. The couple has been receiving regular updates on Eva since that time, but the overall process has been somewhat slow, due in part to a new adoption treaty being worked out by the American and Guatemalan governments.

"I'm both nervous and excited about going through with this," Scott said. "I'm looking forward to sharing this experience with my wife because I know she is going to be a great mother. I know it sounds cliché, but in the six years we've been together, we've never had an argument."

Becky said she can't wait to have a little girl in the house, which the couple is remodeling in anticipation of Eva's arrival.

"We live in an older house, so we're rearranging it," said Becky. "She (Eva) is going to have a little window seat in her room."

Becky, a native of Cumberland County, has also been busying herself by learning about Eva's homeland.

"I've read a few books," she said. "And, actually, there are a lot of children's books and other books about the history of Guatemala. I love to read, so I'm really looking forward to reading to her."

While Eva has certainly spurred their interest in Guatemala and Central America, Becky said their interest in Central and South America can actually be traced back to Scott's deployment to Ecuador in fall 2002.

"Scott really became interested in the culture when he was there," Becky said.

In addition to the Ecuadorian deployment, Scott deployed to the Persian Gulf twice, first in spring of 2003 and then again in the fall of 2005, when he was asked to be join the deployment as a last-minute fill-in.

Although the 2005 deployment interrupted his master's studies once more, Scott answered the call to duty with the same resolve he has always shown since joining the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 1996.

Chief Master Sgt. David Kann, Lemmon's supervisor at the 193rd Communications Squadron, said Lemmon has made outstanding contributions to the wing during his career.

"He has amazingly found the correct balance between his civilian job, his military obligations, his personal goals and his family," Kann said. "Even now, as changes in the Air Force and Air National Guard have forced him to retrain into a new military path, I'm certain his track record of commitment and success will follow him down this path as well."

For Scott, the decision to serve his country was not a difficult one.

"I did not want to hit 40 one day and say I was able to serve but not willing to serve," he said.

Having made good on that pledge, Lemmon, at age 38, is now happily waiting to begin the long, yet rewarding service that OPERATION EVA will no doubt require.

The voice of the quiet professionals

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First Sergeant wanted

Lt. Col. Richard Cook, commander, 193rd Maintenance Squadron, would like to announce the opening of the first sergeant position for the squadron.

Any interested applicants should follow the First Sergeant Operational Instruction found on the 193rd intranet under directories/councils/first sergeant/first sergeant OI, paragraph 4, Applicant Responsibilities.

Applications must be received by the Command Chief by close of business, March, 2.

A board will be conducted during the April UTA. The new first sergeant will begin duty May UTA. Feel free to contact either Lt. Col. Cook or 1st Sergeant Rick Shirk if you have any questions.

News in Brief

Officer leadership seminar opened

Registration for the Officer Leadership seminar, scheduled for June 3-6 at the 201st RED HORSE, Shambach Hall, Fort Indiantown Gap Air Guard Station, is now open. Seating is limited to 30 students and is first come first serve. Billeting is available for those outside the commuting distance.

Officers may register via the bulletin board on the 193rd SOW Intranet Web site. If having difficulty doing so, contact Chief (Ret) Isett or Tech. Sgt. Pam Nee.

Bunny Run 2008 scheduled March 22

The 4th Annual Bunny Run to help ailing children in area hospitals, including the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, is scheduled for March 22 at Clancy's at 9 a.m.

The 193rd Motorcycle Club is accepting new Easter type stuffed animals. Contact Tech. Sgt. Rich Fanning at 717-583-0572.

Loadmaster sought for 193rd

The 193rd Loadmaster section is recruiting for the position of Aircraft Loadmaster (1A2xx). If Unit members are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Gary Gattens at 948-2278 or stop by Building 76, Room 181 to obtain details, requirements and commitments.

Gore-Tex coats OK with ABUs ... for now

Commanders are now authorized to permit Airmen to wear a woodland-patterned camouflage Gore-Tex coat or field jacket with their ABUs if the new APECS jacket is unavailable at their location and other approved cold weather options are unavailable or unsuitable for duty. APECS jackets are projected to become more widely available starting in February 2008. Airmen can find more information regarding the policy change at the Air Force Portal.

