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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am very excited to have been elected by the board of directors to another term as president of the 193rd SOW Association. I plan to continue looking for ways to help our Association extend our services to the entire wing, their families and the retiree community. When I accepted the position of president I knew there were big shoes to fill. I continue to offer thanks to our past Presidents, all retired Chief Master Sgts; Barry Frey, Bill Shupp and President Emeritus Paul Weidensaul for their outstanding service to our organization and the wing. Their leadership forged a strong, dynamic and growing Association. Those individuals that have volunteered for positions on our Board of Directors this year will be crucial in continuing our assistance programs and looking for ways to grow our support to the wing. I thank them for stepping up to the challenge and look forward to working with everyone this year.

We continue to struggle in a number of areas and my hope is we can come up with some solutions. Communications continues to be an area we have to work on. Keeping our membership aware of happenings at the wing including retirements, promotions and family activities has always presented issues. Working with the Wing Public Affairs office and leadership we hope to increase awareness of those key moments. The difficulty is how to keep everyone and our families' safe at the same time we share the information. Gone are the days of posting everything to the web as we have to be aware of what we say, who we say it to and the consequences of sharing too much information. Another area we are struggling with is our membership numbers, which are decreasing with every year. Please take time to tell the Association's story and encourage current and former members of the 193<sup>rd</sup> SOW to consider becoming a member of the Association. Your dues and donations provide funding to help through our assistance, MWR, scholarship and special requests funds.

I look forward to working toward and achieving our goals of providing an organization that continues the fellowship and friendships we established in the 193rd, 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

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193rd SOW Association  
Spring Membership  
Meeting Minutes

April 7 & May 31 2018

1. Call to Order:

President Dave Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1500 hours

2. A briefing of recent wing activities was provided by Col Terrance Koudelka

3. New Business:

A. Election of Directors- President Hawkins opened the nominations to fill four Board of Directors positions. Nominating Committee Chairman Scott Keener presented to the membership the following nominees to fill the positions; CMSgt Patrick Devine, MSgt Suzanne McMurray, Capt Matthew Mehalick, SMSgt Peter Mireles, and CMSgt Raymond Yurista. Chairman Keener made the call for nominations from the floor and hearing none closed the nominations. Ballots were distributed and the election was held. CMSgt Patrick Devine, MSgt Suzanna McMurray, SMSgt Peter Mireless, and CMSgt Raymond Yurista were the successful candidates.

B. During the counting of the ballots Vice President Dale Perry reviewed changes to the By-Laws the Board of Directors are recommending for approval. Due to the absence of a quorum voting could not be accomplished.

4. President Hawkins determined an alternate date would be established to convene the annual meeting. All voting members will be notified of the meeting date 10 days prior to the meeting.

5. President Hawkins adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to follow along and tour the new Family Readiness Facility.

6. President Hawkins called the alternate meeting of the 193rd SOW Association, General Membership to order at 1700 hours on May 31, 2018 with 18 members present.

7. New Business:

Vice President Dale Perry again reviewed the By-Law changes that are being recommended by the Board of Directors. Randy Eckert made a motion seconded by Barry Frey to adopt the By-Laws as they were presented. The vote was unanimous, the new By-Laws are adopted.

8. The next membership meeting will be held in April of 2019. The date and place have not yet been determined.

9. President Hawkins thanked everyone for attending this year's meeting and invited everyone to get involved with Association activities and to attend Board of Directors Meetings.

10. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 1730 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Perry

## BOARD of DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

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

President - David S. Hawkins  
Vice President - Dale L. Perry \*  
Past President - Barry F. Frey  
Treasurer - Dennis C. Walborn\*  
Financial Secretary - Randy L. Eckert \*  
Recording Secretary - Suzanne McMurray

3 - Year Directors:  
Patrick Devine  
Suzanne McMurray  
Peter Mireles  
Raymond Yurista

2 - Year Directors:  
Richard D. Brown  
Kimber L. Connelly  
Antonio T. Powell

1 - Year Directors:  
David S. Hawkins  
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\* Elected each year

## 193d Air Operations Group A new Organization in State College

To provide ready, relevant, and reliable Command and Control warriors to integrate with Air Operations Centers worldwide and prepared to support our Commonwealth when called.

