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Airmen beware



Chief's Corner

Airmen need to take initiative



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State Command Chief Perspective



By Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden

State Command Chief

The Pennsylvania Air National Guard recently implemented the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program to enable reintegration of our Airmen returning from deployments. Attendance at a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event is mandatory for all Airmen who perform 90 or more cumulative days of Title 10 or Title 32 duty in a fiscal year.

The YRRP is designed to benefit National Guard and Reserve members and their families by helping to give them access to necessary support and guide them to the appropriate information, services, benefits, proactive outreach opportunities, and referrals to help them “reintegrate” following an operational deployment.

National Guard and Reserve members have a unique challenge relative to their active duty counterparts, since many will return to full-time civilian employment

following their military duties. Additionally, without the support of an active duty installation, many encounter difficulty finding or getting access to the care that they need for any injuries, illnesses, or conditions incurred as a result of their deployment.

Some Airmen find it challenging to simply find information or services to assist in their transition back to a peacetime environment, despite the numerous organizations whose stated purpose is to provide this service. The YRRP is designed to fulfill this need by serving as the “integrator” to link the servicemembers and their families with the appropriate service based on their individual need.

The DoD YRRP is the overarching program to enable reintegration for National Guard and Reserve members and their families.

I had the pleasure of attending the first YRRE for the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, June 5 and 6, for the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, which was held at the Antique Auto Museum, Hershey, Pa. Those attending the event included 123 Airmen, two Soldiers, and 64 family members. The program included many topics that help our National Guard Airmen, Soldiers and their families understand and cope with the challenges and stresses that families deal with after a deployment.

Some of the topics covered included TRICARE, VA benefits, employer support of the Guard and Reserve, personal finance, GI Bill, Military One Source, Pennsylvania law changes and suicide prevention. Representatives from many organizations had booths set up and were present to answer questions.

I was very impressed with the program agenda and the presentations. Joy McKinney is the Pennsylvania Air National Guard YRRP Coordinator. I would like to thank Joy and her team for doing a great job organizing our first ANG YRRE.

For more information concerning the YRRP please visit the Joint Service Web site at www.jointservicesupport.org.

ON THE COVER



A team of pallbearers of the 193rd Special Operations Wing's base Honor Guard carry the casket of the late late Pennsylvania National Guard retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank H. Smoker as the Color Guard presents arms during the interment at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery July 21. General Smoker passed away July 16 after battling a lengthy illness. (Photo by Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver)




Promotions

For the month of July

<u>Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant</u>	
George M. Vasiloff Jr	201 RHS
<u>Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant</u>	
Nancy L. Kreiser	HQ
Edward J. Zuech	112 AOS
<u>Promotion to Master Sergeant</u>	
James R. Rutter	201 RHS
Jennifer A. Fahlbush	211 EIS
Kenneth E. Leitch	201 RHS
Mark D. Misczenski	201 RHS
Richard T. Banks	201 RHS
David R. Durham	193 SOW
Gene R. Scholler	193 MXS
Gary W. Gauby	193 MXS
Kevin M. Karmosky	193 SOS
<u>Promoted to Technical Sergeant</u>	
Robert A. Somers	211 EIS
Christina M. Mylonas	193 LRS
Daisi M. E. Eyerly	193 LRS
Micah E. Good	193 LRS
Troy M. Christman	193 CES
Daisy D. Andiono	193 OG
Christine A. Fredericksen	193 MDG
Kevin J. Greenaway	193 MXS
<u>Promoted to Staff Sergeant</u>	
Frederic J. Petritsch	193 MXS
Shawn M. Wiley	193 AMXS
Brian D. Sommers	193 LRS
Jeremy T. Pritchett	193 LRS
Garrett H. Dawson	148 ASOS
John C. Norris	148 ASOS
Richard F. Freda	553 Band
David R. Martin	193 LRS
Jeffrey N. Boehmer	193 SOS
Anthony M. Elmer	193 SOS
Meghan C. Klinger	271 CBCS
<u>Promoted to Senior Airman</u>	
April A. Loeper	193 SOS
Jason L. McClean	193 LRS
Mallory Harvey	193 FSS
Allen M. Hood	271 CBCS
<u>Promoted to Airman First Class</u>	
Seth D. Clemens	193 SF
Paul G. Hyne	193 SF
Colt E. Stuckey	193 SF
Emery A. Barrett	193 SF
Ryan M. Cerwinski	193 SF
Michael P. Meininger	193 SF
Rachael Shelton	193 SF
Evan B. Borneman	193 SF
Dylan J. Burkholder	193 SF
Nicholas R. G. Peters	193 SF
Katelyn Zimmerman	193 SF
Rebecca M. Glenn	193 SF
Mathew C. Rutkowski	193 SF

