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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello and Welcome,

Our beautiful summer weather is upon us and we would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy summer. Enjoy those vacations!

We are pleased to report that your board has been busy with a variety of agenda items. Primarily, our efforts have been heavily toward the continuous needs of our 193rd Wing members and their requests through our Assistance Fund. These funds have been approved and expended for a variety of crisis intervention needs. Thus this newsletter edition includes several articles about the Assistance fund, from our policy that gives us guidance to the history of giving through the years.

Our mission as a board dictates we act in a responsible manner for the benefit of the 193rd SOW members and not as a go-to resource for every and all requests that don't comply with our mandated policy. We ask that when a request is made, the need is as fully explained as possible in order that the board can diligently review them and make a timely response. For all to remember, these requests remain confidential to just a select group of people, namely, the 193rd SOW Association Board of Directors and generally the First Sergeant and/or Commander of the member.

The 193rd SOW Association Board of Directors views this responsibility as a step in assisting in a variety of ways to aid members so they can function in their mission without the burden of added stress.

In order to weigh these needs and expend our resources, we thank all of you who have supported us through contributions during the Federal Giving and United Way Campaigns.

Back in May we spent a beautiful day touring some of Wings facilities not only in Middletown but at the Gap as well. We also spent some time at the National Guard Museum which includes some exhibits from the Wing and the Air National Guard. There are more details and pictures on page 4. The Museum is open to the public, stop in and see it.

Additionally, we have been able to continue to contribute to the Wings MWR Activities for all 193rd members, and in some cases their families to enjoy and utilize.

We continue to appreciate the wonderful cooperation and input we receive from the 193rd Special Operations Wing Commander and his staff. They are of immeasurable assistance to us.

Our newsletter has valuable information for all, and we would appreciate any input any of you have that might improve the newsletter or the 193rd SOW Association in general. We also encourage any and all that might offer their services to volunteer for association needs.

Thank you and again, have a safe and happy summer and fall.

Barry Frey, President

The 193rd SOW Association (Combined Federal Campaign #45961) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contributions help support Association initiatives. All donations are tax deductible.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 14, 2012

Board Members Present:

Barry Frey	Drew Horn	Richard Shirk	Paul Weidensaul
Randy Eckert	William Shupp	James McGovern	Matthew Mehalick
Scott Keener	Fred Bailey		

Board Members Excused: Kathleen Loughran, David Hawkins, Wayne Isett, Dennis Walborn, Samuel Varnicle

193rd Family Readiness: none

193rd Liaison Officer: none

-Call to Order:

President Frey welcomed attendees to the annual membership meeting at 1500.

President Frey introduced the current Association Board of Directors in attendance.

A slide show was presented explaining the Association.

1. Past Meeting Minutes- Kathleen Loughran
The meeting minutes were approved as published.
2. Financial Report- Barry Frey
President Barry Frey explained and reviewed current funds and assets.
President Frey reviewed the 2012 budget.
3. Presidents Comments- President Barry Frey spoke to the membership explaining the new associate membership categories, our Hershey Free Church partnership, and a new scholarship program that is being worked. President Frey also touched on an upcoming retirees day event that is scheduled.
4. Pamphlets were provided to all in attendance explaining the Association and containing a membership application.
5. New Business:
Elections: Election Chairman Drew Horn held the annual election for Association Board of Directors. Ballots were passed out to current members and absentee ballots were counted as well. Winners are: Scott Keener, James McGovern, Suzanne McMurry and Rick Shirk.
President Frey briefed the Associations membership breakdown of 325 members in good standing (having paid 2012 dues). We currently have 210 retirees and 115 active drilling guard members.
6. President Frey spoke on our affiliations with the United Way and SECCA. These funds go into the Associations Assistance fund. United way pledges are based on civilian pay and as members get deployed the pledges stop causing the Association to receive about 80-90% of our pledges.
7. The importance of the Assistance Fund was stressed by President Frey and Vice President Shirk. Since its inception the Assistance fund granting has grown from 1 case of \$225.00 in 2007 to 12 cases and \$5693.36 in assistance provided in 2011.
8. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted by,

Randy Eckert
Acting Recording Secretary

BOARD of DIRECTOR and OFFICERS

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after its election, Officers were elected for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

President - Barry F. Frey
Vice President - Rick G. Shirk
Past President - William C. Shupp Jr.
Treasurer - Dennis C. Walborn
Financial Secretary - Randy L. Eckert
Recording Secretary - Kathleen E. Loughran

3 - Year Directors:

Scott A. Keener
James A. McGovern
Suzanne McMurray
Rick G. Shirk

2 - Year Directors:

Fred H. Bailey
Randy L. Eckert
John W. Seitz

1 - Year Directors:

Kathleen E. Loughran
David S. Hawkins
Wayne G. Isett
Samuel A. Varnicle III



Brigadier General

Jerry Otterbein is the Wing Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Middletown, Pa. He joined the 193rd SOW in December 1983 and attended the Academy of Military Science at

Knoxville Tenn., graduating as a second lieutenant in April 1984. Following Officer training, he attended Undergraduate Pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Phoenix, and graduated in June 1985. As a traditional guardsman, he has logged more than 3,900 hours, flying the EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft and held qualifications as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot.

