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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2019 here we come... As I write this note for the first newsletter of the year for the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association I am sitting here watching the weather forecast for the weekend, SNOW and bitter cold... Can't wait for spring...

We are ahead of the curve this year for our approvals 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 program. During 2018 we were the benefactors of almost \$4,500.00 in giving from folks like you who selected the Association as their charity of choice. This amount was down significantly from the previous years. As recently as 2016 our giving from those programs totaled almost \$11,000.00, in 2017 we received almost \$9,000.00. 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 9 requests for assistance, provided funds to help defer the costs of the Family Days and Holiday parties, two scholarships, awards for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, support to the Right Start program and other items around the wing. In total we gave back to the Wing and its members over \$8,000 dollars. It's not hard to see that with giving decreasing and memberships decreasing we will need to watch our benefit programs closely this year. 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 18, 2019 Highspire
Apr 8, 2019 Myerstown
Jun 3, 2019 Highspire
Jul 8, 2019 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 7, 2019 Myerstown
Oct 21, 2019 Highspire
Jan 6, 2020 Myerstown

193rd SOW Association Spring Membership Meeting Agenda

6 Apr 2019 - 1500 Hours
193d SOW Dining Facility

1. Snacks during the 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. 2018 Financial Report
7. 2019 Budget
8. New Business
 - Election
 - Recent Accomplishments
 - Association Assistance Fund
 - SECA / United Way Giving
 - Scholarship Program
9. Meeting Adjournment

193rd SOW Association 2018 Scholarship Winners

SRA Zachery Marshall
271st Combat Communications Sq

A1C Alex Stewart
Air National Guard Band

Budget 2019

INCOME	
Donations	2500.00
Scholarship Donations	350.00
Fund Raising	1.00
Interest, Checking	7.00
Interest, Investments	550.00
Annual Membership Dues	1750.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>1750.00</u>
Total Income	\$6,908.00
EXPENSES	
Outstanding Airman Awards	745.00
Donations,	
Airman MWR Activity	1850.00
Right Start Program	500.00
Scholarship	1.00
Other	50.00
Death Benefit	100.00
Dues Notices	300.00
Insurance	1250.00
Membership Meeting	100.00
Newsletters (Two)	1100.00
Office Supplies	25.00
Postage	75.00
Professional Fees (Audit & Taxes)	750.00
Special Project	50.00
Troop Care Packages	1.00
Website Services	<u>1.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$6,898.00
Surplus	10.00

Change of Command



In June 2018 Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr. assumed Command of the 193rd Special Operations Wing. Colonel Koudelka entered the Air Force in 1990 through AF ROTC. He served nearly 11 years on regular active duty in both staff and flying assignments. He has deployed to numerous operations to include Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, SECURE TOMORROW, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

193rd SOW Association 2018 Assistance Fund

Income		
United Way Giving	4,418.57	
SECA included		
Donations	600.00	
Total Income		\$5,018.57

Requests for Assistance:

In 2018, 13 cases were received for monetary assistance from the Association. A total of \$6,582.00 was awarded to these needy cases.

Case 18- #1	133.00
Case 18- #2	420.00
Case 18- #3	750.00
Case 18- #4	750.00
Case 18- #5	189.00
Case 18- #6 UW App Fee	340.00
Case 18- #7 Denied	.00
Case 18- #8	750.00
Case 18- #9	750.00
Case 18- #10 Scholarship	500.00
Case 18- #11 Scholarship	500.00
Case 18- #12	750.00
Case 18- #13	750.00

Association Presents Thirteenth Annual Outstanding Airman Awards

The 193rd SOW Association make its Outstanding Ready Guardsman awards for this year. The recipients were:

Senior NCO: MSgt Katrina Wetzel, RTS
 NCO: TSgt Justin Rhinehart, 193d SFS
 Airman: SrA Joshua Harper, 193d SOCS
 First Sergeant: MSgt Amy Snyder, 193d MDG

This year the Association will present each recipient at our annual meeting, a free years' membership and a \$100 gift card.

Financial Summary 2018

INCOME

Donations	2140.74
Scholarship Donations	256.97
Interest, Checking Accounts	8.09
Interest, Investments	577.14
Annual Memberships Dues	1320.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>1062.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$5,364.94</u>

EXPENSES

Outstanding Airman Awards	400.00
Donations	
Airman MWR Activity	1685.00
Scholarships 2 (AF)	0.00
Right Start Program (Shirts)	500.00
Christmas Party	260.00
Death Benefit	125.00
Dues Notices	286.10
Insurance	1198.00
Professional Fees (Audit)	750.00
Membership Meeting	219.18
Newsletters	1071.02
Office Supplies	14.28
Postage	<u>162.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,671.08</u>

AF (Assistance Funds)

