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

## *Maintenance grounded in excellence*

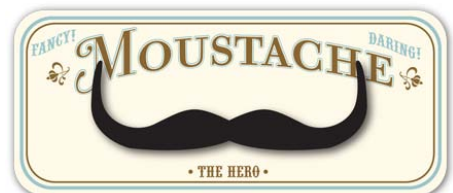


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*By Command Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile*

### Wing Command Chief

Airmen, I want to thank you for the 65 new EANGUS memberships last month. At the State Combine Leadership Development Workshop, held in Lancaster, Pa., March 31 to April 3, the 193 Special Operation Wing was applauded by the Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association for their membership pro-activity. I also applaud those members who realized membership matters and strongly encourage others to get involved.

I feel it is my job to keep you focused on the issues and to remind you about how you can help. At a minimum, to help fight our enlisted and officer battles, membership is need; however, also getting specifically involved is desired. We all need supported more than ever by our legislators. Below are subjects on the table and if we don't come forward with a strong voice I cannot guarantee you where we will be.

As you read the following consider joining. One last note: the information listed below is not intended to worry you but specifically intended to inform and inspire your pro-activity.

**WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?** Military cuts are on the table and some legislators are seeking additional cuts. The examples of the cuts on the table for consideration are (all information below is from a "point paper" present at the legislative session of the CLDW):

- Cut the Army and Marines by 49,000 by 2015 to save \$6 billion
- Place more wartime missions on the Guard and Reserves.
- Cut MWR programs for the military
- Cut Commissary and Exchange system
- DoD for the second year has failed to award retired military with a cost of living

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allotment increase

Additionally, the Presidents National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform presents a 58 page report with recommendation. Samplings of the recommendations are as follows:

- Freeze military pay for the next three years, as part of a proposed \$100 billion or more federal spending cut, according to Army Times, Feb. 7.
- Reduce basic housing allowance
- Eliminate the 20 year military retirement and replace it with 10 year retirement at a reduced rate and delay payment until age 60.
- Change the way that the military calculates COLA.
- Increase TRICARE premiums and TRICARE co-pays
- Require employers to reimburse the government for military retirees who opt to use TRICARE over employers program
- Propose to save \$4 billion by making TRICARE for Life member pay the first \$500. This could cost the retired military member as much as \$3,000 per person, on an annual basis.

Time to be a member and help to fight for our benefits! Now how do you become a member? The information below is about the PNGAS and PNGEA. If you want information on any other professional organization let me know.

To become a member of PNGAS or PNGEA you can easily get started with your registration and dues payment at PNGAS.net. Click on "Join" on the home page and start the process. Fill in the information, pay your dues and you will go into the approval queue. Once you are approved you are ready to join in.

Also, if you have a moment view the brief video on PNGAS located on that page as well. This organization does truly work for you! I encourage you to become a member today.

If you have any problems with the registration page please don't quit, see me or any other Chief for assistance. The Chairman of PNGEA is ready, willing, and able to assist.

## ON THE COVER



*Then Senior Airman Garren Sthale, current civilian technician, and Staff Sgt. Dave Chandler, hydraulic shop technician, work under the nose of an aircraft on the flight line. The hydraulic shop was assessed by a team of 25 inspectors as a part of the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection of the Maintenance Group (Photo by Senior Airman Claire Behney).*





# News In Brief

## ***193 SOW Association to hold annual membership meeting***

The 193rd SOW Association will be holding its annual membership meeting Saturday at 3 p.m. in the dining facility. All Association members are encouraged to attend, and non-members interested in joining or looking for more information are welcome to attend.

This is a great opportunity for non members to see what the Association is about. Any new individuals who join at the meeting will receive the newest Association coin for FREE! Refreshments will be available.

The 193rd SOW Association recently donated \$250 for the Bunny Run sponsored by the Psycho Warrior Motorcycle Riding Club. The Association also donated \$510 to the 193rd SOW Softball Team to cover their fees.

The Association is currently working on a scholarship program and has also created two positions within the board of directors:

- chair of retiree affairs
- chair of drilling status guardsmen affairs

These individuals will be seeking suggestions on how the Association can better serve the 193rd SOW.

Be sure to visit [www.193sow.org](http://www.193sow.org) for more information on the Association and to obtain a membership form.

