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SEAGULL IDEAS?

Do you have an idea for a Seagull article? Would you like to be the subject of a story? Births, marriages, sympathy notices and other information are always welcome. Let us know what is going on in your organization. (*Please limit articles to 500 words.*)

The next Seagull deadline is Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010.

ON THE COVER >>



Senior Airman Brett Geyer, 102nd Operations Support Squadron, plays the role of an 'active shooter' during an exercise, Nov. 7, 2010. The exercise tested the response of the 102nd Security Forces Squadron and Airmen working in the Otis ANG Base headquarters building.

U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Aaron Smith

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Unit Training Assembly duty hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS MASSACHUSETIS NATIONAL GUARD OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL 50 MAPLE STREET MILFORD, MA 01757-3604

5 November 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Members of the Massachusetts Air National Guard

FROM MA ANG/CC

SUBJECT: A Farewell Message from the Commander

- 1. My past six years as the Commander of the Massachusetts Air National Guard has truly been an experience of a lifetime. I'd like to reflect upon some of our accomplishments and challenges we faced. We have participated in the most challenging time in the history of the Massachusetts ANG and as an organization you never ceased to amaze me with your ingenuity, initiative, innovation, resiliency and service to our nation. Without your commitment and hard work during these times, the Massachusetts ANG would not be positioned for continued solid operational excellence for the years ahead.
- 2. The resultant 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision quickly identified our number one priority the reorganization of two fighter wings in the midst of continued combat operations. My promise to our Airmen was straight forward; if you have a full time or traditional position with the MA ANG I would work to make opportunities available for you to continue your service. BRAC also created a second order effect, a challenge to our strength maintenance. Yet with the leadership of your commanders and our outstanding recruiting team, we transitioned and grew from 83 to 97 percent assigned strength.
- 3. As an Air Guard, we focused on our federal mission with excellence. The number of Operational Readiness Inspections, Unit Compliance Inspections and numerous other inspections validated that we were ready to meet the Combatant Command's needs. This has been combat tested and proven with continuous worldwide support of Expeditionary Combat Support requirements from our Wings and GSU's. Not long after I assumed command, the Gulf Coast was devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Massachusetts responded with a combined task force of Army and Air Guard members. Task Force YANE met the needs of the gulf coast citizens and provided security, search and rescue and medical assistance. This event changed the National Guard and added the additional focus of meeting the state mission with our ANG assets. Today JOC, CST, CERFP and HERF are part of our acronym lexicon.
- 4. As part of our state mission, I have challenged you to assist the citizens of Massachusetts and the needs of our governor. You have answered that call working side by side with Army National Guard Soldiers to provide aid in times of flooding, ice storms, water outages, airport security and numerous other mission requirements. You have brought out-of-the-box thinking and have worked seamlessly next to your fellow Army guardsmen with amazing results.
- 5. Our federal mission has also kept us extremely busy. The MA ANG has continued to deploy a large steady-state group of Airmen with Intel, Comm, C2, Security, Fire fighting, Civil Engineering, E & I, EOD and many other specialties supporting the COCOM in all corners of the globe and even domestically in place 24/7, on the Southwest border, at NORTHCOM, CENTCOM or at 1st Air Force. We have returned the ASA mission back to Massachusetts a key strategic location minutes from Boston and New York. Both fighter wings have built a reputation for excellence in air defense, and have adapted rapidly to the new focus of asymmetric aspects of this evolving mission. The feedback in all mission sets or ECS support is always the same top notch, above & beyond and a great part of the team. The tough part of sending you off to these many deployments is seeing the strain it has placed on our family members. Although difficult, the sacrifice we make as Airmen is for the greater good and is inherent in the quality of our force. You should all take tremendous pride in your accomplishments and know that your sacrifices will help us defeat an enemy that threatens democracy, the rule of law and the foundation of our constitution
- 6. I'll take this opportunity to thank the families of our guardsmen. During the September change of command I spoke of the sacrifices that my family made, and highlighted as a father the tremendous difficulty in sending my own son/guardsman off to war. Know that you are all part of my family and the numerous send off and welcome home events will always hold a special meaning to me. My sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the wives, husbands, moms, dads, sons, daughters and other family members who supported you during the difficult deployments.
- 7. The future foundation has been laid and we have reset our force. I have full faith in the skill sets of General Rice and know that his unique passion & energies will advance the MA ANG to the next level. DO NOT rest on your successes because each challenge will define your future destiny. To quote General Douglas MacArthur, "Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if you lose, the Nation will be destroyed, that the very obsession of your public service must be Duty, Honor, Country."
- 8. In closure, I wish each one of you the best in your future endeavors. A common question asked of me is why I spent 35 years in uniform the answer was always easy, "It's because of the Airmen I served with." The bottom line is that patriotism and service above self are qualities that I valued. My wife Linda and I thank you for the support, wish you continued success and thank you for your service to the nation. God bless you the United States Air Force and the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