Volunteers needed for 'Care' mission

Are you thinking about volunteering but don't know where to look? "Operation 193rd Cares" can help.

A group of 193rd members past and present, including the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association, who want to give back to the communities that have supported us along the way is looking for volunteers to give a little back.

Upcoming volunteer activities and projects will be announced soon, but to learn more now, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Good.

Pennsylvania's children - our future, our hope

By Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Shomper

I have learned a lot during my time with the National Guard, starting with some very early lessons during my young adulthood. But the lessons that impress me the most are the ones that I have learned from other members.

I am impressed with the vast amount of information and resources Traditional Guard Members share with each other. Whether it is the latest in computer technology, mechanics, business, trades, medical, legal advice or just about any other service you can think of, Traditional Guard Members bring that wealth of knowledge from their civilian careers to share at Unit Training Assemblies and deployments.

During your next drill or deployment, stop and listen to those around you. You might be amazed to find out answers to many problems or obstacles you face every day. And since the answers are free, you won't have to pay your hard-earned dollars. You might even be able to help someone else.

As Traditional Guard Members, we are guaranteed a paycheck for performing duty one weekend a month and 15 days of Annual Training – great money! We have the opportunity to purchase quality health care coverage through TRICARE Reserve Select. We are very fortunate to have this program.

However, there are many families throughout Pennsylvania that are not as fortunate and struggle each month to pay the bills. Each family has different health care needs and often times, there is little money left each month after paying the bills. Unfortunately, many people have little choice other than allow their children to be without health care coverage.

There are more than 133,000 uninsured children in Pennsylvania. This figure might include some of your family members, coworkers, or friends. I invite you to join me in spreading the word to those less fortunate about a program for uninsured children in Pennsylvania.

As an employee at the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Division of Marketing and Outreach, I have been touched by many sad stories of people struggling to pay for health care premiums for themselves and their children. But, there have been many happy endings and many more to come in the future.

In 2007, CHIP expanded to cover all uninsured children and teens (up to age 19), regardless of family income. Benefits include doctor visits, dental care, eye care, prescriptions, immunizations, hospital stays and much more. For many families, CHIP is free, with no copays or monthly premiums.

Families with higher income may qualify for low-cost or at-cost CHIP, and will have low monthly premiums and copays for some services. Families whose incomes fall below CHIP guidelines may be eligible for Medical Assistance.

To qualify for CHIP, children must be Pennsylvania residents under the age of 19; ineligible for Medical Assistance or other health insurance; and must meet citizenship requirements.

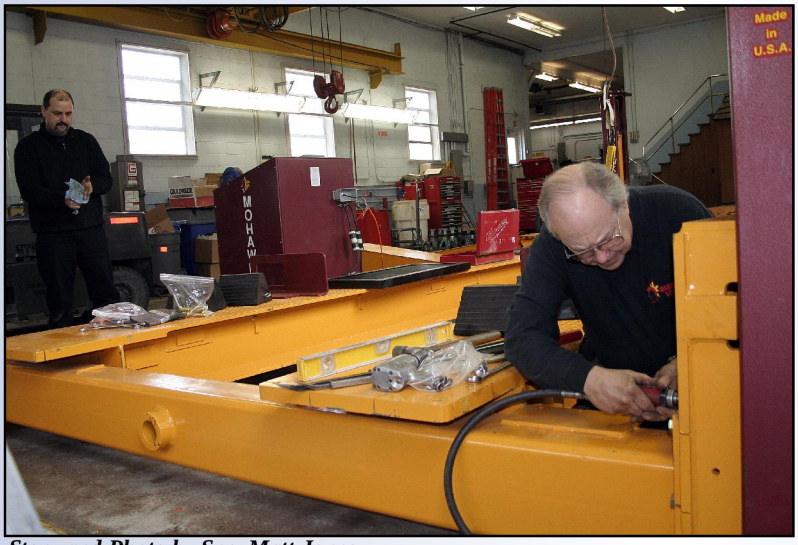
All new applicants whose annual income falls in the low-cost and at-cost CHIP ranges must also show that the child has been uninsured for six months, unless the child is under the age of two, the child has lost health insurance because a parent lost their job or the child is moving from another public insurance program.