### **OPERATIONAL LEVEL COMMAND AND CONTROL EXCELLENCE**

The 193 AOG is a deployable Air Operations Center force integration unit trained to augment and support AOC requirements worldwide. Personnel from the 193 AOG have deployed to numerous worldwide combat, contingency, and exercise operations, averaging over 4000 man days per year.

130 Full-Time and Traditional Total Force Air National Guardsmen  
121 Combat Mission Ready AOC Warfighters

### **STATE OF THE ART FACILITY AND SYSTEMS**

The 193 AOG is housed in a building ideally suited to train and execute AOC operations complete with all required associated equipment, dedicated functional work areas, and network support.

**SQUADRON ORGANIZATION** The 193 AOG is organized into three squadrons that are well suited to support Combatant AOCs worldwide.

**193d COMBAT OPERATIONS SQUADRON- “Managing Strategic and Operational Risk”**

**193d AIR INTELLIGENCE, SQUADRON – “Preparing the Battlespace**

**193d AIR COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON – “Operational Level Connectivity”**

## New York City Bus Trip

The Family Support Team and the 193<sup>rd</sup> Association are considering organizing a “On Your Own” Day Bus trip to New York City, on a non-drill weekend with pickup and drop off at Middletown and Ft Indiantown Gap. Please let your family support coordinator, Rachel Hoak [rachel.l.hock.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rachel.l.hock.civ@mail.mil), know if you are interested.



# Wreaths Across America

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery—IGNC

Annville, PA

Indiantown Gap National Cemeteries is the final resting place for over 40,000 Veterans including some former members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing. Your Association is encouraging everyone to support the Indiantown Gap National Cemeteries efforts to put a wreath on every grave on December 15th. There are many organizations who support this effort by selling and placing the wreaths that day. If you can't find an organization, we can forward your donation for you. Please view this link for a short video of the hollowed grounds of the cemetery and last years event <https://youtu.be/HQZKpcayoqc> .

## Youth Book Reading Group

Recently the Association was contacted by the spouse of a unit member. She explained to us about her daughter's youth book reading group. A group of 5 young girls read the book titled "100 Days and 99 Nights". The book is about a young child whose father is deployed and how she had a fund raiser to raise money so she could send items to the deployed soldiers. The girls said, how cool this was, and why can't we do the same thing. The girls with some help of their mothers decided to have a lemonade and bake goods sale to help soldiers. The girls decided to ask the 193rd Special Operation Wing Association for help in providing help to shoulders. The girls came to a Board meeting and donated their proceeds to the Association and asked if we could use it to support our Airman. Col Koudelka and LtCol Laign met the girls before they left. President Hawkins thanked the girls for their admiral efforts to support our Airman.

## State Partnership Program

### Pennsylvania National Guard and the Lithuanian Armed Forces

This year marks the 25th anniversary that the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Lithuanian Armed Forces have worked together under the National Guard State Partnership Program. PA's ANG leaders got to meet with Lithuanian Command Sgt. Maj. Nerijus Petravičius during his week-long visit to the state April 7-14, 2018.

PA's ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant Regina Stoltzfus spent the week with Petravičius, touring ANG facilities and meeting with airmen. During his week in PA, Petravičius toured the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Coraopolis, the 193rd Special Operations Wing in Middletown, the 111th Attack Wing at Horsham Air Guard Station and the Joint Forces Headquarters located at Fort Indiantown Gap said Stoltzfus. Petravičius met with leaders and airmen to gain insight on the individual jobs they perform and the challenges they face. He also learned more about the missions that each wing is responsible for and the capabilities they possess.

Two cultural tours were conducted where Petravičius could take part in some of America's history said Stoltzfus. The first tour was to Philadelphia where he toured the historical downtown area, visited the Liberty Bell and sampled a cheese steak. The second day he visited Gettysburg and toured the museum and national battlefield areas.

## United Way and SECA Giving

The 193rd SOW Association is a 501(c)(3) federally recognized nonprofit organization. Your contributions help support Association initiatives. All donations are tax deductible. (Combined Federal Campaign #45961 & SECA #4401).

In most cases contributions made through the United Way Program are anonymous. So we want to take a moment to say THANK YOU!! to all those who choose to make those donations. Our only regret is that we cannot thank you personally. Without you, we could not do much of what we are currently doing.

