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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2018 here we come... As I write this note for the first newsletter of the year for the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association we are in the midst of a cold snap in Central PA. Imagine that, cold in January and the Farm Show is just around the corner.

January for the Association every year means we are working the applications for approval to be listed in the State Employee Combined Appeal, SECA and the Combined Federal Campaign, CFC. These campaigns are vital to the 193rd SOW Association's fundraising ability. During 2017 we were the benefactors of almost \$9,000.00 in giving from folks like you who selected the Association as their charity of choice. This amount was down from the previous year, 2017, when we received a little more than \$11,000. Those two programs, along with membership dues and other donations help us to fulfill our charter of helping the Airmen and their families of the 193rd and our Association members.

I invite you to attend our annual meeting scheduled for April UTA in the DFAC at Middletown. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and review our budget and elect members to our board of directors.

Please take a look at our financial summary in this newsletter to get an understanding of the significant amount of monies that go to the Wing and Airmen in need of financial help. This past year we had 13 requests for assistance, provided funds to help defer the costs of the Wing Dining Out, Family Day and Holiday parties, three scholarships, awards for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, new items for the display at aircraft 7773 at the Gap, support to the Right Start program and other items around the wing. In total we gave back to the Wing and its members over \$14,000 dollars.

I am excited about the future and our ability to help the Wing, its Airmen and our members as we move forward in our journey. We are only limited by the support and generosity of you, our members in giving of your time and resources.

As always you will only get out of an organization what you put into it in the terms of time and resources. We welcome anyone to step up and help us on the board or any of our committees.

I look forward to working toward and achieving our goals of providing an organization that continues the fellowship and friendships we established at the 193rd SOW, helping to ensure our history and heritage is preserved, assist with projects as we are able and to provide financial assistance to the Wing, its Airmen, their families and our retired members.

David Hawkins, President

BREAKFAST CLUB — Starting at 0830

Feb 19, 2018 Highspire
Apr 9, 2018 Myerstown
Jun 18, 2018 Highspire
Jul 9, 2018 Myerstown

Country Fare Restaurant
498 E. Lincoln Ave (Route 422 East)
Myerstown 717-866-9043

Angie's Family Restaurant
1360 Eisenhower Blvd Highspire
717-939-0417

Oct 8, 2018 Myerstown
Oct 22, 2018 Highspire
Jan 7, 2019 Myerstown

**193rd SOW Association
Spring Membership Meeting
Agenda**

7 Apr 2017 - 1500 Hours
193d SOW Dining Facility

1. Picnic Lunch during meeting
2. Mission Briefing
3. Call to Order - President
4. President's opening comments
5. Read and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
6. 2017 Financial Report
7. 2018 Budget
8. New Business
 - Election
 - By-Laws update
 - Recent Accomplishments
 - Association Assistance Fund
 - SECA / United Way Giving
 - Scholarship Program
9. Meeting Adjournment

193rd SOW Association Assets

Checking Account	
General Fund	\$5,869.58
Assistance Fund	\$6,793.48
Special Fund	\$3,139.56
Investments	
Certificates of Deposit, GF	\$11,000.00
KLKS Life, GF	\$14,000.00
Total Fund Balance	\$40,802.62

Budget 2018

INCOME	
Donations	2500.00
Scholarship Donations	500.00
Fund Raising	600.00
Interest, Checking	2.00
Interest, Investments	425.00
Annual Membership Dues	1750.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>1750.00</u>
Total Income	\$7,527.00
EXPENSES	
Outstanding Airman Awards	745.00
Donations,	
Airman MWR Activity	2800.00
Right Start Program	500.00
Scholarship	1.00
Leadership Seminars	50.00
Other	200.00
Death Benefit	150.00
Dues Notices	300.00
Fund Raising	2.00
Insurance	1250.00
Membership Meeting	175.00
Newsletters (Two)	1100.00
Office Supplies	25.00
Postage	150.00
Professional Fees (Audit & Taxes)	1.00
Special Project	50.00
Troop Care Packages	25.00
Website Services	<u>1.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$7,525.00
Surplus	2.00