## ***First sergeant position opening***

Security Forces has an immediate opening for a First Sergeant. Applicants must be present for the board, which is scheduled to be held on June 10.

Applicants must submit packages IAW 193 SOW OI 26-2104, to Master Sgt. Panzar NLT the end of the May UTA.



# Promotions

*For the month of March*

## Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Jamie A. Tyler HQ

## Promotion to Master Sergeant

Michael J. Kostelac 193 MXS  
Lindsay N. Stambaugh 112 AOS

## Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Mariko O. Bender 193 SOW  
Jamie L. Nagel 112 AOS

## Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Joshua M. Marini 193 MXS  
Justin M. Hainsey 271 CBCS

## Promoted to Senior Airman

Michael L. Dorman 193 MXS  
Brent A. Hill 148 ASOS

*Congratulations!*



# MXG earns 'outstanding' in LCAP

*Story by Senior Airman Claire Behney*

Public Affairs Specialist

The Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing Maintenance Group scored an outstanding on their first Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection held at the Wing Feb. 9 to 15 with a score of 96.97 percent.

The Maintenance Group was evaluated on their compliance with major command, Air Force and Department of Defense directives. A team of 25 LCAP inspectors performed over 3,100 assessments of the Maintenance Group during the overall course of the inspection.

"Our Maintenance Group consistently strives to meet and exceed all challenges, with the LCAP inspection being one of those challenges," said Brig. Gen. Eric Weller, Wing commander. "They have clearly shown they are outstanding performers and I couldn't be more proud."

The Maintenance Operations Flight, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Squadron, and the Quality Assurance staff were all assessed during the LCAP inspection.

According to Air Force Instruction 20-111, "the purpose of the LCAP is to provide leadership at all levels with an evaluation of a unit's ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized, repeatable, and technically compliant manner."

Maj. Amy Crossley, aircraft maintenance officer and project manager, said the Maintenance Group began preparation for the inspection a year in advance to ensure compliance with applicable directives.

"Multiple processes and procedures were established, revised and published, and additional training was accomplished," said Maj. Crossley.

Every shop of the Maintenance Group worked to determine their level of compliancy by completing their annual self-assessment and worked to complete any areas of deficiency found, said Maj. Crossley.

Shop supervisors and personnel were also assessed during the inspection. The Airmen of the Group were evaluated through their performance evaluations, scoring 100 percent pass rate on the 128 PEs.

As stated in the LCAP final report, "The (LCAP) team witnessed great enthusiasm and a high standard of housekeeping throughout the evaluation. The 193rd Special Operations Wing has talented personnel and beneficial programs that the LCAP team feels benefit the United States Air Force."

Outstanding performers of the Maintenance Group were recognized and awarded as part of the inspection. Senior Master Sgt. Brian Koser, Master Sgt. William Kerman, Master Sgt. Frank Mistretta, Master Sgt. Harry Myrick Jr., Master Sgt. Gary Reven, Master Sgt.

Spencer Schulz, and Tech. Sgt. Crystal Mentzer were all recognized for the hard work or leadership demonstrated during the LCAP inspection.

The LCAP inspection team also named 31 Airmen to an honor roll list, and the Engine Management team was named as outstanding team.

"The expertise, professionalism and talent of each person within the Maintenance Group was what got us the score of outstanding," said Major Crossley. "In addition, the support provided from many functions within the Wing is greatly appreciated."



**Tech. Sgt. Meceikee Williams, Aerospace Propulsion, aircraft engine mechanic, works to remove a panel to expose an engine of an aircraft as part of post deployment cleaning. The Aerospace Propulsion shop was assessed by a team of 25 inspectors as a part of the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection of the Maintenance Group (Photo by Senior Airman Claire Behney).**





# 'Mustache March' grows on Wing members

Story by Senior Airman Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

March - known for its infamous holiday celebrating Saint Patrick, basketball 'madness,' and now, throughout the Air Force, the mustache. The Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing are no exception to the tradition of Mustache March, with gentlemen Wing-wide sporting facial hair above their upper lip, although some do it more successfully than others.

For some Wing members, the annual mustache is in honor of the steep resume and extensive career successes of Col. Robin Olds, while for others it's an everyday facial accessory.