For more information, call 1-800-986-KIDS or visit www.chipcoverspakids.com.

The Members of the Air National Guard are a valued asset to their community and play many roles in helping the citizens of Pennsylvania. I encourage you to reach out to uninsured families you may come in contact with and tell them about CHIP. Our children are our future leaders. Let's provide the best health care possible.

As noted by Gov. Edward G. Rendell, "Cover All Kids … is the right thing to do for our families, for their children and for our collective future."

Uplifting experience at Red Horse



Story and Photo by Spc. Matt Jones

Repairing vehicles just became easier for the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's 201st Red Horse.

On Feb. 19-20, Barry Michael, along with his son and first mechanic, Lee Michael, installed a new 50,000 lb. capacity lift in the Regional Support Group Vehicle Maintenance Shop at the 201st RHS, Fort Indiantown Gap.

The new lift will give Airmen the ability to more effectively work on any vehicles, from small pickup trucks to a large excavator.

The RSG is responsible for the maintenance and repair of approximately 300 vmulti-purpose vehicles.

The installation of the lift took about two days and was concluded with a successful test of the new equipment.

Chief: Confront issues, decision head on

By Chief Master Sgt. Gary Sharp

Whether we like it or not, sometime during our career we will all get the opportunity to make a few significant decisions that will have long lasting affects on both our career and life. This was my big decision time.

Just when I thought life was running smoothly down the road, a new challenge was waiting in the midst. Around the next bend in the road of my aviation career laid a big patch of ice. I knew it was coming but couldn't do anything to avoid it. I could only hang on and drive right through, hoping for the best.

I can not remember the exact date but I do remember the words spoken; "Chief, the unit is on track to receive our first J model. How soon will you have your sections' attrition plan complete?" Attrition plan? Wow! This is no longer a dream. I had been putting off the inevitable and those words were the dose of reality I needed.

At the time life was great. I was the flight engineer superintendent in the 193d Special Operations Squadron. My job was to manage the flight engineer section, train new flight engineer personnel for worldwide duty, and fly EC-130E aircraft.

Back in high school, when I had first decided on a career in aviation, I had no idea where it would take me. Over the years I had the opportunity to work in both military and civilian aircraft maintenance, fixed and rotary wing, and fly C-130's all around the world. It just doesn't get any better. Unfortunately the tide was about to change.

I had known for some time our unit was in line to receive new aircraft. I had even sat in on some of the many technical meetings during the long acquisition process. Now all of the dotted lines had signatures, all of the contracts were in place, and workers were bending metal in a factory some distance away to make it all happen.

Sounds simple enough except for one major issue; this new J model aircraft would not require as many crewmembers as the old E model. Specifically, the flight engineer was one of the positions on the chopping block. It was time to confront this issue head on.

Let me just say it's a different kind of feeling knowing the job you are in and enjoy so much is about to come to an end. At one moment, I was thinking about other enlisted flying positions and which would suit me best. Next, I was considering giving up flying and returning to maintenance.

I even mulled over the thought of just walking away from the whole military aviation thing. That's right! I thought about giving up my military career, retiring, and going back to civilian aircraft maintenance.

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- Chief Master Sgt. Gary Sharp

The real issue at hand though was much bigger and included more than just me. I had a whole section of individuals to look out for. The guys I had worked side by side with for so long were all in the same boat as I was.

This was no time to think about myself only. I must step up to the challenge as a supervisor and do the right thing for the section, the squadron, and the wing. This is why I was selected for the position in the first place. It was time to earn my pay.

I was very fortunate over the span of my career to have some great supervisors, mentors, and friends. All of which have taught me many important lessons along the way. I thank you all for guiding me in the right direction.

The flight engineer's talked numerous times as a group and individually. There were many questions and some not so easy answers. It was decision time for all of my engineer co-workers. In the end,

everyone had a plan for their future, including me.