News In Brief

LRS receives high honors

The 193rd Logistics Readiness Squadron was recently awarded the Air Reserve Component Base Logistic Activity of the Year award for fiscal year 2009 and the National Defense Transportation's Military Unit of the Year Award for the Guard and Reserve for fiscal year 2009. Neither of these awards can be awarded in consecutive years, and the 193rd LRS earned both awards for fiscal year 2007.

Some of the LRS' noteworthy accomplishments for the period included maintaining an average of 95.2 percent vehicle-in-commission rate with a 132 vehicle fleet; fueling 23 percent of aircraft missions outside of duty hours, enabling more than 288 night operations flights and training; and raising \$1,400 and collecting more than 800 pounds of clothing for injured troops as part of the Wounded Warrior Program.

"These awards speak volumes in reference to the dedication, loyalty, and commitment to excellence that has been displayed by this organization over the last four years," said Chief Master Sgt. James Porta, 193rd LRS material management superintendent. "These awards were earned through the hard work put forth from all sections and ranks in the LRS. Our people are simply the best."

Airmen must review their PRDA

The Air Reserve Personnel Center has completed scanning all personnel records, now available through the Personnel Records Display Action, and is scheduled to destroy the hard copies in September. **It is imperative for Airmen to review their e-records before Sept. 12 to identify any missing authorized documents.** The official list of authorized and unauthorized documents can be obtained from the 193SOW Portal or from your unit's command support staff. If you have problems with a document in PRDA contact your CSS. To access your PRDA...

From the AF Portal:

1. Log onto the AF Portal
<https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>
2. Click on the 'PRDA – Personnel Records Display' link located on the left side of the Homepage under Top Portal Links- A new internet window will open up
3. A new internet window will open up
4. Click 'PRDA' on the left side under My Sections
5. Your electronic personnel record will now populate

From AFPC Secure Applications:

1. Log onto AFPC Secure Applications
<https://w20.afpc.randolf.af.mil/AFPCSecureNet20/>
2. Click 'OK'
3. Select your CAC certificate and enter CAC PIN
4. Click 'PRDA' where all the applications are listed'
5. A new internet window will open up
6. Click 'PRDA' on the left side under My Sections
7. Your electronic personnel record will now populate



Pennsylvania National Guard says goodbye to respected leader

Story by Airman 1st Class Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

As the firing party performed its 21-gun salute, the weapons' report resonated in the hearts and minds of the audience as they stood to honor a highly esteemed and influential man, Pennsylvania National Guard retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank H. Smoker Jr.

While paying respect to his loss, it's also important to celebrate his achievements. For General Smoker, it was a life filled with accomplishments and dedication to his community, country, fellow service members and the organization he loved.

During his 42-year military career, General Smoker served in various Air National Guard capacities including that of commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard headquarters and Pennsylvania's deputy adjutant general - air, until his retirement in June 1985.

"He ran a very efficient, good office and was fair with everybody," said Agnes Moss, retired administrative assistant, Pennsylvania Air National Guard headquarters.

Ms. Moss said she worked with General Smoker for 40 years and remembers how good of a writer he was, writing wonderful speeches that everyone talked about.

"I think he commanded respect; everyone seemed to respect him and not just position he had, but the person he was," Ms. Moss said.

The history of the Pennsylvania National Guard was something of special interest to General Smoker. He played a critical role in standing up the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum at Fort Indiantown Gap.

"Thanks to him we got a lot of support from the Air National Guard," said Charlie Oellig, Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum curator.