//SIGNED// MICHAEL D. AKEY Major General, MA ANG Commander SEAGULL | DECEMBER 2010 | PAGE 5

22nd Annual Semass special Olympics Held at MMR

Story and Photos by Capt. Evan C. Lagasse 102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY RESERVATION -- The 22nd annual Southeastern Massachusetts Special Olympics was held in the Army qym here, Sept. 24, 2010.

The games were sponsored by the local Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association and military members from all branches of service stationed on or near the MMR volunteered to assist with the day's events.

"This year's event went very well. We had approximately 250 volunteers that included military members, family and friends," said U.S. Coast Guard Chief John Hughes, first-year chair of the event.

Special Olympians from Braintree to Hyannis, Mass., competed in numerous athletic events throughout the day with medals awarded to the top finishers in each competition.

"Seeing the Olympians recognize me from volunteering in years past is the best part," said Tech. Sgt. Victoria Kenny, 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.





Above: Technical Sgt. Victoria Kenny (second from right), 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, cheers for Special Olympians during a relay race at the 22nd annual Southeastern Massachusetts Special Olympics, Sept. 24, 2010. The games were sponsored by the local Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association and military members from all branches of service stationed on or near the Massachusetts Military Reservation volunteered to assist with the day's events.

Left: Technical Sgt. Paul Riordan, 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron, spends time with a Special Olympian from Braintree, Mass., at the conclusion of the 22nd annual Southeastern Massachusetts Special Olympics, Sept. 24, 2010. The games were sponsored by the local Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association and military members from all branches of service stationed on or near the Massachusetts Military Reservation volunteered to assist with the day's events.

MR. CHARLES "BO" PROSCH VISITS MMR

Photos by Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki 102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs



Mr. Charles "Bo" Prosch, Military Legislative Liaison for Sen. Scott Brown, is greeted at the Massachusetts Military Reservation by Col. Christopher Faux, 102nd Mission Support Group commander, Nov. 2, 2010.



Mr. Charles "Bo" Prosch (seated second from left), Military Legislative Liaison for Sen. Scott Brown, listens to a mission briefing conducted by Col. Christopher Faux, 102nd Mission Support Group commander, at the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Nov. 2, 2010. After listening to mission briefings from four MMR military commanders, Mr. Prosch took a windshield tour of the Reservation's facilities.





Technical Sgt. Theodore Whitney

Sergeant Whitney works in the 102nd Security Forces Squadron's training section. He has been the leading organizer of their active-shooter training program and has been a member of the Mass. Air National Guard for the last 11 years.

Originally born in Falmouth, Sgt. Whitney has lived throughout Massachusetts and currently resides just off base in Sandwich, Mass., with his wife, who also works in law enforcement; on the judicial side.

Hobbies: In his free time, Sergeant Whitney enjoys going to sporting events such as Patriots and Bruins games.

Civilian Job: Police Officer for the Falmouth Police Department

If you would like to nominate a 102nd Intelligence Wing member for the monthly "Airman in the Spotlight" feature, contact Capt. Evan Lagasse at (508) 968-4003 or e-mail evan.lagasse@anq.af.mil.

