



81 Constellation Court, #14 Middletown PA 17057

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's that time of year again when we get our spring newsletter out to you, our members. I know I am anxious for warm weather as I sit here in late January working on this letter. I can hardly wait for summer and trips to the beach... But I digress and my daydreams are taking me off target.

This has been a tough stretch of time for me dealing with the death of parents and all that goes with settling estates can be a daunting and time consuming task and I know others have gone through similar issues or are not looking forward to them. My advice is take time to tell those around you how much you care about them.

OK, back to business. In early January we usually gear up for the annual Combined Federal Campaign in anticipation of getting some much needed donations from those eligible to give via the CFC. This year, though will be different. After a few years of growth and now decline we have decided to step back from the CFC for the 2020 campaign year. We will take this time to review past practices and look ahead to next year to see how we can get back to those days when the CFC and SECA provided us much needed funding for the Assistance Fund and MWR distributions.

A look back has created some concern and an opportunity for us to reflect and look to the future. The Association was able to become part of the Combined Federal Campaign starting with the 2009 campaign year and we received \$1,512 that year. In turn we were able to fund our assistance program and payout \$1,550 in grants to Airmen in need. Our donations via the CFC for the subsequent years grew with 2013 being one of our best years with \$11,448 which allowed us to give grants of over \$11,000 to our Airmen in need. Starting in 2017 we saw donations decline dramatically and in the most recent year we received less than \$1,000 from CFC pledges. The State Employee Combined Appeal (SECA) has made up some of the loss but not all. State Employees giving to the Association has averaged close to \$2,000 every year since 2010.

The bottom line is we are seriously behind in our donations, which funds our assistance fund. Should the donations from CFC continue at the current level it could affect our ability to continue the assistance fund. We are discussing this situation with wing leadership in the hopes of being able to come up with a way to (legally) market the CFC to the fulltime force and hopefully the members will consider donating to the Association via the CFC. Of course it is all up to the individual to determine their own amount of giving and the charity of their choosing. As always you can donate directly to the Association via credit or debit card at <https://www.paypal.me/193SOW> or by sending a check to our mailing address.

David Hawkins,
President

BREAKFAST CLUB - Starting at 0830

Feb 17, 2020 at Highspire
Apr 6, 2020 at Myerstown
Jun 15, 2020 at Highspire
Jul 6, 2020 at 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 5, 2020 at Myerstown
Oct 19, 2020 at Highspire
Jan 4, 2021 at Myerstown

193rd SOW Association
Spring Membership Meeting
Agenda

4 Apr 2020 - 1500 Hours
193d SOW Dining Facility

1. Call to Order - President
2. President's Opening Comments
3. Wing Update
4. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting
5. Election
6. Recent Accomplishments and Future Plans
 - Association Assistance Fund
 - SECA / United Way Giving
 - Scholarship Program
 - Airman of the Year Program
7. Recognition of the Airman of the Year
8. 2019 Financial Report
9. 2020 Budget
10. Door Prize
11. Meeting Adjournment

**193rd SOW Association
2020 Scholarship Winners**

SSgt Nicholas McCarty
271st CCSQ

A1C Caleb Hertzler
193d SOG

**193rd SOW Association
2019 Assistance Fund**

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Income | |
| United Way Giving | 2,882.74 |
| SECA included | |
| Donations | 2400.00 |
| Total Income | \$5,282.74 |

**Association Presents Thirteenth Annual
Outstanding Airman Awards**

The 193rd SOW Association Outstanding Ready Guardsman awards for this year. The recipients will be:

- Officer: Capt James Callahan, 211th EIS
- Senior NCO: MSgt Christopher Johanson, 271st CCS
- NCO: TSgt Eric Shaner, 148th AOS
- Airman: SRA Clayton Colson, 193rd AOG
- First Sergeant: MSgt Adam Walter, 211th EIS
- Honor Guard: TSgt Michael Graby, 201st RHS

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

Requests for Assistance:

In 2019, 9 cases were received for monetary assistance from the Association. A total of \$4,276.08 was awarded to these needy cases.

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| Case 19- #1 | 491.00 |
| Case 19- #2 | 750.00 |
| Case 19- #3 | 750.00 |
| Case 19- #4 | 595.00 |
| Case 19- #5 | 100.00 |
| Case 19- #6 Scholarship | 500.00 |
| Case 19- #7 Scholarship | 500.00 |
| Case 19- #8 | Denied |
| Case 19- #9 | 590.08 |

Budget 2020

INCOME

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Donations | 1000.00 |
| Scholarship Donations | 200.00 |
| Fund Raising | 4000.00 |
| Interest, Checking | 8.00 |
| Interest, Investments | 600.00 |
| Annual Membership Dues | 1500.00 |
| Life Memberships Dues | <u>1300.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$8,608.00 |

