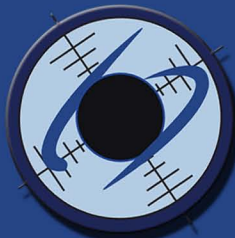


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**ON THE COVER**

*The war propaganda poster, "Someone Talked" was originally created by the artist Siebel in 1942. During World War II, "Careless talk" posters warned people that information regarding troop movements or logistical details would be useful to the enemy. (Photo illustration by Senior Airman Claire Behney)*



*By Senior Master Sgt. Dale Perry*

**Wing First Sergeant**

The first sergeant is a vital link between the Unit commander, base agencies and enlisted personnel within the Unit. Strong leadership skills and professional maturity are necessary to successfully perform duties as a first sergeant.

The 193rd Special Operations Wing currently has 13 outstanding first sergeants that represent you. Each is active on the Wing First Sergeant Council, a body of dedicated professionals working to maintain a mission-ready force through multiple resources and established camaraderie, vital to the success of the Wing. A lot of what we do goes unnoticed (e.g., between drills, during evenings while our spouses watch American Idol, etc.). Along with our objectives of helping Supervisors supervise during our Unit Training Assemblies, we're sometimes busy chasing down Family Care plans, coordinating enlisted promotion boards, conducting disciplinary counseling, or distributing letters to the month's lucky golden flow participants.

Good work brings good rewards; command chiefs emphasize expectations prior to each first sergeant being considered for

**Wing First Sergeant Perspective**

selection. Simply put, first sergeants understand the commitment. Chief Master Sgt. Drew Horn used to always say, "the First Sergeant is the best job in the Air Force." He just might be right.

Back in January, the National Guard Bureau implemented a senior master sergeant first sergeant position for each Wing within the Air National Guard. In April, I was fortunate to be selected to fill the position, leaving a great Unit, 112th Air Operations Squadron, State College, Pa., of

which I served as first sergeant for five great years. In an effort to balance the first sergeant corps, the position is assigned to both Wing and Medical Group.

Like any new endeavor, the position comes with challenges and requires some clarification as to its purpose. The purpose of the position is to broaden the leadership scope and support of the Wing while assisting the command chief with the functional management of the Wing First Sergeant Council. Even though the position serves a dual role, the term "Wing First Sergeant" does not imply the position oversees the enlisted matters of the entire Wing; that's the job of our command chief. Rather, the position is responsible to the Wing staff (e.g., Finance, Command Post) and MDG only. In my new role, I report to both Col. John Dickinson, vice Wing commander, and Col. David Gann, Medical Group commander.

The office for the position is located in the MDG next to Colonel Gann's office. The success of any first sergeant hinges on the support of their commander, command chief and First Sergeant Council. I am extremely fortunate to have a solid foundation in all regards and look forward to making the position one of which helps to maintain our mission's most important asset; it's people!

*Have a story to tell or a job vacancy? Contact the Public Affairs Office and share the news! Scope advertising works for you to get the word out!*

*\*All submissions must be received by the Sunday of the UTA prior to the desired run date*




# Promotions

### Promotion to Chief Master Sergeant

Brian D. Koser 193 SOMXS

### Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant

Harry E. Myrick Jr 193 SOMXG

### Promotion to Master Sergeant

Christopher A. Parker 203 WF

Dana L. Lambert 271 CBCS

### Promoted to Technical Sergeant

David P. Chandler 193 SOMXS

Jody E. Smith 193 SOMXS

Christopher M. Fagan 193 SOMXS

Bronze C. Brubaker 193 SOMXS

Ryan W. McFarland 193 SOMXS

John C. Neubaum 201 RHS

### Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Christopher R. Hetrick 193 SOAMXS

John C. Lambakis 193 SOMXS

Christopher Kuzmitsky 193 SOCS

Andrew L. Verriotto 193 SF

Stephen G. Orban 193 SF

### Promoted to Senior Airman

Kaitlyn E. Cook 193 SOW

Scott E. Sehar 193 SOMXS

Joshua J. McMahan 193 SOMXS

Timothy L. H. Crouse 193 SOMXS

Matthew S. Ankabrandt 193 SOAMXS

Robert E. Frantz 193 SOMXS

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Heather I. Holmes 211 EIS

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James R. Moyer 211 EIS

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## News In Brief

### *Public Health advises on pregnancy*

The Air National Guard has a commitment to keeping risks at the workplace at a minimum. This commitment requires women to report their pregnancies to public health.

