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

Riders delivery bunnies, smiles to area children



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

A member of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, Pennsylvania Chapter 15, waits in line at Clancy's with various other riders to drop off a donated bunny for the 2010 Pennsylvania Bunny Run. More than 1,400 stuffed bunnies were donated and distributed to 24 hospitals this year.

By Airman 1st Class Claire Behney
Public Affairs Specialist

Colorful, furry Easter bunnies are quite the contrast to leather vests and roaring exhausts, but that difference becomes irrelevant when it comes to putting a smile on a child's face.

That contrast was the setting for the sixth annual Pennsylvania Bunny Run as more than 200 motorcycles departed the grounds

of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa., to make their first stop at the Hershey Medical Center to deliver Easter related stuffed animals to children hospitalized there.

"We want to do something for the kids other than what's done at Christmas so they know they aren't forgotten," said Master Sgt. Timothy Greiner, co-founder of the Pennsylvania Bunny Run.

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State Command Chief Perspective



By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

State Command Chief

There is a college that has no traditional classrooms, dorms or libraries, but has more than 300,000 students registered. This college has 67 degree programs available, each student can have an individual degree plan and all course work may be done online when and where desired. The college I am referring to is today's Community College of the Air Force, which has changed to meet the mission and the educational needs of our 21st century Airmen.

The CCAF is the only college system solely for enlisted members. CCAF programs are designed to provide students with knowledge, skills and theoretical background for enhanced performance as technicians and noncommissioned officers.

Enlisted Airmen become CCAF students as soon as they report for basic training. Those of us that have transferred to the Air National Guard from other branches of the services also become CCAF students upon joining the Air National Guard. Instant enrollment in CCAF emphasizes the importance our Air Force places on enlisted education. The value of education is underscored on active duty with the requirement for Airmen to acquire a CCAF degree in order to be promoted to E-8 or E-9.

Certification programs for the trades are an integral part of the CCAF degree

program. An Air Force crew chief may receive an associate degree and a Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant certification for training and work experience attained in the Air National Guard. Many other certification programs are associated with the CCAF degree program.

Studies show that most Airmen join the Air Force for the educational benefits. CCAF offers a means to acquire an associate degree while you are gaining valuable work experience. Achieving a CCAF associate degree may lead you to a baccalaureate degree. It is my opinion that all Airmen should take advantage of this great opportunity and benefit.

The Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative Program became active in 2008. With AU-ABC, Airmen can now apply their CCAF credits toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of universities and colleges. This can be accomplished through the Air Force Virtual Education Center which links you to the new AU-ABC program.

The vision of the Air Force is to provide distance learning and baccalaureate degree opportunities to all Airmen. The Air University's near-term goal is to provide enhanced educational opportunities for our enlisted force. The Air Force Portal acts as the gateway to the AU-ABC program which allows students to do everything online.

I encourage all Airmen to apply for their CCAF degree. This includes those Airmen that already have degrees from other institutions. It is not a requirement for promotion in the Air National Guard, but that may change.

In closing, I would like to ask that if you do have a degree from another institution that you have it entered into your records. Over the last few years there has been a drive to have the enlisted educational levels recorded. Recording your degrees may be helpful when it is time for promotion and it provides valuable statistics for the Air National Guard on enlisted educational levels.




Promotions

for the month of March

Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Beth A. Bieren 112 AOS

Promotion to Master Sergeant

Matthew S. Kauffman HQ
 Russel H. Krause 201 RHS
 Carl C. Miller 193 MG

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Nicholas A. Auman 271 CBCS
 Michael J. Bennett 112 AOS
 Jesse W. Foltz 201 RHS
 Jessica L. Hoover 193 SOS
 Christopher S. Janssen 112 AOS
 Russell O. Petersen 112 AOS
 Ashley R. Roughsedge 193 MG
 Mindy R. Shaw 112 AOS
 James D. Tatum 271 CBCS
 Michelle L. Wamboldt 112 AOS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Eric S. Altice 201 RHS
 Anthony W. Fawcett 211 EIS
 Seth M. Klepper 211 EIS
 Donovan A. Nally 193 SOW
 Ted A. Nichols HQ
 Ryan H. Nissly 193 LRS
 Jason D. Seymore 193 CES
 James M. Stotz 201 RHS
 Veronica A. Tobin 201 RHS

Promoted to Senior Airman

Clayton J. Belcher 553 AF Band
 Gregory A. Mazzone 193 CES
 Courtney N. Mishoe 193 MG
 Corey N. Wileman 193 CS

Congratulations!