Mr. Oellig said General Smoker was persistent about starting the museum, working with the late Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Scott, 46th adjutant general of Pennsylvania, in forming a team with the state museum and a board of directors.

General Smoker served as president of the museum from 1985 to January 2010 and is the author of *Back at the Gap, the History of Fort Indiantown Gap*, published in 2009.

"He was a real leader and just a pleasure to work with," Mr. Oellig said. "General Smoker was the perfect gentleman, the nicest man you'd ever meet and I'm really going to miss him."

General Smoker's personal history within the military began with his enlistment into the Army Air Corps in 1943. As a veteran of World War II, he served with the 8th Air Force and was assigned to the 92nd Bombardment Group, Podington Air Force Base, England, where he completed 26 missions over Europe and completed 222 combat hours as a B-17 aircraft navigator. General Smoker was released from active duty as a captain in 1946.

While serving in England, General Smoker met his wife, former Kathleen M. Farrow of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, with whom he celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in December. Together they had two children, Barbara and David; Col. David Smoker is the current commander of the 193rd Mission Support Group, 193rd Special Operations Wing.

General Smoker, born in Columbia, Pa., joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in

October, 1946. On Jan. 17, 1947, he became a member of the 53rd Wing Headquarters during its initial federal recognition. This was the first Pennsylvania Air National Guard unit to be federally recognized.

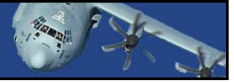
Graduating from the United States Air Force Pilot Training program in 1952, General Smoker completed more than 5,000 flying hours, including five combat missions in Vietnam, in C-121 aircraft while assigned to what is now the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

Upon his retirement, General Smoker received an honorary promotion to lieutenant general on the Pennsylvania National Guard retired list. He was also presented the Air Force's highest peacetime decoration, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, upon his retirement.

Following a lengthy illness, General Smoker passed away July 16.



A team of pallbearers of the 193rd's base Honor Guard carry the casket of the late Pennsylvania National Guard retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank H. Smoker during the interment at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery July 21. (Photo by Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver)



Airmen beware, some legal drugs fall under zero tolerance policy

Story by Lt. Col. Dennis J. Buckley

Staff Judge Advocate, 193rd Special Operations Wing

Getting high on substances or drugs that are legal can now cost Air Force Special Operations Command Airmen their ranks, their careers, or more. The Pennsylvania National Guard's zero tolerance policy is briefed regularly. Under that policy, renewed by the Adjutant General's policy statement of Oct. 1, 2004, all members who test positive for illegal drugs will be processed for separation regardless of grade or number of years of service.

AFSOC commander Gen. Donald C. Wurster issued a general order, applicable to all AFSOC units and National Guard members, earlier this year banning the use of *salvia divinorum*, also known as Sally D or Magic Mint; a drug called Spice; and some inhalants. The general order also bans the use of over-the-counter nonprescription medications for the purpose of becoming high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect.

Those in Title 10 status, failure to obey the general order constitute a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Failure to Obey and Order or Regulation. Those in Title 32 status it is a violation of its equivalent, Section 6016 of the Pennsylvania Code of Military Justice.

As for inhalants, the recent general order bans Airmen from sniffing, snorting or huffing household and commercial products such as glues, lighter and cleaning fluids, paint products, and medical anesthetics.

Using Sally D, Spice, or inhalants may not be punishable under current federal laws, but the penalties for any Airman caught using these substances can be quite steep, including, but not limited to non-judicial punishment, security clearance revocation, involuntary separation under the zero tolerance policy with a characterization of service of Under Other Than Honorable Conditions, or trial by court martial.

Also prosecutable under the zero tolerance policy is the use of someone else's prescription medication for the purpose of becoming high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect, especially when that medication contains a controlled substance.

Likewise, the use of designer drugs, which are created to get around existing drug laws, or drugs with chemical structures that produce similar effects to illegal recreational drugs, is also prohibited under both the general order and the zero tolerance policy.

If you are told that drugs cannot be detected on a drug test, don't believe it. Department of Defense laboratories are chang-

ing their testing procedures to detect these substances and to keep up with designer drugs. Claimed ignorance of the law is no defense either. More importantly, if you are using or are considering using these substances, ask yourself whether your health, your military career and perhaps your life are worth the risk.