After many nights of pondering and talking to all of my friends and peers, I had decided to give up flying and return to maintenance; it's a decision I do not regret. "After all", as I told the many people that helped me through the process, "airplanes are what I know best."

In the last two-and-a- half years, I have rekindled old friendships in the maintenance community from long ago, as well as started many new ones. Some of the faces have changed, but the drive to be the best maintainers in the business remains stronger than ever.

The icing on the cake came just months ago as I set out on my first deployment as a maintenance superintendent. This was a very big step for me. The type of step you just sort of stick your toe out on the ice and hope for the best.

Again, many friends and peers helped me along with great advice. The people I worked with on the deployment did an outstanding job keeping the aircraft flying. I was proud of what they accomplished for the 193rd. That's when I knew I had made the right decisons a few years back.

The bottom line is; don't be afraid to make the decision.

It's easy to keep putting it off but only makes it harder in the end. Use your network of friends, mentors and peers to guide you along the way. They will gladly help if you ask.

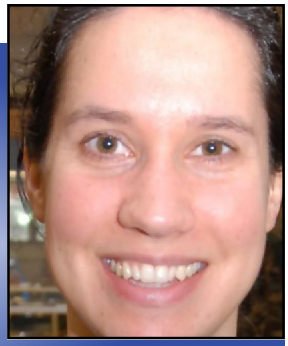
ABOUT FACE!

Military members are often regarded as role models by those in our community. Scope wanted to know: Who are your role models and why?

By Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer

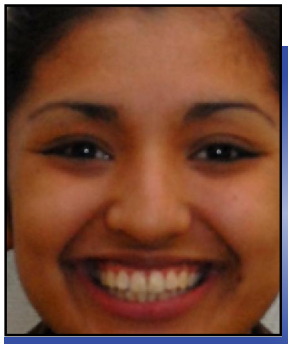
Chief Clifton Behney
193rd CES, Operations Manager

"My earliest role model at, 12, was my first employer at the local grocery store. The work ethic and integrity he instilled in me has driven me to success in my career. At that early age, the foundation is laid and you don't realize it at the time. The years pass and lights come on and you can appreciate all the early influences in your life."



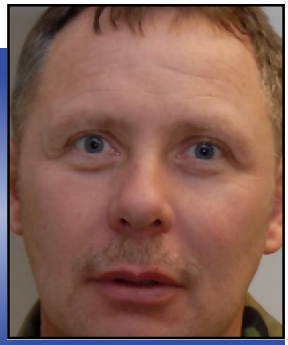
2nd Lt. Anne Furman
193rd SVF, Kitchen Officer

"Lt. Col. Rico. I always looked up to her because she was a woman in the military. As my commander, she was one of the first people I met and had the chance to observe closely. She was always put together, particularly with her uniform. She told us exactly what she expected of us and enforced it firmly and fairly. She always thanked us for our work."



A1C Magdalena Kelley
193rd LRS

"My role model is my mother Deb Kelley. She raised me as a single parent. She accomplished the role of mother, daughter and full-time employee at Amtrak. Her independence and strength amazes me everyday, and as I grow and mature I hope to become more like her."



Staff Sgt. Joe Roman
193rd MXS, Aircraft Structural Mechanic

"I would say Abraham Lincoln. He was a man of great faith and held this country together during a terrible time in our history, but at the same time he was very humble."

Happy birthday to us! Wing turns 61

By Maj. Gen. Frank H. Smoker, USAF (Retired)

The 148th Fighter Squadron was federally recognized February 27, 1947 at Spaatz Field, Reading, PA. It was the first flying unit to be federally recognized in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard following World War II. As the first commander of the 148th,, Brigadier General (then Major) Richard B. Posey, an Eighth Air Force combat veteran, it was his job to create a combat-ready fighter squadron. He worked with the local news media to recruit area residents who met the personnel requirements established by the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Within three months, the 148th grew to a total of 73 members (20 officers and 53 enlisted men). The first aircraft assigned to the unit were two AT-6As, an advance trainer aircraft flown during World War II. Within a few years, the 148th reached its complement of 25 P-47D Thunderbolts, four A-26s, four AT-6s, one C-47 and one L-5.