The Air Force tradition of Mustache March draws its inspiration from the days of Vietnam and the late Colonel Olds. Colonel Olds, a decorated fighter pilot, was known for the handlebar, "bulletproof" mustache he sported during the Vietnam War.

Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Gibbs, 148th Air Support Operations Squadron superintendent, said that approximately 25 tactical air control party Airmen, including a few that are deployed, participate in the Air Force tradition of honoring Colonel Olds. And the TACPs have set rules they follow: rule #1: be clean-shaven on March 1; and rule #2: they can have any facial hair combination, as allowed by time in uniform, until March 15. After that, they

can only sport the mustache until March 31.

A group of Airmen from the Finance Flight follow the same rules and allege to have "brought the mustache to the fight" and claim it to be a "morale importance exercise."

"The first time I participated in Mustache March, I was in active duty serving in Italy," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Hansman, Finance Flight accounting technician.

Sergeant Hansman said he then rallied his Wingmen in the Finance Flight to participate in the tradition.

"I use to grow a mustache every time I deployed, but then I stopped deploying as frequently," said Tech. Sgt. Timothy Whalon, Force Sustainment Squadron, human resources remote designee. "Last year, I saw the guys in Finance with mustaches for the month of March and thought it was funny, so I decided to bring the idea to FSS."

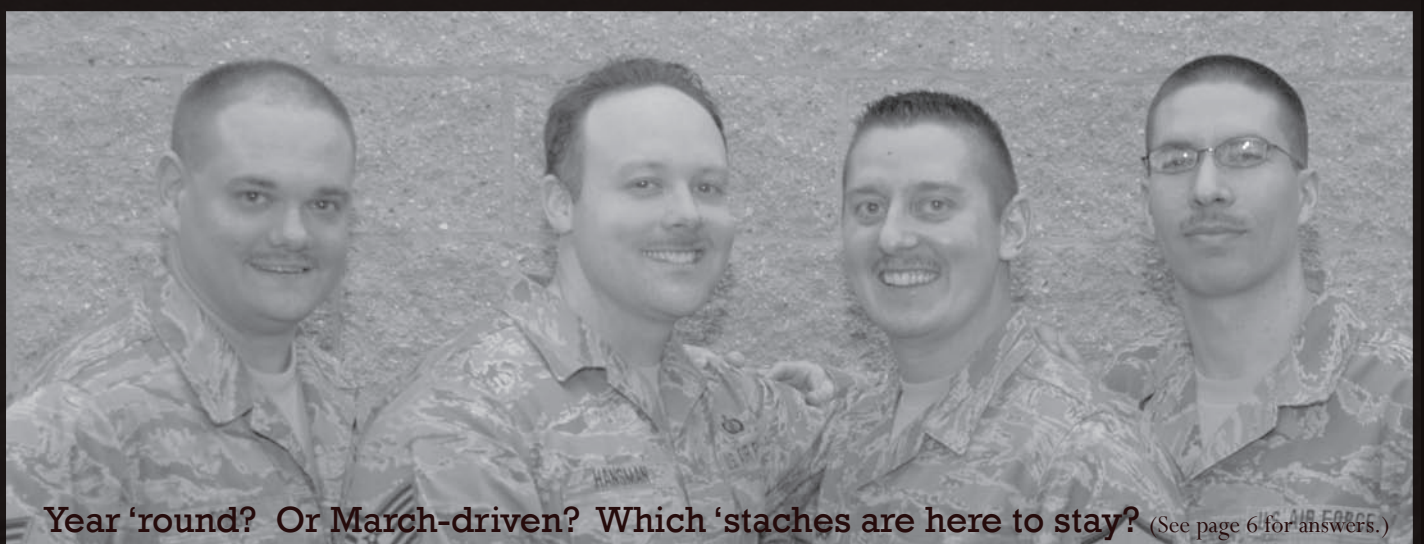
While the month-long wear of facial hair is homage for some, for others it's nothing out of the ordinary.

"I've had a mustache since I got out of boot camp, back in 1979," said Senior Master Sgt. David Hawkins, 193rd public affairs, visual information manager. "I just think it's a humorous event to witness and it gets you to stop thinking about winter and 'grow' into spring."