102ND ACOMS INSTALLS \$1M WORTH OF EQUIPMENT

By Capt. Brendan Simison 102nd Air Operations Group

In September, the 102nd Air Communications Squadron (102nd ACOMS) completed installation on Otis Air National Guard Base of more than \$1 million worth of the latest command and control (C2) equipment and software applications as part of the new Air and Space Operations Center (AOC) weapon system.

With this equipment, the 102nd Air Operations Group (102nd AOG) made monumental progress in its ability to train and deploy worldwide and took a leap toward achieving initial operational capability (IOC).

Although supremely challenging at times, 102nd ACOMS Airmen triumphed over the installation process while simultaneously maintaining the 102nd AOG's ability to conduct their real world Battle Watch mission augmenting the 608th Air and Space Operations Center (608th AOC) at Barksdale AFB, La. Now, the 102nd ACOMS will continue to maintain the new equipment as well as perform any future upgrades.

"Our role is to ensure the warfighter has technological support to complete the AOC mission, as well as provide communications expertise to the AOG's leadership," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Walsh, 102nd ACOMS superintendent.

"This was a demanding project with a steep learning curve, but my team pulled together and exceeded every expectation," said Capt. Ray Hale, 102nd ACOMS commander.

Because of the 102nd ACOMS incredible effort, the 102nd AOG is now able to train and fight as an AOC using a full suite of equipment. The new equipment will also enhance the 102nd AOG's ability to provide real world support to the 608th AOC from Otis ANG Base; conducting distributed operations.

"With the great work that Ray and his team have done, the Group can really accelerate our ability to support Strategic Command and Eighth Air Force's Global Strike mission," said Col. Richard Sweeten, 102nd AOG commander.

Although worldwide deployable, the 102nd AOG's primary mission focus is integrating with its active duty counterpart, the 608th AOC, in its conventional longrange bomber role.

With an IOC date of April 2011, the 102nd AOG must now focus its attention on training crew members and ensuring a cadre of qualified mission experts are ready for the fight. Meanwhile, 102nd ACOMS will continue to provide critical support to the AOC weapon system and 102nd AOG personnel to ensure this state of the art equipment continues to run at optimum performance.

As always, 102nd ACOMS stands true to their vision of providing a dependable, outstanding, reliable, and "always available" communications infrastructure.



Senior Airman John Wong, 102nd ACOMS cyber transport systems journeyman, and Airman 1st Class Michael Servis, 102nd ACOMS cyber systems operations journeyman, assemble a cable rack used to support command and control (C2) equipment recently installed on Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass., as part of the 102nd Air Operations Group's new Air and Space Operations weapon system. The equipment installation was accomplished without interrupting on-going support of real world operations and supports the 102nd AOG's goal of attaining initial operational capability in April 2011.

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102nd Intelligence Wing

Active Shooter Exercise

Exercise tests Airmen's response to gunman



Story and Photos by Master Sgt. Aaron Smith 102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

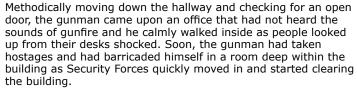
At police departments, military bases and second

At police departments, military bases and security organizations throughout the country, people are training for an occurrence that is all too common nowadays; an active-shooter incident. These events involve a person whom, for whatever reason, has decided to indiscriminately attack others, usually with a gun. The training is designed to find and stop this person as quickly and safely as possible. During the November drill weekend, the 102nd Security Forces Squadron continued their active-shooter training by staging an exercise in the Wing's headquarters building.

On Nov. 6, the shooter, played by Senior Airman Brett Geyer, 102nd Operations Support Squadron, unassumingly walked in through the front door of the headquarters building. He was closely followed by exercise coordinator and Security Forces trainer, Master Sqt. Marc Vercellone, and within minutes the shooter began his assault. With a quick 'Pop! Pop! Pop!' of blank cartridges fired from a small revolver, doors quickly slammed shut. Airmen followed proper procedures for taking cover but even those expecting the exercise were caught off guard. One Airman was caught in the hall as the gunman rounded the corner and within seconds the hall was filled with loud 'pops' as the gunman fired blank cartridges, simulating actual shots.