From the inception of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in 1947 as the first flying squadron commander until his retirement in 1978 as commander of the entire Pennsylvania Air Guard, General Posey's dedication and leadership earned him the title as the "Father of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard".

During the 61 years since its beginning, the 148th has transitioned through many types of missions into the large professional combat ready Special Operations Wing it is today. Congratulations to the 193rd Special Operations Wing for your tremendous success from your humble beginnings!

Happy Birthday to the 193rd Special Operations Wing and to all the faithful and dedicated personnel who have made the 148th, now the 193rd, during its first 61 years the viable and professional organization that it is today.

Constellation Court Cuisine

Saturday
Jagerschnitzel w/Mushroom Sauce
Cornish Hens
Baked Potato Halves
Orange Rice

Sunday
Lasagna
Seafood
Seafood Newburg/Pasta
Garlic Bread

SOUNDING OFF:

What you need to know to keep you flying

Chief concerns

Retirement ceremony scheduled for March

A retirement ceremony for Command Chief Master Sgt. Dale A. Bashore is scheduled for March 29 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg.

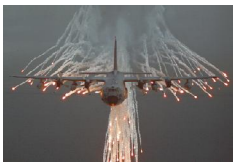
Refreshments will start with appetizers at 5-6 p.m., followed by dinner and a retirement ceremony from 6-9 p.m.

Chief Bashore has been the 193rd Wing Command Chief for the past two years. Prior to this appointment, he was a Chief in the 193rd Maintenance Squadron. Chief Bashore will retire with 40 years of military service.

193rd WSO shop hiring!

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- AGE: Less than 28 ½ *
- EDUCATION: Minimum 90 college credits (graduate w/in 1 year)
- AFOQT completed with min. score
- CLEARANCE: TS eligible
- MEDICAL: Able to pass an initial Class 1 flying physical
- Will live within 150 miles of unit*
- Required to attend Combat Systems Officer & Electronic Warfare Officer Training Programs
- waivers on a case by case basis



PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Official college transcripts
- AF FM 24
- Copy of most recent physical
- If applicable, copy of private pilot license
- AFOQT scores
- 3 letters of recommendation
- If applicable, DD 214, NGB 22 and all OPR's/EPR's
- Incomplete packages will not be considered (call for info)

SEND PACKAGES TO:

- 193rd SOS/ DOOW
- WSO Recruiting:2LT Kathy Pearson
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Chaplain: 'Everyone's wise until he speaks'

By Chaplain Richard Denison

As we near St. Patick's Day, I'm reminded of an old Irish proverb, 'Everyone is wise until he speaks.'

So often we are eager to give our opinions and slow to listen to others. I've learned over time that the wisest people in the world are those who are good listeners. They take the time to consider and evaluate good advice. They seldom rush into hurried decisions but carefully evaluate options.

Sometimes we are too quick to speak. Have you ever known someone who was always right. They are normally quick to give their opinion on everything, but seldom are open to constructive criticism. When we refuse to listen we refuse to grow. All of us have something we can learn from another.

There's an old story about how blind men were taken to experience an elephant. One felt its tail and thought an elephant was like a rope. Another felt the ear and thought an elephant was like a piece of leather. A third blind man felt its side and thought an elephant was like a sturdy wall, while the man who felt its leg thought it was like the stump of oak tree. On man felt the tusk and though the elephant was like a spear, while the man who felt the trunk thought the elephant was like snake. Each had experienced part of the elephant but none completely. They argued with each other over the true nature of the elephant.--If they had the wisdom to listen to each other, they might have put the parts together and developed a more complete picture.

We are better Airmen and better leaders when we listen carefully to each other. By listening we not only grow in knowledge but we might discover new procedures and better problem solving methods.

Everyone indeed seems wise, until they speak. Let's be careful to listen well and speak when fully informed.

Best wishes for a great Guard drill.