Demographics of Your Association

As of 31 December 2017 we have:

Total Membership:	378
Associate Members:	4
Life Members:	286
Retirees:	240
Active Guardsmen:	126
Officers:	99
Senior NCO's:	224
Airman:	51
Members with at least;	
14 Years continuous longevity:	134
10 Years continuous longevity:	64
5 Years continuous longevity:	69

193rd SOW Association 2017 Assistance Fund

Income	
United Way Giving	8,910.64
SECA included	
Total Income	\$8,910.64

Requests for Assistance:

In 2017, 14 cases were received for monetary assistance from the Association. A total of \$7,602.36 was awarded to these needy cases.

Application Fees	340.00
Case 17- #1	750.00
Case 17- #2	725.13
Case 17- #3	500.00
Case 17- #4	750.00
Case 17- #5	245.53
Case 17- #6	Denied
Case 17- #7	750.00
Case 17- #8	544.22
Case 17- #9	300.00
Case 17- #10	674.00
Case 17- #11	550.00
Case 17- #12 Scholarship	1500.00
Case 17- #13	723.48
Case 17- #14	750.00

Financial Summary 2017

INCOME

Donations	2520.00
Scholarship Donations	149.69
Fees	20.00
Fund Raising	178.52
Interest, Checking Accounts	6.27
Interest, Investments	428.46
Annual Memberships Dues	1785.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>2229.00</u>
Total Income	\$7,316.88

EXPENSES

Outstanding Airman Awards	500.00
Donations	
Airman MWR Activity	2725.50
Scholarships (3)	1500.00 AF
Right Start Program (Shirts)	1096.00
Death Benefit	175.00
Dues Notices	333.09
Insurance	1244.00
Membership Meeting	113.81
Newsletters	1101.32
Office Supplies	63.27
Postage	203.50
Special Projects	
A7773 Project	227.86 SF
Christmas Party	365.00
Gift Lori Wagner	61.00
Newcomer Briefing	<u>250.00 SF</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,959.35

SF (funds donated for a purpose)
Subject to audit

Association Presents Twelfth Annual Outstanding Airman Awards

The 193rd SOW Association presented its Outstanding Ready Guardsman awards this year at the annual awards ceremony. The recipients were:

Company Grade Officer: Capt Shawn Bearinger, 148th Air Support Operations Sq
Senior NCO: MSgt Kerrie Moore, 193d Combat Operations Sq
NCO: TSgt Mark-Anthony Durick, 271st Combat Communications Sq
Airman: SrA Ronald Holey III, 193d Special Operations Communications Sq
Honor Guard Member: MSgt Andrew Belsak, 193d SOW Det 1

This year the association gave each recipient a free years' membership and a \$100 gift card.

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Airman Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

The call for help came after Houston received nearly 52 inches of rain in a 4 day period, flooding about a third of the city and displacing many thousands of people. MSgt Paul Wagaman, a logistics planner said in three days, the wings aircraft moved nearly 34,000 gallons of fuel, moved 156 passengers, and loaded nearly 160 short tons of equipment headed to the Houston area.

Soon after the storm hit the wing's aircraft transported personnel from the 271st CBCS and 148th ASOS, its Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) to Kelly Field, Texas. The team with their communications equipment effectively stood up the first operational communications on site in the aftermath of the storm. They were able to provide local emergency management agencies with real-time, live video and information, which provided real time damage assessment and lifesaving capabilities.



Logistics personnel coordinated the move of four Humvees, four trailers and an entire Army National Guard medical detachment from Allentown on three C-130s bound for the Virgin Islands. They also coordinated transport of maintenance personnel, equipment and a large crane supporting two Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopters from Middletown to Puerto Rico.

Airman from the wing's 201st REDHORSE squadron deployed along with their Disaster Relief Bed-down Set (DRBS) to the US Virgin Islands. Along with the local 285th CES, they were to set up a DRBS which is a small tent city, containing units to support people with lodging, showers and other basic amenities. The kit, totaling nine flatbed loads were shipped separately on a barge. The Airman provided bed down and civil engineer support to the thousands of military personnel supporting relief efforts.