Once the pregnancy is confirmed, public health will conduct an interview to evaluate positional occupational exposures. The public health technician will brief the female on hazards and other important things pertaining to a successful pregnancy.

Bioenvironmental engineers will complete an on site evaluation if potential concerns are found by public health. When the pregnancy profile is completed the pregnant Air National Guard member will receive two copies for her records. The original will be placed in her medical records in outpatient records.

Knowing you are having a baby is a wonderful thing, but also comes with a lot of responsibilities, not only after the baby is born, but before too; getting a profile is one of those responsibilities. These pregnancy profiles are important to the mother and the unborn child. They help the Air Force keep their commitment. They help keep the mother and child safe and healthy.

All of us at Public Health know that this is a time of a lot of questions and concerns. We are here to help, for additional information about your pregnancy or any other questions please call Staff Sgt. Michael Mercier of the Public Health office at 423-2236.

### **NG serves bravely at home, abroad**

Six hundred ninety-three: That's how many brave, selfless National Guardsmen and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11 to ensure others a chance to enjoy freedom. Memorial Day is once again upon us, and it is important to reflect upon and honor those who have served in defense of our nation.

Memorial Day grew from a Civil War tradition of women's groups gathering each year to decorate the graves of those whose lives were lost. Believe it or not, just two decades after that bloody conflict, some wondered why the holiday was necessary. One of its veterans, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. -- later a Supreme Court justice -- argued remembrance was not only relevant, but a duty to the fallen. "It is for us to bear the report to those who come after us," Holmes stated.

In the last decade alone, the National Guard has supported more than 675,000 mobilizations in support of domestic and overseas missions. Equally impressive are our reenlistment rates since 9/11.

*To read the rest of the story, visit: <http://www.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303169>*

# Social networking sites helpful tools, dangerous weapons

Story by Senior Airman Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

Social networking sites are global, public forums, open to friends and foe alike. Knowing what's shared and with whom it's being shared is vital to one's personal security, as well as the security of the 193rd Special Operations Wing and your fellow Airmen. The adversary is out there, willing and able to gather any information, and the

question is – will you be an enabler?

“No longer can Airmen passively surf the Web and use social media sites, oblivious to the dangers of operation security,” said Capt. Jay Ostrich, 193rd Special

Operations Wing chief of public affairs. “We must all take personal responsibility and proactive steps in securing our personal information as it can clearly compromise the safety of our Airmen and Wing's missions.”

The military communications and

intelligence communities conduct daily briefings on the threats and vulnerabilities that social networking sites present, said Captain Ostrich.

“What was once considered by the military a great vehicle to recruit, foster esprit de corps and efficiently pass command information may now be headed for dangerous curves and a dead-end street,” Captain Ostrich said. “The only way to avoid these dangerous curves is to be situationally aware of who you represent when you're both on and off duty.”

Situational awareness applies to military policy and operational security, both on and off duty.

“Simply put, the First Amendment rights of members of the military are limited by the requirements of both the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Pennsylvania Code of Military Justice,” said Lt. Col. Dennis J. Buckley, Wing staff judge advocate. “The Codes of Military Justice that we are bound by and sworn to uphold require that ‘good order and discipline be maintained,’ and that we not engage in acts that would bring discredit on the military forces.”

Bringing discredit on the military forces includes how you reveal yourself to the world through your social networking site, a site that again can be accessed worldwide by anyone from adversaries to family members alike.