Describing the training, Sergeant Vercellone said, "There are two components to this training: first is the base populous training and the second is the Security Forces response training. Everybody on the second floor of (building) 158 seemed to do what they were supposed to do. There are always going to be people who are caught in the wrong place at the wrong time and you can't really do much about that."





Sergeant Vercellone described the challenge that faced Security Forces, "As far as the response part of it goes, the second floor of (building) 158 is probably one of the hardest places to clear, which definitely raised the bar."

They quickly moved through the building following the training they had received weeks earlier and had the gunman cornered. While he taunted them, they closed in and were able to quickly apprehend the suspect.

"I think they did really well. This type of training is something that can be lost if you don't practice it on a regular basis. I think it really helped reinforce the proper tactics and how to move through the building," said Tech. Sgt. Theodore Whitney, 102nd SFS training NCO.



U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Sandra Niedzwiecki

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HOW TO APPLY FOR THE POST 9-11 GI BILL BENEFITS

By Master Sgt. David Rogissart 102nd Retention Office Manager

The first step is to ensure you qualify for the GI Bill (more than 90 aggregate days of Title 10 service after Sept. 11, 2001, not including basic training or technical schools).

Second, go to the following website: www.gibill.va.gov. Place the curser on "apply for benefits" and click on "get started." Read through the information then continue to "road map for success."

Third, click on the "apply online" (VONAPP) and follow these steps:

- 1. Click the Launch "VONAPP and Apply for Benefits" link
- 2. Click the red oval titled "Start VONAPP"
- 3. Read through the information page and click continue
- 4. Create a login and password
- 5. Read through the disclaimer
- 6. Click "create an empty new claim application"
- 7. Read through the statements and answer the questions as best you can!
- 8. Print and Submit VA Form 22-1990. If possible, submit all supporting documents (i.e. DD Form 214)
- 9. An email will be sent to you within 24 hours indicating receipt of the VA FORM 22-1990

Once the VA confirms eligibility (this usually takes 2-6 weeks), you can begin the transfer process to your dependents

SUBMITTING A REQUEST TO TRANSFER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- 1. Using your CAC card or DFAS pin, log on to the DoD Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) Web page located at https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/
- 2. Check the block "Post 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33." The family members eligible for benefits under DEERS will be shown. (If a dependent's name is grayed out or the edit button does not work, it means that the member is not eligible for DEERS benefits and thus is not eligible to receive transferred benefits.) Please see your Force Support Flight customer service representative to update incorrect DEERS information.
- 3. Click the "edit" button for each family member you want to transfer benefits to. Choose the start and end dates, and number of months of benefit (spouses can use for 15 years after the member separates/retires; children can use until their 26th birthday.) Once you've transferred months to your family members, click the "OK" button.
- 4. Below the dependents' name block, check all the boxes to indicate you've read and understand each statement on the transfer request page and click the "submit" button.
- 5. After you have submitted your request to transfer benefits, in the upper left corner of the TEB site, you will see your name, status submitted, and the date of status will be blank.
- 6. To track the status of your request, you will have to return to the TEB page to monitor the status.
- 7. After a request is approved, the status of your request will change to 'approved' and the date of status (approval) will be the date you submitted your request. The TEB site will automatically transfer the data to the VA so they can process a family member's request for a certificate of eligibility.
- 8. Once your request is approved, your family member has to submit a request for a certificate of eligibility to the VA. They should use VA Form 22-1990e, and can do so via the VA Web site: http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp.
- 9. Keep in mind the family member will fill out the VA Form 22-1990e, since it no longer belongs to the military sponsor.
- 10. After receiving the certificate of eligibility from the VA, family members will provide the certificate to the school.
- 11. If the family member has not received the certificate of eligibility from the VA when they enroll in school, they should ask the veterans certifying official at the school to submit an enrollment certification for the academic term to VA.
- 12. Tuition funds will be sent direct from the VA to the school. Children using transferred benefits will receive the monthly living stipend and the books and supplies stipend. Spouses using transferred benefits will only receive the monthly living stipend and the books and supplies stipend if they use the benefits after you separate from active duty.