By the way, it's almost that time again. Remind your friends of the good work we do.

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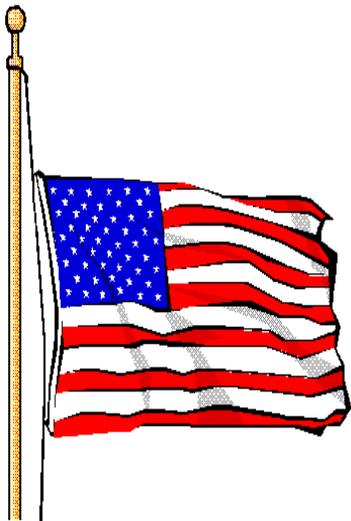
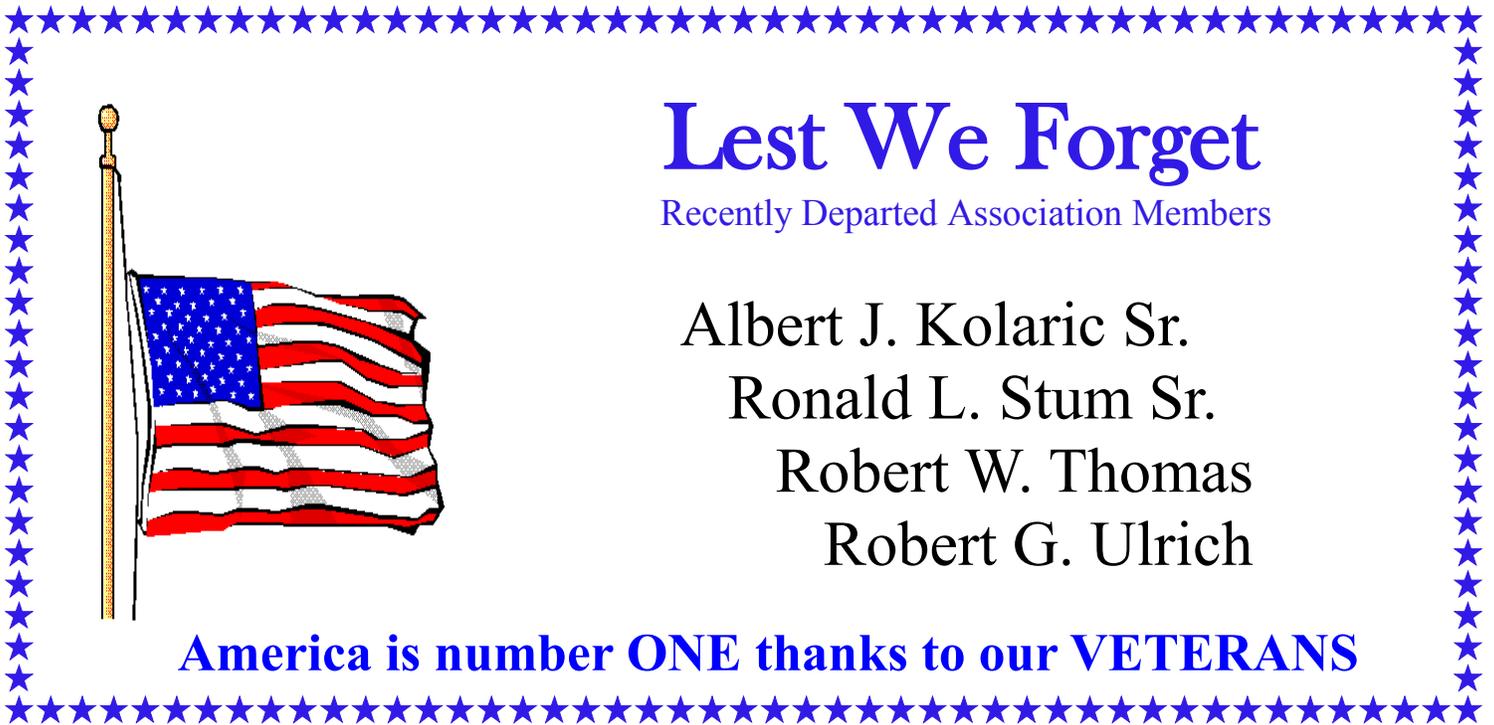
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