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## Wing Command Chief Perspective



*By Command Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hile*  
Wing Command Chief

According to numerous sources and specifically the 193rd Special Operations Wing the statement, "Typically a bad economy has worked to the benefit of the military," said retired Navy Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, currently the dean of the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H., is a quote that holds true according to the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

The military through all branches are seeing a dramatic increase in accessions. Great news for us, but now the "bad economy" means our Airmen may need additional financial guidance since the "drill check" is not specifically the total solution. The Guard as a whole is a great part-time income, but not an income that will sustain a family's standard of living. So what are we as a Wing doing to support our Airmen who possibly joined for some financial stability and/or for those who are members but going through difficult times?

Over the last two months the Airmen and Family Readiness office in conjunction with the Comptroller Flight distributed a "Financial Needs Survey". The objective of this survey was to obtain data to determine the financial counseling needs for Airmen of the Wing and to further the exploration of bringing a Financial Advisor on site. Ten different Units had Airmen reply to the survey.

A total of 35 Airmen responded. Of those 21 were Traditional Guardsmen, 12 Federal Technicians, and two Active Guard and Reserve. The needs varied but the results to the question; what type of financial issues would you like to have addressed, are as follows: Family budgeting 12, Tax preparation 19, investing 21, credit management nine, retirement two, one time military budgeting one none, three.

The survey also explored the best time to have a financial advisor on site. The results of that question are; during the UTA weekend 17, during the weekday 14, during the week ~ evenings six, non-UTA weekend three, with Saturday as the day of choice.

What I take from this survey is the majority of those who participated could use some form of financial advice. As Airmen financial stability is a standard we must achieve. IAW AFI 36-2618, we are to be mentally ready to accomplish the mission. When financial instability or problems exist we are definitely impacted on meeting this standard. We want to help those who need assistance and we have resources to support the needs of our Airmen. So what can you expect to see?

In the upcoming months we will encourage the Airmen and Family Readiness Office and Comptroller Flight to move forward with bringing in Financial Advisors to our Air Stations. All Airmen, regardless if you participated in this survey or not can participate in the services offered. Please watch for posted advertisements. We will attempt to vary the times to meet the needs of our Airmen and to achieve maximum participation. Don't be too shy to ask for help or advice. Remember it is your responsibility to be financially sound so you're mentally ready to perform the mission.

### ON THE COVER



*Pine Grove, Pa., homes devastated by Tropical Storm Lee. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Mariko Bender)*



# Promotions

*For the month of September*

## Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Niam K. Ford	201 RHS
Edison D. Gomez	201 RHS
Dwight K. Smith	201 RHS
Christopher C. Tobin	201 RHS
Ronald J. Perkins	201 RHS

## Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Jonathan A. Reese	193 SFS
Joseph C. Sherbaum	193 SOS
Ryan E. Rutz	193 SOS
Matthew T. Hess	193 MXS
Murphy C. Fountain III	148 ASOS
Nathan D. Wehr	271 CBCS
Zachary R. Black	201 RHS
Andrew M. Wentz	193 SF
Tyler R. Murdock	193 SF

## Promoted to Senior Airman

Zachary M. Rice	193 FSS
Corey J. Porta	193 FSS
Adam B. Hicks	148 ASOS

## Promoted to Airman

Paul M. Carnes	271 CBCS
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# News In Brief

## More changes, benefits for post-9/11 GI Bill

Effective Aug 1., the Post 9/11 GI Bill or Chapter 33 has expanded its eligibility qualifications to include Title 32 time when determining your payment percentage tier. According to the legislation, Title 32 time only includes AGR and Temp AGR time and any Title 32 time in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE from 11 Sep 2001 – 31 May 2002. This means that AGRs can now apply for this benefit if they never had any Title 10 service as well as individuals who have already been approved for Chapter 33 can submit for your payment tier percentage to be increased if you have any Title 32 time as described above.

Other important changes to Chapter 33 are as follows:

-Active Duty (AGRs) and their spouses receive the books and supplies stipend

-Distance Learning (On-line) receives housing stipend. The rate is equal to ½ the national average Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents which is currently \$673.50, then is based on your percentage tier.