Any member with a substance abuse problem may voluntarily disclose evidence of personal drug use or possession to the unit commander, first sergeant, Substance Abuse Counselor, or to a military medical professional. Commanders will grant limited protection for members who reveal this information with the intention of entering treatment.

Salvia divinorum is an herb native to parts of Mexico. It is chewed or smoked, and its hallucinogenic effects can last up to 30 minutes. Sally D has become a concern in the United States, but it has yet to make the list of controlled substances that are banned under federal law, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. However, just because it is not illegal and controlled, does not mean it is safe.

Spice is an herb comparable to marijuana. It is a form of synthetic cannabis, marijuana, that has gained popularity in recent years and is available on-line and in head shops. Spice is comprised of a variety

of plant products laced with cannabimimetics materials. Those materials interact with the cannabinoid receptors in the human brain to produce similar effects of cannabis.



Catholic Services:
Sundays of drill at 11:15 a.m.
Building 81, commander's
conference room

Protestant Service:
Sundays of drill at 1 p.m.
Building 81, commander's
conference room

Both services are available by VTC at Air Stations 1 and 2

Chief: Airmen need energy to save



Story by Chief Master Sgt. Stacey Miller

JFHQ Human Resource Advisor

The 20th century has become well known for being asked to do more with less. Within each of our installations, we are continuously looking at costs, similar to what we do at home. One constant theme I hear at home, work, and Guard drill is around energy costs. Watching

your utility bills at home, you see them continue to climb. Did you ever stop to think what the bills are like at your base? Utility rates still apply to us and unfortunately, like at home, the suppliers like to be paid.

I recently attended a conference sponsored by the Society of Military Engineers and it was a constant theme I heard at every session. Even within Pennsylvania, The Adjutant General is passionate about this subject.

While I am not an engineer and no longer work in the civil engineering squadron, I work as a civilian for a company that is very interested in this topic.

You may be asking yourself, so why should I care? It's not my job to pay the utility bills. In honesty, it is all our jobs to be responsible Airmen. It is within our core values to help save energy and reduce overall costs. Integrity – or doing what is right when no one is looking. Do you leave the lights on in your office? Do you turn your computer monitor off when you leave the office for the day? Do you leave chargers plugged-in even though it is not charging anything? Did you know that the

monitors use 60 watts of power in regular use mode and even while in sleep mode, they continue to drawing approximately five watts of energy. This might sound small to you, but it adds up quickly.

While energy costs and energy conservation is not new to you, what may be new is your awareness of how these increased costs impact you and the Air National Guard. Budgets continue to be tight with everyone everywhere, not just you at home. Did you stop to think that if it is costing us more to operate our base, what might we have to live without? Many of us would like a new desk, new chair, new vehicle, or new piece of equipment.

So my challenge to each of you is to look around your workspace. Are there items that can be unplugged or turned off when not in use? Do you need a reminder to turn off your monitor before leaving for the day or TDY? Each of these small steps will help overall.

Albert Einstein stated, "We can't solve (today's) problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." We need to each take the initiative to make a difference.

Col. Christopher Dutton, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Regional Support Group commander briefs on the Wing's missions to 40 members of the Air National Guard Range Council, Tuesday. Detachment 1, Bollen Range, Fort Indiantown Gap, hosted the Air National Guard Range Council this past week at the Harrisburg Hilton and Bollen Range. The ANG Range Council meets twice per year, at one of the 15 ANG bombing ranges or the single Air Force Reserve range. The purpose of the ANG Range Council is to provide coordination and cooperation between ranges and the national leadership. These meetings help the ANG chart a coordinated course for the future. The meeting was a three-day event and the final day included tours of the range facilities and a demonstration of a missile warning threat stimulator. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Claire Behney)

Bollen Range hosts ANG Range Council





Sounding Off

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

Change of authority announced

Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile will take over the position of command chief master sergeant during a change of authority ceremony, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the Operations Blue Room.

CCMSgt's retirement banquet scheduled

A retirement dinner will be held for Command Chief Master Sgt. Scott A. Keener August 28 at the Holiday Inn, Grantville. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with dinner and ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.