Aircraft maintenance personnel from the wing served in Savannah, Georgia, as well as at a combat readiness hub that had been converted to a hub for hurricane relief support operations. Airmen from the wing coordinated transport out of Johnstown for two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, support equipment and personnel on a C-17 mission to Puerto Rico.

Office Moves

A new Resiliency Center will be opening in the next few weeks. It is on the corner of Hercules Way and Box Car Road, the address will be 67 Hercules Way Middletown Pa 17057. It is the recently renovated and expanded gymnasium, building 67. The new space will contain the Wing Psychologist, the SAPR Program Manager, the Chaplains and the Airman and Family Readiness Program Managers offices. The gym will be located in the back of the building as well.

DD Form 214

It has been said, that a Veteran can not die without providing a copy of their DD Form 214 to their next of kin. It's that important. If you haven't done this, now is the time. The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for veterans to get a copy of their DD Form 214's. www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records Enter your information on-line, and then mail in a signed request, it's that easy. Get it done!! File a copy at the court house for safe keeping.

All are welcome to join us for our

Annual Meeting

April 7th 1500 Hours

In the 193d Dining Facility

Subs during the meeting

Mission Briefing

Election of Directors

Update on Association Business

193rd SOW Association 2017 Scholarship Winners

SSgt Mason Brown
201st RED HORSE Sq

SSgt Dominique Williams - Harrington
193d Air Communications Sq

A1C Taylor Morrison - Tucker
193d Special Operations Maintenance Sq

2018 SOW Association Scholarship Program

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Scholarship is an annual program that gives a five hundred dollar award to a wing member or members it feels demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. This will be the fifth year for the scholarship program and the association is looking forward to receiving many qualified submissions. The Association will be awarding at least two five hundred dollar prizes. The 2018 Scholarship program will open June 1st 2018 and Close July 31st 2018. The requirement for the scholarship this year will be a 300-500 word essay in your own words on the following topic: ***What is leadership, and what do you think makes a good leader.*** The paper should be double-spaced, grammatically correct and not exceed 500 words. If the paper does not meet the requirements specified it will not be considered for the scholarship!

All packages need to be mailed to the 193rd SOW Association at; 193rd SOW Association, 81 Constellation Court #14, Middletown PA 17057, post marked no later than 31 July 2018. Or they can be e-mailed to solo@193sow.org by the same deadline. If there are any questions please contact David Hawkins dhawkins@193sow.org

Good luck to everyone we are looking forward to your application.

Dave Hawkins,
President, & Scholarship Chairman

Annual Election of Association Officers

At our upcoming General Membership meeting on 7 April 2018, at 1500 hrs. We will be holding our annual election for Board of Directors located in the 193d SOW Dining Facility. As our by-laws are written we will elect four (4) members to serve as Board of Directors for a three (3) year term. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold office in the organization. EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT. You can nominate an individual on the absentee ballot by printing the name on the blank line of the Absentee Ballot. The floor will be open for nominations at the beginning of the election. In the event you will be unable to attend this election, we are enclosing the "2018 Absentee Ballot" for your convenience. Please fill it out and mail it to us with a post mark of not later than 1 April. We will also accept your vote via an e-mail to ballot@193sow.org. Write in nominations from the absentee ballots will also be brought to the floor. **All nominees must be present to accept the position, or be excused by the Association Board of Directors.** Mail your Absentee Ballot to: 193rd SOW Association, Judge of Elections (Scott Keener), 81 Constellation Court, #14, Middletown PA 17057.

Scott Keener,
Nominating Committee

Patrick M. Devine, CMSgt

Chief Patrick Devine began his career in the military as a 91S, Preventive Medicine Specialist in the United States Army in October of 1987. Chief Devine graduated from Advanced Individual Training as Honor Graduate. Chief Devine served on active duty in the U.S. Army until May of 1991. In June of 1991 Chief Devine enlisted in the 193d Special Operations Wing and from 1991 to present has held various positions in the Mission Support Flight, Medical Group, Wing Headquarters staff and is currently assigned as the 193d SOW Regional Support Group Superintendent. Chief Devine has deployed with the Wing in support of Uphold Democracy 1995, Desert Fox, Kuwait in 1998 and Oman in 2002 and most recently in 2010 in support of OIF.