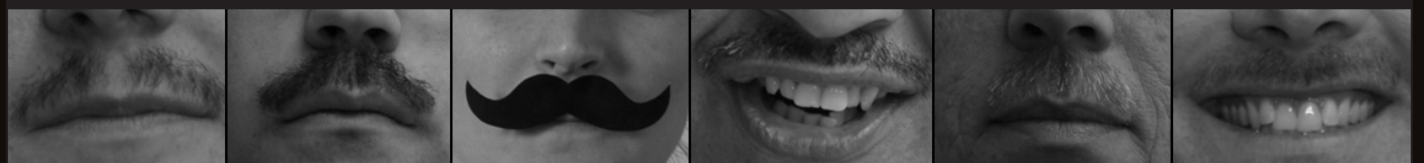
## 'March-stache' vs. the year-round

Can you tell the difference?

Pictured below, the *Finance 'stache crew* claims to have "brought the mustache to the fight."



Year 'round? Or March-driven? Which 'staches are here to stay? (See page 6 for answers.)





# Benefits, announcements, fun

## New program replaces government travel card

"Where's my money?" If you've recently traveled, you may have uttered these words before, during or after your TDY. Air Force and ANG have implemented a new controlled spend account card program, replacing the old government travel card, in an effort to streamline the reimbursement process and cut down on delinquencies. This is accomplished with a preset spend limit that fluctuates depending on the pre-determined cost of the TDY. As with all new processes and procedures, there are some questions about this new program:

**How is money loaded on the card?** Once your orders are routed through the approval chain, the funds are loaded on your card within 72 hours of certification.

**What if I don't have orders before I leave?**

If your trip starts less than 72 hours from certification of your order, you must call the 1-800 number, on the back of your CITI card, and request a temporary spend limit. This limit should equal the cost of your TDY.

**How do I take cash out?** If the merchant you are dealing with does not accept the card, you may withdrawal up to \$500 cash, from an ATM, for the duration of your TDY.

**What if my plans change while I'm TDY?** If your orders are amended, the lodging or meal situation changes, or any increase that would require additional funds should be directed to your orderly room.

**What happens after my trip and how do I get my money?** Once you submit your travel voucher and it is disbursed to your CSA card, if there are any residual TDY entitlements, you can retrieve them by contacting CITI directly. The four ways to get your money are:

1. EFT – CITI will deposit the remaining funds directly into your bank account.
2. Check – A check is mailed to you within three to five business days.
3. ATM – You may utilize an ATM, but be advised that a two percent fee is charged in addition to what the terminal charges and these fees cannot be reimbursed after your TDY.
4. Keep swiping – The CSA does not have the same "Official Government Business Only" restrictions as the GTC did, allowing you to continue using it after your TDY, for personal expenses, until your funds have been exhausted.

**Who else is using this card?** Everyone! Our active duty counterparts are already using the CSA, and the Air National Guard has completed the transition as of April 1.

## Bowling tournament to honor fallen

It's time for the second annual bowling tournament. This year, the charity event will focus on the remembrance of our fallen brothers and sisters, with all proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society. Teams of six will enjoy three hours of food, fun, and camaraderie. First come, first serve! Book teams early!

Teams need to provide payment prior to being assigned a lane. If we fill up, we will always accept donations in support of our cause.

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

When: Saturday, May 21, 6 to 9 p.m.

Where: Red Crown Bowling, Harrisburg.

Cost: \$25 per person

Contact: Master Sgt. Timothy Madole, 717-948-2565.



## Chili cook-off to benefit local vets

### VETERANS BENEFIT & CHILI COOK-OFF

May 14, 1 to 9 p.m.

LAWN FIRE COMPANY, Lawn, Pa.

ADMISSION: \$10

Trophies for  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE &  
MOST UNIQUE

Paid admission  
gets two voting tickets!

All proceeds to benefit the Lebanon Valley Veterans Hospitals  
(Your support will help fund the purchase of a new bus to transport vets.)

Event organized by American Legion Riders Region 7 of PA.

LIVE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY (Starting at 2 p.m.)

STEELHORSE ~ THE BLIND WILLIES ~ WILLIE DIKKER

POC Information: Larry "Smitty" Smith @ cecil61@ptd.net -or- Frankie Buchanan @ fsb7210@yahoo.com

### Answers: Year 'round? Or March-driven? Which 'staches are here to stay?

Finance 'stache crew: March-driven; Mustaches (from left to right): 1) March-driven; 2) March-driven; 3) March-driven; 4) March-driven; 5) Year-round; 6) March-driven.