Subject to audit

193rd SOW Association Assets

Checking Account	
General Fund	\$4,469.98
Assistance Fund	\$5,235.46
Special Fund	\$3,227.61
Investments	
Certificates of Deposit, GF	\$11,000.00
KLKS Life, GF	\$14,000.00
Total Fund Balance	\$37,933.05

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RED HORSE and Lithuanian Teams Construct Training Range, Kazlu Ruda, Lithuania

This summer, the 201st RED HORSE Sq took their skills “across the pond,” sending four rotations of Guardsmen to Lithuania to help construct an air-to-ground military training range there. The new range, located at the Brig. Gen. Kazio Veverskis Training Grounds near Kazlu Ruda, Lithuania, will be used to train Lithuanian and American military forces as well as NATO partners around the world. The range includes mock villages, bomb circles, runways, fire breaks, an observation point for tactical air control parties, and a strafe pit, which is a place where low-flying aircraft can practice repeat attacks with bombs or machine-gun fire. The training range is similar to the 193rd’s Bollen Air-to-Ground Weapons Range, at Fort Indaintown Gap.

The 201st RED HORSE Airmen were tasked with completing the range over a period of approximately two months. The first Airmen to arrive broke ground July 8. Each rotation of troops spent about two weeks in country before the next rotation took over, with the fourth and final rotation wrapping up in mid-September.

Planning for the new range in Lithuania began about two years ago and was a collaborative effort between RED HORSE and Lithuanian military officials. RED HORSE is essentially a design-and-build construction company that arrives on scene and doesn’t leave until the work’s completed. This project was part of our unit’s deployment for training, which means we got to use it as a means of providing valuable and required training for our personnel, while also constructing a useful training range for our Lithuanian state country partner. It was a win-win. Our ability to adapt and move forward as a unified team with our Lithuanian counterparts was amazing. The training, collaboration and support were tremendous. When we needed anything, it wasn’t days or even hours before we got support. It was typically minutes before (the Lithuanians) were on site taking care of whatever we needed. It was absolutely phenomenal; the rapport we built with our state country partner and the synergy we experienced. he said.

This has been a huge job but provides a facility that will be used by many NATO forces. This is the only air-to-ground range in Lithuania. It is a quite important, strategic project for our ground and air training efforts. The relationship we’ve built has been awesome. We’re already talking about future projects and I look forward to it.”



211th Engineering Installation Squadron, 2018

The 211th is a member of a small community of only 15 ANG EI squadrons. The squadron’s 112 expeditionary cyberspace personnel are in high demand, as they travel the globe; planning, designing, and installing mission critical communications infrastructure/systems in support of Air Force and DoD missions. More than cable professionals, EI personnel are Information Technology specialists and surveyors. EI designs & installs; data centers, satellite interfaces, radio & airfield systems and much more. They are the DoD’s fixed telecomm cyberspace experts, providing project management, engineering and the installation of complex communication systems.

The 211th got a break from the action in 2018 and wasn’t tasked to support the Air Force’s Expeditionary mission; allowing the squadron to focus on functional specific training and the validation of the unit’s mission readiness, through real-world workload in support of their Air National Guard, Air Force, and DoD partners. Specifically, the unit was involved in over 20 initiatives, focusing on Inside Plant and GeoBase survey projects. In addition to saving an estimated \$76,000 over contractor costs, this workload enabled its’ airman to qualify on over 600 mission critical training tasks. Several highlights include; the design and installation of networked infrastructure for two new Cyber Operations Squadrons, PA National Guard’s HQ, Vance AFB and 193 SOW Resilience Center. In addition, the unit conducted GeoBase surveys for Alaska’s Army National Guard and Pennsylvania’s 171 ARW. Their hard work and skills were put to the test in the first 211th EI Olympic Training Rodeo. This four day competition commenced with two long days of intense project installation, with the remaining days reserved for team building and specialized AFSC training. The Rodeo utilized the skills of seven unique AFSCs and tested their skills at installing telephone poles, antennas, routers, switches and line-of-sight microwave radio equipment; culminating in a seamless IP network and data transfer between two geographically separated locations.



Keep your DEERS up to date!

What is DEERS?

DEERS is a database of active duty and retired service members, their family members, and others who are eligible for TRICARE. Maintaining your DEERS record is key to getting your TRICARE benefits.

Incorrect information in DEERS can cause problems with TRICARE claims and other health care benefits. To remain eligible for TRICARE coverage, you must keep your information up to date in DEERS.

Qualifying Life Events and DEERS

If you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE), update DEERS. A QLE is a certain change in your life, such as marriage, the birth of a child, or a child going away to college, which may mean different TRICARE options are available to you. Therefore, it's essential to update and verify your information in DEERS anytime you experience a QLE. Remember, your Social Security number (SSN) and the SSNs of all of your covered family members must be in DEERS for your TRICARE coverage to be accurate.