News In Brief

Wing command chief announced

Brig. Gen. Eric Weller announced the 193rd's new wing command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile. Hile's tenure will begin upon Command Chief Master Sgt. Scott Keener's retirement in August.

Air Liaison Officer positions announced

The 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, has traditional Guardsman officer vacancies for Career (non-rated) ALOs (13LXU). We are accepting applications from non-rated officers in the grade of O-3 and below or enlisted personnel qualified for commissioning. This is a male only career field. Previous Tactical Air Control Party or Joint Terminal Attack Controller experience highly desired. Interested applicants must send a letter of intent, resume and current Physical Fitness Test scores to Lt. Col. Terrence Koudelka at terrence.koudelka@ang.af.mil or mail 1-520 O'Neil Street; Annville, PA 17003 no later than May 23. Questions can be directed to Lt. Col. Koudelka via e-mail or call (717)861-1148; DSN 423-1148.

Guardsmen want to stay 'operational'

National Guard leaders were on Capitol Hill Wednesday with a message from Guardsmen: we want to remain an operational reserve.

"The National Guard has repeatedly proven itself to be a ready, accessible force," Air Force Gen Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau told the Senate Appropriations Committee on Defense.

"We have validated the Total Force concept by showing that the men and women in formation are ready to answer the call to be mobilized to deploy overseas, return home and then become prepared to do it again and again."

The Total Force concept includes a seamless integration of the active force, the Guard and the Reserve.

"The Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen of your National Guard are adding value to America every day," McKinley said. "Today's men and women volunteer...fully expecting to be deployed

"This shift in expectation is a central aspect of the National Guard's shift to being a fully operational force and no longer merely a strategic reserve. Indeed, the Soldiers and Airmen of your National Guard now serve with that expectation and are proud of it. They want to remain central players in the nation's defense and would indeed be resistant to any move to return to a role limited to strictly strategic reserve."

*To read more on this story, visit <http://www.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123198297>





Hospitalized children remembered during Easter (continued from Page 1)

The 193rd Motorcycle Club hosts the Pennsylvania Bunny Run annually, with this year bringing in the largest amount of riders and participants. More than 250 participants rode motorcycles or drove vehicles to deliver more than 1,400 bunnies to the children of 24 local area hospitals.

The Bunny Run is open to any motorcycle rider wanting to participate. Greiner said the motorcycle clubs in the area are what helps keep the run going year after year. Some of the clubs in participation this year include the Warrior Brothers, Guardians, Red Knights, Gold Wing Chapter V, Susquehanna Valley Big Twins, and Lancaster Hog.

With there now being satellite rides out of York, Woolrich, New Jersey, and Reading, the future of the Bunny Run is expanding, Greiner said. "Next year a larger expansion is being planned for the entire Northern tier of Pennsylvania."

He said their goal is to cover the entire state of Pennsylvania within the next three years.

"It's like watching your kids grow," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Fanning, co-founder of the Pennsylvania Bunny Run, of the growth of the event. "It's gotten a lot easier and gone a lot smoother because there's now so many people involved."

For Master Sgt. Sue McMurray, 193rd material management supervisor, it was her first time participating in this ever-growing event.

"To be part of such a great event and to see the children smile when they were given the animals was out of this world," she said. "It made me stop and think that no matter how bad my day is theirs' is worse, yet they seemed so happy that someone came to visit and would think of them in their time of need; it melted my heart."

McMurray said this will not be her last time riding in the Bunny Run and that she's actively recruiting fellow riders to join in next year's event.

Greiner said the hard part about the ride is that there are children in the hospital during a holiday, but the best part is getting to see the kids smile and being able to have a part in that. "It's emotional every year," he said.

With the conclusion of this year's Bunny Run, their sights are already set on making plans for next year's Greiner said.