# Sounding Off

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

## 193rd Benevolent League announced

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Benevolent League is now the single focal point for Wing, group, and squadron charitable events in the future. Any charitable event that takes place outside the gates or any charitable event taking place on base must be vetted through the league.

The 193rd Benevolent League provides oversight and liability protection for the commander, the Wing and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

If you would like to raise money for a charity please contact the league at their e-mail, [193sow.benevolentleague@ang.af.mil](mailto:193sow.benevolentleague@ang.af.mil).

## Officer seminar scheduled

The 2011 seminar will be held April 18 - 21 at the ANG Schoolhouse, Fort Indiantown Gap. The seminar will have special guest speakers and military subject matter experts.

The registration form can be found on the 193 SOW AF Portal listed under the topic "Education and Retention." Return your registration to [wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil](mailto:wayne.isett.ctr@ang.af.mil), or mail to 193 MSG/IM, 81 Constellation Court, Middletown, Pa. 17057-5086.

Rooms are available at the ANG Schoolhouse. Information about orders, lodging, and pay should be addressed to your squadron orderly room.

Curriculum questions can be addressed by seminar OIC, Lt. Col. Dan Bailey at [daniel.bailey2@ang.af.mil](mailto:daniel.bailey2@ang.af.mil) or seminar facilitator, retired Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Isett at [wayne.isett@ang.af.mil](mailto:wayne.isett@ang.af.mil).

## 7th annual Bunny Run announced

The Psycho Warriors Motorcycle Riding Club is hosting the 7th annual Bunny Run, Saturday, April 23. Riders are meeting at the Hummelstown Fire Department, who is offering a hot breakfast starting at 7 a.m. for \$5. The ride will begin at 10 a.m. All proceeds will be donated to children in area hospitals to include the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

We are accepting any and all new stuffed animals that are Easter related. The animals must be bought specifically for this event for the health of the children who will receive the animals.

Any questions can be directed to Master Sgt. Rich Fanning at 717-443-9672, [richard.fanning.1@ang.af.mil](mailto:richard.fanning.1@ang.af.mil) or Master Sgt. Timothy Greiner at 717-371-4560, [timothy.greiner.1@ang.af.mil](mailto:timothy.greiner.1@ang.af.mil).

## Career ALO position announced

The 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Indiantown Gap, has traditional Guardsman officer vacancies for Career (non-rated) ALOs (13LXU). Applications are being accepted from non-rated officers in the grade of O-3 and below or enlisted personnel qualified for commissioning.

This is a male only battlefield Airman career field. Previous Tactical Air Control Party, Joint Terminal Attack Controller, or Combat Arms experience highly desired.

Interested applicants must send a letter of intent, resume, and current physical fitness test scores to both Capt. Curtis Mulkey, [curtis.mulkey@ang.af.mil](mailto:curtis.mulkey@ang.af.mil) and Lt. Shawn Bearinger, [shawn.bearinger@ang.af.mil](mailto:shawn.bearinger@ang.af.mil) or mail 1-520 O'Neil Street, Annville, PA 17003 NLT 06 May 11.

Questions can be directed to Captain Mulkey or Lieutenant Bearinger through e-mail or call 717-861-1152; DSN 423-1152.

## What's on the Menu

### Constellation Cafe

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

#### SATURDAY

##### Main Line:

Syrian beef stew  
Pineapple chicken  
Cod  
Brown rice  
Red skin potatoes  
Black eyed peas

##### Snack Line:

Hamburgers  
Cheeseburgers  
Chicken steak sandwich  
Baked beans  
Curly fries

#### SUNDAY

##### Main Line:

Corn beef  
Mashed potatoes  
Buttered noodles  
Sauerkraut  
Asparagus

##### Snack Line:

Hamburgers  
Cheeseburgers  
Rueben  
Baked beans  
Curly fries

#### Need space for a working lunch?

The atrium is now available for working lunches and can accommodate up to 24 people. Call extension 2456 to reserve this space 48 hours in advance.

**UTA PAYDAY: April 29**