-Will pay Non-college degree (NCD) programs, On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training, Flight programs, and Correspondence Training.

-Post 9/11 Last Bill Payer: Pays balance of tuition & fees not covered by Scholarships, Federal Tuition Assistance, State Tuition Assistance, Employer based aid or any other assistance. Individuals can no longer receive a reimbursement check for excess money from the school, with the exception of the PA National Guard EAP Program.

Contact the Retention Office for more information at x2505 or x2105 or visit L:\Shared\DPM Public Folder\GI Bill Post 911.

## AFSOC's first MC-130J Combat Shadow II arrives at Cannon AFB

10/6/2011 - CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) -- Airmen assigned to the 27th Special Operations Wing held an aircraft acceptance ceremony Sept. 29 on the flightline here for the arrival of Air Force Special Operations Command's first MC-130J Combat Shadow II.

Lt. Gen. Eric E. Fiel, the AFSOC commander, and Brig. Gen. Stephen Clark, the AFSOC director of plans, programs, requirements and assignments, were part of the official party flying the aircraft here for delivery to the 522nd Special Operations Squadron from the Lockheed Martin plant in Marietta, Ga.

To read the rest of this story visit: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123274107>



# Airmen fulfill State mission, support relief efforts in Pine Grove

*Story by Senior Airman Claire Behney*

Public Affairs Specialist

Adam Street stood on the front porch of his Pine Grove, Pa., home Sept. 10 as Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing loaded the sopping remnants of his gutted first floor into a garbage truck. As the remains of Tropical Storm Lee drenched the east coast in early September, more than 15 inches of rain infiltrated the homes in Pine Grove.

“Rebuilding is all you can do and it’s great to see everyone pitching in, willing to help out their neighbors and the local community,” said Street. “Having the Guard here is a big help, we wouldn’t be able to do this on our own, so thank you, there really are no other words, but thank you.”

The Wing was notified by the Joint Emergency Operations Center at approximately 11 p.m. on Sept. 7 that major flooding was occurring in Pine Grove and that immediate assistance was required. Airmen fulfilled missions of rescue, evacuations, damage evaluations, security, and restoration operations over the next week.

“A team of 22 arrived at approximately 1:30 a.m. (on Sept. 8) at Schuylkill County Mobil Emergency Operations Center, staged at the Pine Grove High School and rescue and evacuations began immediately,” said Maj. Michael Stateler, 211th Engineering Installation Squadron detachment commander. “Twelve rescue missions were conducted resulting in 58 lives saved and seven dogs.”

As the day continued on, the Airmen’s efforts were redirected to evacuations, by providing door-to-door notices and damage evaluations of low lying flooded areas. They also provided security details at all main entry points into the Pine Grove area.

“At dark, our mission switched to providing checkpoint security and roving patrols, assisting local law enforcement to enforce the 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. curfew and deter looting,” said Maj. Stateler.

On Sept. 9 a request for the 201st was made to aid in restoration efforts. By 8 a.m. Sept. 10 55 Airmen, eight dump trucks, two loaders, five skid steers and one back hoe were on scene in Pine Grove and restoration operations began late that morning.

“I’m very sad for all the people of Pine Grove, but I’m so thankful that we’re able to help,” said Staff Sgt. David Martin, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, airfield technician. “It’s good to show everyone that we’re willing to help in our local community and not just overseas. We’re here for them.”

A total of more than 120 Airmen from the 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, 201st RED HORSE Squadron, 271st Combat Communications Squadron, and 211th Engineering Installation Squadron supported the efforts in Pine Grove. Airmen teamed up with local law enforcement, the Red Cross, the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources and PPL Electric Utilities.