"We're making plans for next year to incorporate a pancake



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins

More than 200 motorcycle riders participating in the 2010 Pennsylvania Bunny Run depart from the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, Pa., in transit to 24 local hospitals to deliver Easter related stuffed animals to hospitalized children. This year's event drew the largest crowd in it's six year history and the goal is for even more participants next year.

breakfast at the Hummelstown Fire Department," Greiner said. "So not only will the motorcycle club be helping the children, we will be able to provide a fund raiser for the fire department."

Fanning said as planning for next year's Pennsylvania Bunny Run begins, the 193rd Motorcycle Club will do so with the goal of combining two loves; the love of children and riding a motorcycle.



201st RED HORSE returns from deployment

By Airman 1st Class Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

More than 100 Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing's 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers have returned to Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa., today after a six-month deployment to locations throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Airmen reported to Fort McCoy, Wis., for a month of training before they deployed on missions to build and repair military infrastructures that support missions theater-wide as part of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was a challenging deployment, as is any for the RED HORSE, because there was a lot of construction and a lot of loca-

tions," said Maj. Eric Mannion, operations officer for the first expeditionary RED HORSE group. "We went to wherever the priorities were, doing projects for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines."

Mannion said the RED HORSE Squadron reported to 25 sites, completing more than 100 projects at a value of approximately \$110 million.



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins and Airman 1st Class Claire Behney



Airmen's noble sacrifices in serving

By Capt. Mark D. Brumbach

193rd Special Operations Wing Chaplain

When you hear the word sacrifice, what thoughts come to your mind? Maybe you imagine a native tribe carrying a fare maiden up the side of a volcano. Maybe you are reminded of something that you desired or possessed that you gave up for someone else's benefit.

The Merriam -Webster dictionary defines sacrifice as, "The destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else; something given up."

Parents can be an excellent example of sacrifice in that they often surrender things for the benefit of their children.

Currently the Christian Church is celebrating the season of Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days which leads up to Holy Week and ultimately to Easter. It is a season during which Christians are to be especially mindful of the sacrifice that Jesus willingly made on our behalf.

One of Jesus' teachings about sacrifice states, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life

for his friends." (John 15:12, 13)

Those of the Christian faith believe that is exactly what Jesus did for them. Sacrifice is especially on my mind these days. Daily I am reminded of the sacrifices both small and great that brave men and women are making in service to their various countries and to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Citizens from many nations are sacrificing precious time out of their lives, time at home with family and friends in order to stand against those who would perpetuate murder and terror in our world. Each time a Fallen Warrior Ceremony is announced or I see flags flying at half mast I am reminded of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their comrades and their nation. Sacrifice is a mark of military service.

Deployment has also caused me to realize how many sacrifices are made by those we have left at home. Spouses must continue bearing their responsibilities in addition to filling the gap that is created by the deployment.

Grandparents must sometimes step back

into the role of parents. Children are required to sacrifice irreplaceable time with their parents. Employers sacrifice in order to insure that Guardsmen and Reservists have a job awaiting their return. Sacrifice marks the lives of those who remain at home during times of deployment.

Sacrifice is a noble expression of love. Christians believe that Jesus' sacrifice on a Roman cross was the ultimate expression of God's love. Many of us who serve do so because of our love for our freedom, our nation or our family members. Love also motivates our families to do all that they do in order to care for themselves and to support us while we are away.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the sacrifices that you have made and are making. I see them around me each day and I endeavor to recognize the depth of love and commitment that they represent.

****Brumbach just returned from a deployment with the 201st RED HORSE Squadron. He served with the Airmen throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.***

Updates from 193rd SOW Association

By Senior Airman Kathleen Garrity

193rd SOW Association Recording Secretary

-The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association has been hard at work during the month of April. During the April Board of Director's meeting, the board agreed to offer an associate membership category pending approval. This would include professional organizations, churches, family members, etc.

- Congratulations to past president Paul Weidensaul who received a local humanitarian award at the State Capital. He will be in the running for the state award. He plans on donating the cash award to the Association.

- \$80 was donated by the Association to cover the cost of snacks provided at the Enlisted Seminar.

- Mark your calendars for the annual Association meeting which will be held Saturday, May 15 at 4:15 p.m. in the dining

facility. All members are highly encouraged to come. Elections will take place at this time and refreshments will be served.