Suzanne McMurray, MSgt

MSgt McMurray enlisted in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's 193rd Special Operations Group in 1992. Prior to enlisting with the 193rd SOW she had served 3 1/2 years on active duty, 1 year with the Air Force Reserves, and then 1 year with the Army Reserves. During her tenure at the 193rd, she has held numerous positions as a traditional guardsman in the Logistics Readiness Squadron until October 2003 when she was selected for an Air Technician position in the Receiving Element of Material Management Flight. Her current position is NCOIC of Individual Protective Element in Supply. MSgt McMurray held numerous positions within the 193d SOLRS. MSgt McMurray has deployed numerous times to support Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. She is a member of the Board of Directors, 193rd SOW Association, and the current Recording Secretary.

Matthew W. Mehalick, Capt

Capt Mehalick enlisted in the USAF/PaANG in 2002 and worked as a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician for the 193rd SOW Medical Group. After reaching the enlisted rank of Technical Sergeant, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant. Capt Mehalick currently serves as the OIC of the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight. In his role as the Bioenvironmental Engineer, he conducts assessments in Occupational Health/Industrial Hygiene, Radiation/Laser Safety, and participates in Emergency Response with the overall goal of ensuring the health and safety of his fellow Airman. Capt Mehalick previously served on the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Board from 2009 to 2012. He is seeking reelection.

Peter D. Mireles, SMSgt. (Ret)

SMSgt Peter Mireles has over 33 years in the military, 11 years on active duty. 3 years with the Inactive Reserve, and almost 20 years with the PAANG. 27 years working in the Traffic Management Office. 4 years as a First Sergeant in the 193d SOLRS. 17 years as an educator. 1 year at a parochial school. 17 years in public education with Central Dauphin School District. Currently Grievance co-chair of the Central Dauphin Education Association. Sergeant Mireles is a current member of the Board of Directors of the 193rd SOW Association.

Raymond M. Yurista, CMSgt

CMSgt Raymond Yurista enlisted on active duty in the Air Force in 1983. In February 1990, Chief Yurista was assigned to the 201st RED HORSE Sq. Chief Yurista was a Traditional Guardsmen until August of 1996, when he became part of the Air National Guard Schoolhouse as a Regional Equipment Operator Training Site Instructor. In 2009 Chief Yurista was selected to the position of the Operations and Maintenance Supervisor of the squadron. He is also dual hatted as the Cantonments Superintendent. He develops, implements and executes plans for the construction/repair of various operations as well as coordinates squadron deployments for training activities. He has deployed in support of both OIF and OEF, serving in Afghanistan and Kuwait. Chief Yurista joined the Association as a Life member in 2016.

193rd SOW Association 2018 Absentee Ballot

Patrick Devine - Suzanne McMurray - Matthew Mehalick - Peter Mireles - Raymond Yurista

Circle or write in four names

Mail to: "Judge of Elections"
193rd SOW Association,
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Or e-mail your selections to:

ballot@193sow.org
include your name.

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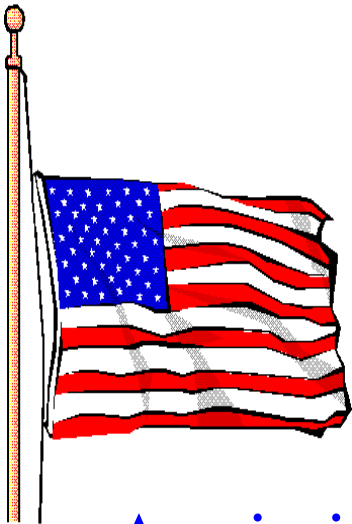
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Lest We Forget

Recently Departed Association Members

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Walter J. Devine
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Richard C. Rhoads



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