OTIS IMPLEMENTS EESOH-MIS DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

By Master Sgt. Keith Delgado and Mr. Thurman Robert Deane 102nd Bioenvironmental Engineering / 102nd Environmental Management

Led by the National Guard Bureau, the Air National Guard Readiness Center, and CACI Inc., Airmen at Otis Air National Guard Base implemented the Enterprise Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Management Information System (EESOH-MIS) in early October.

As a replacement for the antiquated Air Force Environmental Management Information System (AF-EMIS), EESOH-MIS is a comprehensive, web-based information system used to collect Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health data and enhance operational capabilities.

EESOH-MIS will facilitate the integration of information from multiple data systems supporting air and water quality, hazardous materials (HAZMAT), hazardous waste, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA), spills, ground safety and other related Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH) media.

The cost of compliance with laws and regulations designed to protect workers and the environment can be exorbitant. The EESOH system helps organizations manage risks and costs associated with environmental, health and safety issues by sharing information across its functional area modules. Single point, validated data entry captures information at the source, ensuring the highest level of data integrity.

EESOH effectively manages multiple years of information and enables users to retrieve historical information online. The system can be customized with data-validation tables to provide flexibility and compliance with local, state and federal requirements. In addition, all of the modules allow

reference lists, titles, and definitions to be changed which facilitates long-term history being stored by date, regardless of changes in business practices.

The 102nd Intelligence Wing has approximately 20 industrial shops on base. These support functions are all managing risks of exposure to environmental and occupational factors as a major concern for organizations where employees handle chemicals, are exposed to hazardous working conditions, and require training in safe handling and processing procedures.

EESOH-MIS at Otis falls under the jurisdiction of the Hazardous Materials Management Process (HMMP) Team and the Environmental Management System Cross Functional Team (EMS/CFT). The team consists of the following key members: 102nd Logistics Readiness Squadron HAZMART Manager; 102nd Civil Engineer Squadron HAZMART Manager - Material Acquisition; 102nd Environmental Management; 102nd Bioenvironmental Engineering; and the 102nd Safety Office. In addition to the key members, the team consists of technical experts from the 102nd Communications Flight; 102nd Contracting Office; 102nd Finance Flight; 102nd Judge Advocate General; 102nd Medical Group; 102nd Public Affairs; and the Massachusetts Military Reservation Fire Department.

Each industrial shop supervisor and their representative play a key role in communicating shop activity with three goals in mind -- protect the environment, ensure worker safety and preserve worker health.

JOB OPENING: MASS. AIR GUARD DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The Massachusetts Air National Guard is advertising for the Director of Operations position at Joint Force Headquarters (Milford, Mass.).

All interested applicants should apply by sending the requested documents to Col. Peter Green, MA ANG JFHQ/Director of Staff, by close of business Dec. 5, 2010.

Tentative date for the selection board is Jan. 9, 2010 in Milford.

The selection board will look at the following as a minimum:

- 1. Min/Max Rank Lt. Col./Colonel
- 2. AFSC background Operational (11F4-Pilot, 014N3-Intelligence, 17D4B-Cyber Communications)
- 3. A3 Staff duties Ability to maintain operational relevancy within current AFSC, while tasked to lead MA ANG JFHQ A3 and support G3/J3 duties in both

domestic operations and actions planning and unit operational issues. Need to coordinate efforts among all ANG A-Staff as necessary in support of major programs. Is liaison with MA

NG G/J-staff and NGB/J-staff for MA ANG programs designated above.