How to Make Updates

You have several options for updating and verifying DEERS information. You can make changes in person, by phone, online, or by mail. To add or remove family members, visit a local ID card office. Only sponsors can add a family member in DEERS. Family members age 18 and older may update their own contact information. To update your information, choose one of these options:

- **Phone:** Call 1-800-538-9552 (TTY/ TDD: 1-866-363-2883) or fax updates to 1-800-336-4416
- **Online:** Log into milConnect, <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil>
- **Mail:** Mail updates to:
Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office
Attention: COA
400 Gigling Road Seaside
CA 93955-6771
- **DEERS:** <https://www.tricare.mil/deers>



Tricare Questions?



WHAT: Tricare Program Overview by Humana Military Health Care

WHO: All Tricare Beneficiaries (Active Duty, Reserve, Family Members, Retirees)

TIME: 1130-1300

DATES: Wednesday, **30 January 2019**; Tuesday, **12 February 2019**; Thursday, **14 March 2019**; Thursday, **11 April 2019**; Wednesday, **22 May 2019**; Thursday, **13 June 2019**

WHERE: EAATS Auditorium, Bldg 19-117, Range Rd, FTIG

WHY: To provide brief on recent and upcoming Tricare changes, as well as overview of each plan, for eligible beneficiaries

POC: 717-861-8693 or 8290 for additional information

Annual Election of Association Officers

At our upcoming General Membership meeting on 6 April 2019, 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 standings 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 "2019 Absentee Ballot" for your convenience. Please fill it out and mail it to us with a post mark of not later than 30 March. 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 (Peter Mireles), 81 Constellation Court, #14, Middletown PA 17057.

Peter Mireles, Nominating Committee

David S. Hawkins, SMSgt. (Ret)

SMSgt David S Hawkins enlisted in the PA Air National Guard in October 1977. SMSgt Hawkins was first assigned to Headquarters, PaANG then in 1982 transferred to the 193rd Special Operations Group. SMSgt Hawkins has served in at every aspect of public affairs including Superintendent. SMSgt Hawkins has served on various committees at the Wing including Family Day, Boss's Day and Educator Day, has worked with planning committees for the Wing Dining Out's, Enlisted Banquets, Family Christmas parties, the Wing's 45th, 50th and 60th Anniversary celebrations and numerous promotion and change of command committees. SMSgt Hawkins was the Public Affairs presenter during the 193rd NCO Leadership Seminar. SMSgt Hawkins has served as Treasurer and President of Chapter 31 of the NCO Academy Graduates Association, Regional Representative, Vice Chairman and Chairman on the Air National Guard Multimedia Working Group. SMSgt Hawkins has served on the Association Board of Directors since 2010 and is current the President.

William A. Lengner, CMSgt

CMSgt William A. Lengner entered the active duty Air Force in June of 1982 as a Military Working Dog Handler and separated from active service in 1988. Chief Lengner joined the 193 SOW in April of 1995 as an Airborne Mission Systems Operator on the EC-130 Commando Solo aircraft. His professional development includes assignments at US Special Operations Command MacDill AFB Florida and a 6 month deployment to Djibouti Africa as the Joint Special Operations Air Detachment Senior Enlisted Leader. Chief Lengner has over 30 years of military service and is currently the Special Operations Group Superintendent.

Kaitlyn E. Penhorwood, 1st Lt

Lt Kaitlyn E. Penhorwood has completed 9 years of military service with the 193d, and her current position is in the Special Operations Group as a Combat Systems Officer. Prior to her commission, she worked in Human Resources and Public Affairs. Lt Penhorwood has an Associates degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Harrisburg Area Community College; Associates degree in Mass Communications from the Community College of the Air Force; and Bachelor's degree in Communications from Penn State University. Lt Penhorwood joined the Association in December 2015.

193rd SOW Association 2019 Absentee Ballot

David Hawkins - William Lengner - Kaitlyn Penhorwood

Circle or write in four names

Mail to: "Judge of Elections"
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Or e-mail your selections to:
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include your name.

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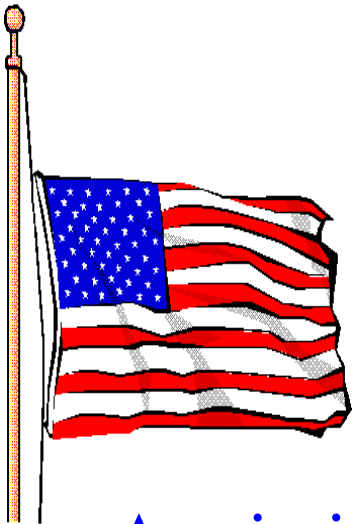
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Lamont J. Hopey
Donald V. Snyder



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