- The Association has donated \$500 toward the Dining Out, with \$300 will go toward an Airman's table and \$200 will go toward general expenses.

- An assistance request was approved for the amount of \$500 to an Airman in need.

- Remember that the Association is here for you! All income goes right back to the members of the 193rd by means of assistance, events and activities.

- Not a member? Go to www.193sow.org to print off a membership application. The application can be dropped off through base mail to the 193 SOW Association mailbox or to a board member. Board members can be found on the Association's Web site as well.



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Sounding Off

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

5k to support food bank announced

The 193rd Operations Association will have a 5K walkathon/runathon in support of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. The race will be held at 2:30 p.m. on June 13. The 5k and will start and stop at City Island Park in Harrisburg. The event will include a pasta meal, a t-shirt and tickets to the Harrisburg Senators baseball game starting at 6 p.m. Participants are asked to bring two canned food items in addition to their \$10 registration fee. Please see page 8 for the registration form.

Officer seminar announced

The officer professional development seminar will be held May 11 to 14 at the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa.

There will be over 35 special sessions presented by subject experts. The information provided will assist you throughout your entire guard career. Additional seminar information can be found on the registration form which is located on the 193d global front page under education/retention and information.

Please forward the completed registration form to retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Isett at wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil

Mental health representative scheduled

Tammy Shay, a mental health representative, will be in the dining hall Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tammy will be available to hand out resources, answer any questions you may have, or to talk one on one.

RSG golf tournament announced

The 193rd Regional Support Group will be having their 6th annual golf tournament May 7, at 8 a.m. at the Blue Mountain Golf Course in Fredericksburg, Pa. Cost for this event is \$60 per person and will include greens fee, cart, a dinner, and refreshments. The total number of persons will be limited to 144 (36 groups of four).

The entry deadline is May 4. Please make your check payable to 193rd RSG Morale Fund and send to Headquarters, 193d Regional Support Group, 126 O'Neil Street, Fort Indiantown Gap Annville, PA 17003 and return to the attention of Bob Stock or call 717-861-1195.

NCO seminar scheduled

The NCO Supervisor Leadership Management Seminar will be held at the new 201st Red Horse Squadron facility, Fort Indiantown, June 24-27. 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. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 16.

To register visit the 193d Global page under "Education and Retention". There is more seminar information on this form. The cost and methods for you to attend this seminar is the responsibility of your assigned unit. The completed registration form should be forwarded to retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Isett at wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil.

What's on the Menu

Constellation Cafe

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

Saturday

Main Line:

Savory baked chicken
Swedish meatballs
Baked potatoes
Rice
Chicken & beef gravy
Veg du jour
Squash

Snack Line:

Hamburgers/
Cheeseburgers
Assorted pizza
French fries
Baked beans

Clancy's:

Meatball sub
Chicken tenders
Chips, Dessert, Drink

Sunday

Main Line:

Spaghetti with meat
sauce
Chicken & penne alfredo
Broccoli
Veg du jour
Garlic bread

Snack Line:

Hamburgers/
Cheeseburgers
Meatball sub
French fries
Baked beans

Clancy's:

Assorted pizza
Chicken tenders
Chips, Dessert, Drink

UTA Payday: April 30



193rd Operations Association 5k charity walk/run

Benefiting the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

WHEN: Sunday, June 13

LOCATION: Carousel Pavilion, City Island, Harrisburg, Pa.

REGISTRATION: 1-2:15 p.m.

FEES: \$10 plus two non-perishable food items

EVENT TIME: 2:30 p.m.

MEAL: 4 p.m.

AWARDS: 4:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finisher in the following
Age Groups: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over

Separate waiver form must be completed, signed, and returned to participate in the event

Mail registration form information (below) and completed waiver to:

271 CBCS

225 Harris St

Annaville, Pa 17003

Attn: Maj Andrea Barlup or SMSgt Kim Shollenberger

Questions: Call (717) 861-1255 or 1265 or email andrea.barlup@ang.af.mil or kim.shollenberger@ang.af.mil

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Name (First, MI, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age ____ Sex ____ Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Birth date _____ T-Shirt size (circle one) Adult: S M L XL XXL Youth S M L

Event: 5k Walk ____ 5k Run ____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature if under 18 yrs.