Application package should include the following:

- 1. Commander recommendation
- 2. Cover letter with details on experience in State, Wing/GSU command or directorate positions, deployments and/or leading state/wing/unit projects from concept to execution.
- 3. Resume with military PME and civilian education annotated, as well as decorations

received.

- 4. Current Passing Physical Fitness test
- 5. Personnel RIP
- 6. Last 5 OPRs

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MILITARY INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2010: STAFF SGT. KERRI COLE



Staff Sgt. Kerri Cole (right), 102nd Intelligence Wing Public Affairs photographer, was selected by Col. Anthony Schiavi (left), 102nd Intelligence Wing commander, as the Wing's Outstanding Military Individual of the Year for 2010. Sergeant Cole received the Otis Civilian Advisory Council-sponsored award at an Oct. 7, 2010 banquet in Falmouth, Mass. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sqt. Sandra Niedzwiecki)

The Airman's Council **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- New President! Staff Sgt. Kerri Cole will relieve Tech. Sgt. Alicen Hogan as president of the Airman's Advisory Council starting in 2011.
- Wi-Fi at the Dorms! Thanks to many months of persistence from the Mission Support Group commander, Col. Christopher Faux, and his team!
- Rubb Tent is open! Behind the Eagle's Nest there is a Rubb Tent which houses a large projection screen for movies, video gaming, and other activities. Open the same hours as the Eagle's Nest. What would you like to see at the Rubb Tent? Guitar Hero? A Halo Tournament? Let us know!

The Airman's Council meets every Saturday of the UTA at 2 p.m. in the Wing Conference Room and is open to all E-1 to E-6 personnel.



PROMOTIONS >>

Master Sergeant

Robert Abbott Daniel Ahaesy Nicholas Kollett

Airman 1st Class

Valdir Silvar

Staff Sergeant

Christopher Pereira

Michelle Copeland

Adrienne Harvey Nalani Kircher Jonathan Muraca John O'Brien Arck Perra Tanya Rego Casey Riley

Senior Airman

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. The Otis Air National Guard Base CFC is scheduled to end Dec. 15. Contact Maj. Nicole Ivers for a donation form: (508) 968-4664, nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil or visit Building 158, Room 230. Thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Children's Christmas Party for children of 102nd Intelligence Wing members is scheduled for Dec. 11. The event will be held in the Aerospace Dining Facility from noon - 3 p.m. Sign up your child by Dec. 5 with Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Burger, (508) 968-4854 or Kathleen.Burger@ang.af.mil. Parents will need to drop off a wrapped present for each of their children with the child's name on it (please try to keep it around \$10) to Sergeant Burger by Dec. 8 in Building 158, Room 221.

JOB OPENING: IMAGERY ANALYST (1N171)

The Wing Staff has an opening for an Imagery Analyst (AFSC 1N171). This position reports directly to the Wing Commander and Vice Commander. This individual will bring their intelligence experience and expertise to the Wing Staff to help prepare for inspections and plan Wing exercises. Additionally, they will assist the Antiterrorism/Force Protection officer with ATO programs. Primary focus in the next year will be to work with the Wing Inspector General in preparation for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection. The position is a traditional master sergeant and is open to staff sergeants and above. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Maj. Nicole Ivers by Jan. 15, 2011. Questions may be directed to Maj. Ivers (508-968-4664).

PARKING CHANGES

To accommodate the operations vehicles previously parked on the flight line, the parking area on the side of Reichart Street (between buildings 156 and 155) is now reserved for government vehicle (GOV) parking only. All personal vehicles parked there will be ticketed.

MAJ. GEN. AKEY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

In honor of Maj. Gen. Michael D. Akey's retirement from the Massachusetts Air National Guard, his family, friends and military colleagues request the pleasure of your company as we thank him for his service to our great nation and wish him well for the future. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, 6-10 p.m. at the Wyckoff Country Club (233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, MA 01040). Business Casual Attire. Tickets are \$50/per person. Please make all checks payable to 'HQ MA ANG Fund.' For tickets, please contact Maj. Nicole Ivers: (508) 968-4664, nicole.ivers@ang.af.mil or visit Building 158, Room 230.