*On Sept. 10 193rd Special Operations Wing Airmen help clean up the devastation in Pine Grove, Pa., left by Tropical Storm Lee. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Mariko Bender.)*



*During relief efforts on Sept. 10 193rd Special Operations Wing Airmen help unload household items ruined by Tropical Storm Lee from homes in Pine Grove, Pa. (Photo by Technical Sgt. Mariko Bender.)*

Have a story to tell, job vacancy or an announcement? Scope can work for you, contact the public affairs office.  
**All Scope submissions must be received by the Sunday of the UTA prior to the desired run date.**

# 553rd Band member 'on the run'

By Technical Sgt. Erin Heiser

Public Affairs Specialist

Historians differ in their opinion regarding the origin of the marathon.

An online search for the term "marathon" reveals several possible origins of the sport. According to Wikipedia, the word Marathon stems from the legend of Pheidippides, a Greek messenger who was sent from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated in the Battle of Marathon in 490 BC. It is said that Pheidippides ran the entire distance without stopping and burst into the assembly, exclaiming "Nenikékamen! ('We have won!'), before collapsing and dying.

Regardless as to whether or not this particular tale of origin is fact or fiction, the marathon has evolved into a fiercely competitive sport and those who take it on seem to be driven by sheer will. Many proclaim that it is the power of the mind that paves the road for success for the marathon runner - and Airman 1st Class Emily Shertzer would agree.

Airman 1st Class Shertzer, a member of the 553rd Band of the Mid-Atlantic, started running track in the seventh grade. Shortly thereafter, she added cross country to the mix, and by the time she hit the college scene in Bethlehem, PA, she was making strides in indoor track.

After graduating college, Shertzer moved to San Antonio, Texas to train with the national Modern Pentathlon team while attending graduate school. In 2005, when Pentathlon moved its headquarters to the main Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, she followed suit to live and train onsite through the World Championships and Olympic Games. 2008 returned Shertzer to Pennsylvania where she eventually joined the PaANG in 2009.

Although a well-seasoned and highly trained runner, it wasn't until after Shertzer joined the Guard that she gave any thought to running a full marathon.

## AWARDS, RECORDS, AND MORE.

- Two-time NCAA Div III All American in Cross Country (2000, 2001)
- Two-time NCAA Div III All American in Track (10k - 2000, Steeplechase - 2002)
- Member of US National/World Modern Pentathlon Team and resident athlete at US Olympic Training Center in CO Springs (2005-2008)
- Three-time Modern Pentathlon World Championships participant (2006-2008)
- Modern Pentathlon Olympic Trials/Test Event qualifier in Beijing (2007)
- Second place female finisher at Air Force Half Marathon - broke previous course record (2010)
- Eighth place female finisher at Army Ten-Miler (2010)
- First place female finisher Kauai Half Marathon - set new course record (2011)
- Sixth place female finisher at Army Ten-Miler (2011)

"I was encouraged by National Guard members that were on the team, and they talked me into it," said Shertzer. "I had done the Air Force half [marathon], and I did the Army 10-miler, and they encouraged me to try the full marathon."

She's been running marathons – and winning them – ever since.

In May, she took first place for National Guard females and second place among overall female runners with a time of 2:54:20. Doing so qualified her to become a member of the All Guard Marathon Team, which represents the National Guard in marathons across the country.

Since then, Shertzer's been running marathons all over the world and is showing no sign of slowing down. In late October, she'll compete as a member of the Air Force Team in the Marine Corps marathon, which also serves as Armed Forces Championships.

While she's not running, Shertzer plays the oboe and English horn in the concert band and tenor saxophone in the ceremonial band for the 553rd Band of the Mid-Atlantic. She also teaches private oboe lessons, plays in the Lebanon Community Concert Band, and serves as a substitute for the Central Penn Symphony Orchestra.

Kathrine Switzer, famous for being the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as a numbered entry, once said "If you are losing faith in human nature, go out and watch a marathon." When asked to give advice to any would-be runners, Shertzer simply replied, "Running is very simple; if you put in the time and work, you get a return [on your investment]... just get out there and build a base. Once you have some mileage in you'd be amazed at what you can do."