EXPENSES

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| Outstanding Airman Awards | 745.00 |
| Donations, | |
| Airman MWR Activity | 1850.00 |
| Right Start Program | 750.00 |
| Scholarship | 1.00 |
| Leadership Seminars | 50.00 |
| Other | 250.00 |
| Death Benefit | 100.00 |
| Dues Notices | 250.00 |
| Fund Raising | 200.00 |
| Insurance | 1250.00 |
| PayPal Fees | 20.00 |
| Membership Meeting | 250.00 |
| Newsletters (Two) | 1100.00 |
| Office Supplies | 50.00 |
| Postage | 110.00 |
| Professional Fees (Audit & Taxes) | 750.00 |
| Special Project | 250.00 |
| Troop Care Packages | 1.00 |
| Website Services | <u>1.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$7978.00 |
| Surplus | 630.00 |

Financial Summary 2019

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Donations | 2140.74 |
| IMO Donations | 2305.00 |
| Scholarship Donations | 256.97 |
| Fund Raising | 5100.00 |
| Interest, Checking Accounts | 12 .09 |
| Interest, Investments | 651.73 |
| Annual Memberships Dues | 1500.00 |
| Life Memberships Dues | <u>1738.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$12,509.70 |

EXPENSES

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Outstanding Airman Awards | 600.00 |
| Donations | |
| Airman MWR Activity | 0.00 |
| Scholarships 2 (Assistance Fund) | 0.00 |
| Right Start Program (Shirts) | 445.00 |
| Christmas Party | 200.00 |
| Death Benefit | 75.00 |
| Dues Notices | 196.11 |
| Fund Raising | 99.10 |
| Insurance | 1198.00 |
| Professional Fees (Audit) | 750.00 |
| Membership Meeting | 54.03 |
| Newsletters | 1062.38 |
| Office Supplies | 33.39 |
| PayPal Fees | 13.97 |
| Postage | 162.50 |
| Flowers | <u>75.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$6,671.08 |

Subject to audit

Demographics of Your Association

As of 31 December 2019 we have:

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| Total Membership: | 417 |
| Associate Members: | 5 |
| Life Members: | 295 |
| Retirees: | 262 |
| Active Guardsmen: | 134 |
| Officers: | 110 |
| Senior NCO's: | 242 |
| Airman: | 65 |
| Members with at least; | |
| 17 Years continuous longevity: | 134 32% |
| 10 Years continuous longevity: | 91 |
| 5 Years continuous longevity: | 81 |



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.

**Visit us at - <http://www.193sow.org> - <http://www.facebook.com/193sowa>
<http://twitter.com/193sow> - E-Mail to - solo@193sow.org**

Members Survey

We are looking for your feedback to ensure we are providing you with the best service we can. Please review and reply to the questions below. This survey is also located on our website at <http://www.193sow.org>, you can comment there or send an e-mail to solo@193sow.org or send your comments in with your absentee ballot.

- Are you getting the info you would like about the 193rd SOW? _____

- Are you looking for additional information/assistance with retirement issues? _____

- Are you looking for additional information/assistance with health insurance? _____

- What additional information would you like to see on our webpage or in our newsletter? _____

- Are you interested in attending a retiree's reunion event? _____

- Are you interested in attending a unit mission briefing and/or base/aircraft tour to find out what is new at the Wing? _____

- What more would you like the Wing Association to do? _____

2020 193rd SOW Association Scholarship Program

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Scholarship is an annual program that gives a \$1,000 award directly to a wing member or members it feels demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. This will be the seventh year for the scholarship program and the association is looking forward to receiving many qualified submissions. The Association will be awarding at least one THOUSAND dollar prize. The 2020 Scholarship program will open June 1, 2020 and Close July 31, 2020. 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 July 31, 2020. Or they can be e-mailed to scholarship@193sow.org by the same deadline. If there are any questions please contact SMSgt Peter Mireles, at pmireless@193sow.org.

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

Peter Mireles,
Scholarship Chairman

Regional Equipment Training Site & Regional Training Site

The United States Air Force is the most innovative air force in the world, and the 201st Regional Training Site and Regional Equipment Operators Training Site are prime examples of that innovation. What started out thirty years ago as a heavy equipment training site for Air National Guard “dirtboys,” has evolved into three distinct missions, training over 2,000 Total Force Airmen a year.



The Regional Equipment Operators Training School (REOTS) started in 1989, with the Regional Training Site (RTS) joining in 1995. Located at Ft. Indiantown Gap, they are geographically separated from the 193rd Special Operations Wing at Middletown, PA.