“Whether speaking verbally or in print, including blogs, always consider your special status as a member of the Armed Forces in what you say,” said Colonel

Buckley. “We are all volunteers, and we have willingly agreed to limit some of our own liberties to protect those enjoyed by our friends, families and the other citizens of our nation.”

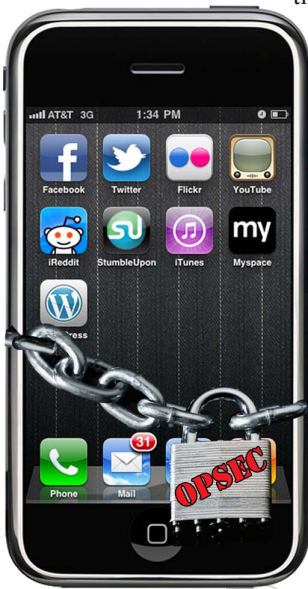
Being situational aware when it comes to matters of operation security could be a matter of life and death.

“We support the war fighter in many ways, but in supporting the war fighter, we must also help protect them,” said Maj. Howard Nast, Wing OPSEC Program Manager. “We protect them by not releasing that critical, yet still unclassified information, whether verbally or in pictures, and what may seem like a simple statement or general conversation is really providing pieces of the puzzle that an adversary could use to build a complete picture and react to it.”

Major Nast said Airmen should not be sharing information that could compromise the safety of themselves, their families or their Unit; and to think before you hit the enter key.

“Always think about what information you are giving out; once the information is out there, it's out there and can be used against you,” said Major Nast.

**Major Howard Nast and Master Sgt. Calvin Kaloz are the Wing's OPSEC Program Managers. You may contact Major Nast (717-928-2356 or [howard.nast@ang.af.mil](mailto:howard.nast@ang.af.mil)) or your Group OPSEC Coordinators for additional information. Stay tuned for monthly input in the Scope from our your Wing OPSEC program managers.**



## PROTECTING YOURSELF

There are several things you can do to protect yourself and any critical information when using social networking sites.

First and most importantly, verify the identity of those who attempt to friend you on SNS. A name and a photograph do not constitute verification.

- Lock down your profile/make it private
- Be suspicious
- Do a web search on yourself, your unit, and family members to see what information is posted to the internet.
- Review information and photos before posting.
- Be aware of any Public Affairs implications of your activities.
- Watch out for your friends and ensure they aren't posting any OPSEC disclosures. Data aggregation from different sources could reveal sensitive or even classified information.
- Educate your fellow unit members, family members and friends on the risks of SNS.
- Don't use the same password for each SNS. Do not use information commonly associated with you (family name, pet names, etc...)

To learn more, please visit <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/Protect%20Yourself.html>



# OPSEC: relevant to every Airman

*Commentary by Maj. Robert Sweeney*

65th Operations Support Squadron

During the Vietnam War, a special team was established to address the alarming number of pilot casualties and aircraft lost from enemy attacks.

The team, known as “Purple Dragon,” was established to take a critical look at operational tactics and mission planning. What the team eventually discovered was a host of “open source” information that linked aircraft call signs to mission related activities

Since the call signs were easily intercepted via radio transmissions and behaviors were neither random nor cleverly concealed, enemy insurgents were able to accurately predict what, where, when and how missions would unfold.

Operations security became the moniker and the program established processes to protect key assets and critical information. The goal is to prevent competitors or adversaries from accurately deducing or predicting critical or sensitive information. The process includes not only identifying critical information, but analyzing threats and vulnerabilities to determine associated risks, and develop effective countermeasures to negate viable risks. It focuses on information or activities that require protection and assists in understanding how someone might attempt to acquire that information.

OPSEC is an important part of any successful organization. Blending OPSEC into everyday activities is important to satisfying mission requirements.

Service members must be mindful of any information that might violate OPSEC. What happens when OPSEC is violated? Omission of any OPSEC element results in a security program liable to provide inadequate protection or require unnecessary or expensive protection measures.