-The Nebraska National Guard contributed



*Air Force Airman 1st Class Emily Shertzer, a member of the 553rd Band of the Mid-Atlantic in the Pennsylvania National Guard, competes in her first marathon at the National Guard/Lincoln Marathon May 1, 2011. Shertzer won the top spot for National Guard females and second place among overall female runners with a time of 2 hours, 54 minutes, 10 seconds. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alex Salmon)*

"If you are losing faith in human nature, go out and watch a marathon."

~ Katherine Switzer



# New lineup joins chaplain team

A new lineup has joined the chaplain team at the 193rd. A total of six new members, three chaplains and three chaplain assistants, have now enlisted into the Wing.

With the rookies now on the field, the Wing is afforded the opportunity to have a two-man-team at Fort Indiantown Gap on drill weekends. The Gap will now host church service at 1 p.m. on Sundays in Shambach Hall and is working to plan Mass on Saturdays. Office hours have also been established for Chaplain 1st Lt. Aaron Reynolds in his office in Building 1-26, second floor, on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon.

So welcome the newest rookies of our Wing chaplain team and take a moment to learn a bit more about them:

## Rookies



**Father Capt. John Bateman**  
chaplain

**Hometown:** Waynesboro, Pa.  
**Years of service:** commissioned in July 2011  
**Denomination:** Catholic  
**Interesting fact:** Father Bateman enjoys riding motorcycle and is a skiing enthusiast, traveling to Colorado annually for the fresh powder.



## Rookies



**Staff Sgt. Michael Boring**  
chaplain assistant

**Hometown:** Bainbridge, Pa.  
**Years of service:** 14  
**Prior units:** Andrews Air Force Base  
Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England  
1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade  
Air Reserve Wing, Willow Grove  
111th Fighter Wing  
**Interesting fact:** Sgt. Boring enjoys riding motorcycle and once drove for 36 hours straight from Lancaster, Pa., to Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, to report to fuels school.



## Rookies



**Staff Sgt. Tim Keller**  
chaplain assistant

**Hometown:** Orelan, Pa.  
**Years of service:** 9  
**Previous units:** Office of Navy Intelligence, Joint Forces Intelligence Communication  
**Interesting fact:** Sgt. Keller is an avid marathon runner and has completed six. His most memorable was the 2010 Marine Corps Marathon where he ran alongside several wounded warriors and several others running to honor them.



## Rookies



**Chaplain Maj. Shannon Pitts**  
chaplain

**Hometown:** Lost Creek, W. Va.  
**Years of service:** 14  
**Previous units:** Marine Expeditionary Force Religious  
4th Combat Engineer Battalion  
1st Marine Division (deployment)  
130th Airlift Wing  
20th Fighter Wing



**Denomination:** Independent Assemblies of God  
**Interesting fact:** Chaplain Pitts has coached youth football, ages 10-12, for the past six years. For those six years, the team has a 51-9 record.

## Rookies



**Chaplain 1st Lt. Aaron Daniel Reynolds**  
chaplain

**Hometown:** Sabillasville, Md.  
**Years of service:** 10  
**Prior units:** 167th Airlift Wing, Air Reserve Chaplain Candidate Program  
**Denomination:** Pentecostal Church of God  
**Interesting fact:** Chaplain Reynolds enjoys playing basketball and plays in an intramural league.



## Rookies



**Senior Airman Brittany Servais**  
chaplain assistant

**Hometown:** Rosenhayn, NJ  
**Years of service:** 3  
**Previous unit:** 673rd Communication Squadron  
**Interesting fact:** Airman Servais is a certified massage therapist.





# Sounding Off

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

## MSG commander position announced

The Wing Commander is seeking resumes from eligible members for the position of Commander, 193d Mission Support Group. The position is being dually advertised as a traditional and/or technician opportunity. Interested members must have appropriate command and work experience and be eligible for promotion to colonel. The State HR office will soon advertise the position for those interested in the job in a fulltime capacity. Those interested in the position as a traditional should submit their application c/o Maj Amy Crossley, Wing Executive Officer, by close of the Dec 11 UTA.