CHAPEL CALL

By Master Sgt. Rose Gould 102nd Intelligence Wing Chaplain Assistant



At 18 years old I would have never imagined the incredible journey more than 20 years of military service would provide. I have traveled the world and been humbled at times to work alongside angels and be in the presence of heroes from all branches of military service. I have learned many valuable lessons. Here are a few from recent deployments:

It is not about the politics or war; it is about the servicemember next to you. Upon arrival of a Medevac mission at Ramstein, Germany, I worked with a significantly injured Marine who had continually refused painkillers for an entire flight so he could watch over the flag-draped transfer cases of two of his fallen comrades who died hours earlier in Afghanistan.

It is not about trying to fix the problem. It is about letting people know they are not alone. While working in the Intensive Care Unit in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, I worked with countless families dealing with the severe injuries and occasionally the subsequent death of their servicemembers. At times I searched my mind feverishly trying to find the right words to lessen the pain to no avail. Ultimately, I just sat

with the families for hours when the pain was palpable, the silence was deafening, and for them that made all the difference in the world.

When things get difficult or frustrating, never lose sight of what really matters. On March 13, 2009, three elementary school teachers in the Southern Philippines on their way home from school were abducted and remained in captivity for more than six months until their release around Sept. 23, 2009. I had the privilege of being part of the JSOTF-P debriefing team. When I asked one of the women how she was able to survive

such a horrific ordeal, she simply said she never forgot the baby she had at home for whom she had to live.

Service before self. On Sept. 29, 2009. two of our U.S. Army Green Berets transporting water to an area where our Navy Civil Engineer "Seabees" were building a school were killed when the vehicle they were driving hit an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Working with the Seabees directly following the deaths, they resolved to never forget the sacrifice and finish building the school. Against a backdrop of danger and arduous conditions, the Seabees worked tirelessly until the Kagay School was completed, teaching an entire generation of students to step forward to a future with education and step back from a future of possible terrorist activity.

Finally, to those supervisors and leaders who allow civilian experiences and education to be incorporated into enhancing the mission, I thank you for valuing the contributions of Citizen Airmen. While my journey in the military ends this month, I take with me incalculable memories and multiple skills learned that will benefit me for the rest of my life. I thank all of you who contributed to this incredible ride and hope your journeys are as rewarding.

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ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The 102nd Intelligence Wing adheres to federal, state and Air Force regulations and instructions on environmental protection, pollution prevention and energy conservation.

The Wing strives to exceed the requirements of these regulations and instructions by continuously looking for opportunities to operate more efficiently in these areas of

The 102nd IW Energy Management Steering Group (EMSG) is dedicated to assisting the Wing operate as efficiently as possible, while meeting and exceeding the federal and state requirements for energy consumption reduction.

The 102nd EMSG will create new plans to meet the following requirements set forth by DoD Instruction 4170.11 (Installation Energy Management), AFI 90-1701 (Energy Management) and Executive Order 13514 (Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance):

- 1. Reduction in energy usage of 30 percent by 2015.
- 2. Reduction in water usage of 16 percent by 2015.

- 3. Reduction in petroleum usage of 2 percent per year.
- 4. Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions attributed to facility energy use of 30 percent by fiscal 2012.
- 5. Procurement of renewable energy such that it accounts for 3 percent of total electricity demand in fiscal 2010-2012, 5 percent in fiscal 2013.
- 6. Divest the 102nd IW of all utility ownership and maintenance responsibilities by 2015.
- 7. Continue to educate the Wing populace on energy awareness focusing on energy savings.

Once these plans have been compiled by the EMSG, they will be presented to the Senior Staff and will be implemented using the approved methods.

The members of the EMSG are dedicated to meeting and exceeding the requirements set forth by the Air Force Instructions and federal/state guidance, while maintaining an efficient working environment for all members of the 102nd Intelligence Wing.



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