At the basic level, a combined definition of critical information can be summed up as, “a collection of absolutely necessary facts and data about a specific subject.” An indicator can be defined as, “something observed or calculated that is used to show the presence of a condition or trend.”

The old World War II advertising campaign is simple, but true “Loose lips sink ships.” OPSEC is everyone’s responsibility; we must all do our part to manage our unit’s critical information and



*The OPSEC purple dragon has become the symbol of operation security due to the Purple Dragon team that was established to look at operation tactics and mission planning. (Courtesy graphic)*

adhere to the countermeasures in place to protect information. Each unit has a developed listing of critical information along with associated countermeasures to manage their indicators.

Whether in times of war or peace, we must all be careful to recognize what a unique role we all play in maintaining OPSEC. When we operate under the old premise of “loose lips sink ships,” we protect those men and women executing the tactical requirements at all levels, so they are free to operate in an uncompromised environment.

The next time you are sitting at your terminal, engaging in friendly conversation locally or over the telephone, or posting something on Facebook, think critically about the information you convey. If someone was listening or watching, are you compromising or inadvertently divulging critical information?

Disclosure by multiple areas or people can easily tear down the countless number of hours spent on managing information. Be careful, and most importantly, be aware.

## OPSEC BREAKDOWN

Operation Security or OPSEC is the process of identifying critical information and subsequently analyzing friendly actions attendant to military operations and other activities to:

- Identify those actions that can be observed by adversary intelligence systems
- Determine indicators that hostile intelligence systems might obtain that could be interpreted or pieced together to derive critical information in time to be useful to adversaries
- Select and execute measures that eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level the vulnerabilities of friendly actions to adversary exploitation

Operations security protects critical information from adversaries in ways that traditional security program cannot. At its core, OPSEC boils down to, what small pieces of information can be pieced together to obtain a larger picture of our operations?

To learn more, please visit <http://www.stratcom.mil/snstraining/opsec.html>



# Sounding Off

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

### FSS commissioning opportunity

The 193rd Force Support Squadron has a commissioning opportunity for a traditional guard Force Support officer. Qualified individuals seeking a commission opportunity as a Force Support officer should submit a cover letter, resume, military biography and AFOQT scores to Maj. Keith Littlewood, 193 FSS/FSO, at keith.littlewood@ang.af.mil no later than Sunday.

### Airmen update gas mask inserts

If you are currently wearing spectacles for any reason, whether 'just for driving' or 'just drugstore readers,' then you are required to have gas mask inserts. If you have never been issued inserts, or it has been many years since you have had an update, please see the Optometry clinic staff at the 193rd Medical Group after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday of the UTA. Bring or wear your most current glasses or bring a current written prescription. Most inserts are delivered by the next UTA.

### Discounted baseball tickets offered

Harrisburg Senators and Applebee's teamed up to offer Military Mondays. Any home games that fall on a Monday will be half-price on the \$10.00, \$12.00, and \$14.00 seats, to active and retired military, reserves, guardsman and their families. All you have to do is show your military ID at the Box Office!

This offer is valid at the Box Office only, no phone or online orders are accepted. This offer is valid for all seating types except the following: all-you-can-eat seats, club seats, and luxury suites.

### Wing launches Facebook page

The 193rd Special Operations Wing has entered the social media realm. "Like" our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/193rd-Special-Operations-Wing/200923618834>. Check the page for Wing news and let us know what you would like to see on our Facebook page.



## What's on the Menu

### Constellation Cafe

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

#### SATURDAY

##### Main Line:

- BBQ beef cubes
- Chicken fajitas
- Steamed rice
- Potatoes O'Brien
- Cauliflower
- Corn on the cob

##### Snack Line:

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Chicken tenders
- Baked beans
- French fries

#### SUNDAY

##### Main Line:

- Mr. Z's baked chicken
- Pepper steak
- Ginger rice
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Mixed vegetables

##### Snack Line:

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Hot dogs
- Baked beans
- French fries

#### Grab and go lunch:

There will not be a grab and go meal this weekend

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