Brig. Gen. Otterbein's first command assignment began in January 2001, when he assumed command of the 193rd Special Operations Support Flight. He went on to become the 193rd Special Operations Squadron Commander, the 193rd Special Operations Group Commander, the 193rd Vice Wing Commander, and on February 1, 2012, assumed the title of 193rd Wing Commander.

Brig. Gen. Otterbein has deployed in numerous operations to include Desert Shield/ Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Joint Guard, Flowing Pen, Noble Anvil, Desert Thunder and most recently Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Morale and Recreation

The Association is proud to be a part of everyone's Morale and Recreation activities again. This year the Association proudly donated \$1.00 per person towards these activities. We hope to hear from everyone and even get some pictures that we can publish in an upcoming newsletter.

193rd Association Website

Are you registered on our website <http://193sow.org>? The Association strives to keep everyone up to date on promotions, retirements and all activities and current events at the wing. We also post items of interest to our retirees.

Outstanding Airman's Awards

This is another program that we are very proud of. The Board is looking for someone to take the lead and work with this program. In the past we have received many business contributions to give to these honored Airman. With your help we plan to surpass previous years. If you would like to help or know of any business that you think would like to be involved contact any board member.

Visit us at- <http://www.193sow.org>

E-Mail to- solo@193sow.org

Retirees Day

This year we rolled an appreciation day into our retirees day. The wing agreed that we should show our appreciation to our working group of our "Troop Support program". We invited members of VFW Post 9639 and The Hershey Free Church to join us on our tour of the 193rd Special Operations Wing. Individually none of us could make the program work, but by working together we have

a great program. We started out the day with some great briefings followed by a tour of the PPT and simulator. It was evident that things are a changing. No tour would be complete without a walk through of one of the EC-130 J model Aircraft. After that we loaded on a bus for the trip to Air Station-2. We had lunch at the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club. After a scenic ride through the mountains we arrived at the Bollen Air-To-Ground Weapons Range where we received a briefing on their unique mission. Some of our folks actually climbed to the top of their tower to get the best view of their range and targets. Others gathered on a lower observation deck to see the facilities. This armored personnel carrier shows the destruction caused by A-10 aircraft. There

was a short visit by the Air Park and EC-130 exhibit at Fort Indiantown Gap. The day ended at the National Guard Military Museum at Fort Indiantown Gap. Some of the main exhibit building was taken back to WW-II conditions. A great time was had by all in attendance.



193rd SOW Association -Assistance Fund
History of Giving

YEAR 2007 - 1 Case - \$ 225.00
YEAR 2008 - 2 Cases - \$ 300.00
YEAR 2009 - 4 Cases - \$ 1550.00
YEAR 2010 - 12 Cases - \$ 5017.50
YEAR 2011 - 12 Cases - \$ 6693.36

YEAR 2012-

Case #12-1 - \$ 0.00
Case #12-2 - \$ 0.00
Case #12-3 - \$ 1000.00
Case #12-4 - \$ 475.00
Case #12-5 - \$ 500.00
Case #12-6 - \$ 00.00
Case #12-7 - \$ 1000.00
Case #12-8 - \$ 00.00
Case #12-9 - \$ 1000.00
Case #12-10 - \$ 00.00
Case #12-11 - \$ 1000.00

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Assistance Fund Policy

The 193rd SOW Association Assistance Fund is a fund within the 193rd Association. It is a fund designed to assist all Association Members and current members of the 193rd SOW on an as “needed” basis. We consider for the purpose of this assistance fund an emergency based need such as living expenses, food, rent, mortgage, utilities, health related issues that may include the aforementioned. The board will also consider military associated requests, such as MWR.

We do not consider cable TV, school tuition, life insurance, health insurance, telephone needs, home improvement, credit cards, etc., as a need.

The assistance fund only provides short term needs.

All information is confidential and will not be provided outside the board members unless coordination is developed with the Family Readiness/Support Group. In that case it will be kept confidential within this working group.

We will offer counseling, if needed, to area food banks, family and church support groups.

We will work closely with Family Readiness.

We will provide financial counseling advice when possible.

The President, Vice-President and Past President have the authority to approve an initial \$100 if the emergency meets the criteria above. Any larger amount(s) must be approved by the majority of the voting members of the association board. In any case, the board must be notified of any monetary assistance issued.

The procedure for request of the 193rd SOW Assistance Fund is to fill out the application form and return it to the 193rd SOW Association Office shared with the Family Readiness Office, located on the 1st floor of Bldg. #81.