Please respond to Tech. Sgt. David Durham by August 18 at extension 2201 or e-mail at david.durham@ang.af.mil.

Children's family day activities scheduled

The Family Readiness Office will have refreshments, movies and games available for children from 7:30 to 11 a.m. in the Blue Room on Sunday of August drill prior to family day activities.

If you have any questions please contact the Family Readiness Office at extension 3155.

1st sergeant positions announced

The 193rd Maintenance Squadron, 533rd Air Force Band and 211th Engineering Installation Squadron are looking to fill first sergeant openings.

Please submit packages to Senior Master Sgt. Peter Mireles in the Logistic Readiness Squadron or Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile by close of business August 15. The board will be held Friday, September 10, with the time and location still to be determined.

CP officer vacancy announced

The 193rd Command Post will hold a selection panel during September drill to interview potential candidates for a vacant traditional officer position. Interested officers who are currently below the grade of major or enlisted members seeking a commissioning opportunity can apply.

Applicants can send a resume, letter of intent, a copy of college transcripts, AFOQT scores, and dates available for training to Maj. Keith Littlewood. All submissions must be received by close of business August 15. The selected candidate will be required to attend the Academy of Military Science commissioning course and Command Post orientation course for the position selected.

Any questions in regards to this position, please contact Master Sgt. Kevin Kistler at extension 2249.

LRS officer vacancy announced

The 193rd Logistical Readiness Squadron will hold a selection panel during the September drill to interview potential candidates for a vacant traditional guardsman Logistics Readiness Officer position. Interested officers who are currently below the grade of major or enlisted members seeking a commissioning opportunity can apply.

Applicants can send a resume, letter of intent, a copy of college transcripts, AFOQT scores, and dates available for training to Maj. Keith Littlewood. All submissions must be received by close of business August 15. The selected candidate will be required to attend the Academy of Military Science commissioning course and Logistics Readiness Officer course.

What's on the Menu

**UTA Payday:
Aug. 27**

Constellation Cafe

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

SATURDAY

Main Line:

Salisbury steak
Fried chicken
Scalloped potatoes
Mash potatoes
Broccoli
Veg. du jour
Soup du jour

Snack Line:

Hamburger/cheese burger
Bacon chicken ranch sandwich
Baked beans
Chips

Clancy's:

Hot dogs/sausages
Tuna wrap
Baked beans
Chips, dessert, and a drink

SUNDAY

Main Line:

Spaghetti with meatballs
Chicken breast
Tossed salad
Veg. du jour
Soup du jour



The snack line and Clancy's will be closed for lunch Sunday afternoon. Constellation Cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for any enlisted members requiring a meal.



Line it up, sink putt!

Tech. Sgt. Todd Schroll, an aircraft technician, eyes up his putt at hole three as one of his three teammates, Master Sgt. Leonard Lemieux, an avionics technician, watches. Schroll and Lemieux were two of 136 golfers to participate in the 2010 193rd Special Operations Association Golf Tournament at Felicita Golf Course, Harrisburg, Pa., July 30. More than \$6,500 was raised for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation through the golf tournament. The winners of this year's golf tournament were, Lt. Col. John McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Richard Briggs, and Tony Hensley. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Claire Behney)

ABOUT FACE

“What have you done for your summer vacation?”



Staff Sgt. Dustin Hoppes, Security Forces Squadron readiness - *“I went on annual training in Alpena, Michigan for two weeks with preparation prior to that. With current deployments being where they’re at I haven’t been able to go on vacation yet.”*

Tech. Sgt. Racheal Bartholomew, aviation resource manager - *“I went to the beach in North Carolina and sat on the beach and did nothing. It was wonderful!”*



Tech. Sgt. Terry Dobbs, accounting technician - *“I went on a cruise of the Bahamas with Royal Caribbean; it was five days, four nights. We made a stop in Key West and CocoCay, which is the Royal Caribbean’s private oasis in the Bahamas.”*

Senior Airman Mallory Harvey, Force Sustainment Squadron unit deployment manager - *“I went to Bethany Beach for a week with my family.”*