## Ronald McDonald House drive scheduled

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Enlisted Council is having a drive for Ronald McDonald House. Boxes will be put out at the end of October's drill. The drive will run until December's drill.

Here are items that are needed for the drive:

Food items: single serving cereal, chips, crackers, candy, cookies, microwave foods, fruit juice, pop tarts, breakfast bars

Supply items: disinfectant spray, high efficiency laundry detergent, liquid hand soap/ hand sanitizer, plastic utensils, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, paper plates and bowls

Toiletry items: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, body wash

For the kids: Family DVDs and board games, coloring books, crayons, books, various toys for children of all ages

Gift cards: Kmart, Karns, Giant, Wal-Mart, Weis, Applebee's, Bob Evans, Friendly's, Isaac's, McDonald's, Staples, Sheetz, Turkey Hill, pre-paid phone cards

## First sergeant announced

The 201st RED HORSE Squadron announces a first sergeant vacancy. The position applications should be submitted no later than the end of the October drill, to Master Sgt. Rick Panzar, Chairman of the First Sergeants Council. The 193rd Security Forces Squadron also announces a first sergeant vacancy. The position applications should be submitted no later than the end of the October drill, to Chief Master Sgt. Steve Hile, Command Chief. All information on how to submit is outlined in 193 SOW OI 36-2104. Boards will take place on 4 Nov 2011, times and location to be announced.

## Family Readiness events announced

WHO: Military Members and their Families

WHAT: Disney-on-Ice "Dare to Dream"

WHEN: Fri, 4 Nov @ 7:30PM and Sat, 5 Nov @ 7:00PM

WHERE: Giant Center, Hershey

PRICE: \$20.00 each

Tickets are picked up at the "will call" box office, have to show some form of photo ID. If interested, contact Sandy at Family Support X3155 or [sandy.scott@ang.af.mil](mailto:sandy.scott@ang.af.mil)

COMING SOON: Tickets for Hershey Park in the Dark, Hershey Sweet Lights and Hershey Park Christmas CandyLane. For more information contact Sandy.

193rd Special Operations Wing Children's Christmas party will be Sunday Dec., 4. Place and time to be determined.

## What's on the Menu

**UTA PAYDAY!**  
October 28

### Constellation Cafe

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

#### SATURDAY

##### Main Line:

Brats w/ sauerkraut  
Jaeger schnitzel  
Mashed potato  
Buttered cabbage  
Carrots  
Soup de jour  
Salad bar  
Assorted Desserts

##### Snack Line:

Hamburgers  
Hot dogs  
Baked beans  
Waffle fries

#### SUNDAY

##### Main Line:

Pepper steak  
Baked chicken  
Oven brown potatoes  
Rice  
Vegetable mix  
Succotash  
Soup de jour  
Salad bar  
Assorted Desserts

##### Snack Line:

Hamburgers  
Turkey corn dogs  
Baked beans  
Waffle fries

##### Clancys:

Open from Apr - Jun and Aug - Sep

##### 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.

# ABOUT FACE

Do you remember where you were and what you were doing on Sept. 11, 2001?



**MASTER SGT. SCOTT KRAMER, CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON, FIREFIGHTER**

*"I was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base as an Armor and was just coming into work. We got ready for base defense and prepared to send guys to the Pentagon."*

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LAUREL MITCHELL, CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

*"I was in high school sitting in a computer class. We waited and watched the news. Classmates called family in New York. I went with classmates and other volunteers to New York a couple days later, it was devastating and we felt powerless."*



**CHIEF MASTER SGT. ROBERT SHARTLE, CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS**

*"I was at my civilian job, construction electrician in Camp Hill. I recieved a phone call from the office and thought it was an accident. I recieved another call after the second tower was hit. I tried to calm the secretary down and tried to down play it because I couldn't believe anyone would attack us. Then I called the 193rd and was on standby. I'm a soccer coach and that same evening held soccer practice to give normalcy to the kids."*



The 193rd Civil Engineer Squadron held a Sept., 11 remembrance ceremony during September's drill at the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown Pa. (Photos by Technical Sgt. Culeen Shaffer.)