Total Force Airmen are trained by 15 fulltime staff and 6 Drill Status Guardsmen. The cadre are subject matter experts in their fields and are heavily relied upon by Airmen in the AOR and higher headquarters. Cadre write their curriculum, maintain their equipment, and train Airmen. In RTS the cadre are all one deep – wearing multiple hats on any given day. Classes run year round, rain or shine. All classes spend more than 50% of the training

time outside of the classroom training on the contingency equipment.

REOTS teaches three classes, including the original heavy equipment course, tractor-trailer, and initial crane operation. These two courses have third party-civilian certification. The original REOTS class is evolving from legacy Rapid Runway Repair (repairing a few large craters) to Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RADR), a modern runway repair course using high tech equipment, including drones.

RTS has two missions. Mission Essential Equipment Training (MEET), scheduled through the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, and team training, scheduled by our in-house scheduler.

MEET courses are made up of 6 to 15 students. These classes are not part of Air Education Training Command (AETC), adding an advantage to Civil Engineer war fighters. Courses are nimble and can rapidly change to meet the immediate needs of the changing, in theatre, contingency environment. RTS teaches 55 classes a year, including hosting Force Support Squadron (FSS) courses for NGB/A1, primarily the week long Fatality Search and Recovery Training.

Team training is squadron driven. A commander can bring part or all of the squadron to use the training site and contingency equipment. The squadron drives their training plan and the cadre support it.

Students for REOTS and MEET stay in state of the art troop quarters built in 2010. For a squadron visit, teams stay in tent city that can bed down over 100 Airmen.

Total Force Civil Engineers get superior training at the 201st REOTS and RTS, preparing them for the demanding and ever changing deployment environment.



Tricare Questions?

Humana
Military

WHAT: Tricare Program Overview by Humana Military Health Care

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

WHEN: 1130-1330, Wednesday, **12 Feb 20**; Wednesday, **11 Mar 20**; Tuesday, **14 Apr 20**; Wednesday, **6 May 20**; Wednesday, **10 Jun 20**; Tuesday, **14 Jul 20**; Wednesday, **12 Aug 20**; Wednesday, **9 Sep 20**; Wednesday, **14 Oct 20**; Thursday, **5 Nov 20**; Tuesday, **15 Dec 20**

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 for additional information

Annual Election of Association Officers

At our upcoming General Membership meeting on 4 April 2020, 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 three (3) 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 "2020 Absentee Ballot" for your convenience. Please fill it out and mail it to us with a post mark of not later than 20 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

Kimber L. Connelly, LtCol (Ret)

LtCol Kimber L. Connelly served as a Technician in the 193rd Special Operations Comptroller Flight for 34 years starting as an enlisted Payroll Clerk and retiring as the Flight Commander. During her career she also served a short tour at the Pentagon, on the National Guard Bureau's (NGB'S) Comptroller Advisory Board and as the Lead Instructor for the NGB's Comptroller Course. After her military retirement she served fulltime at the State Headquarters as an advisor to the United States Property and Fiscal Office for 3 1/2 years. LtCol Connelly joined the Association in April of 2008 and has been a member of the Association Board of Directors for the last 3 years and has served as the membership chairman this past year.

Thomas E. Franklin, MSgt (Ret)

MSgt Thomas E. Franklin came to the 193rd Medical Squadron as a Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician in August 1986. MSgt Franklin's Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences was utilized by the Air Force and the ANG as both instructor and chairman of several working groups before he retired with 22 years of service in 1995. MSgt Franklin played on the 193rd softball teams and coached the Coed team in local leagues and national tournaments. After retirement, MSgt Franklin continued his service to his country as a Federal Civil Servant and retired from the Secret Service in April 1998. MSgt Franklin joined the Association in October 2008 and became a Life member in December 2009.

Edward J. Maurice, Lt

Lt Edward Maurice has served the PA Air National Guard for over twenty years, first in the 193d Security Forces Squadron and currently in the 193d Special Operations Support Squadron. Lt Maurice is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Business Management. Lt Maurice recently transitioned from a SMSgt with twenty years of service, to an officer, in order to serve twenty more. Lt Maurice has served multiple tours in the Middle East in and out of uniform. Lt Maurice joined the Association as a Life member in Jan 2010. Lt Maurice currently resides in Pennsylvania with his wife and two boys.

Garrick J. Wagner, SSgt

SSgt Garrick J. Wagner started his military career serving six years in the PA ARNG, serving a tour in Baghdad, Iraq. SSgt Wagner recently deployed with the 193d to Kuwait for a six-month deployment in a Material Management role. SSgt Wagner has a Master's Degree in Information Systems Engineering and Management and currently leads a team of Information Technology Internal Auditors at the PA Higher Education Assistance Agency. SSgt Wagner is in his first year as a member of the Board of Directors, filling a vacated position. SSgt Wagner resides in Enola, with his wife and three children.

193rd SOW Association 2020 Absentee Ballot

Kimber Connelly - Thomas Franklin - Edward Maurice - Garrick Wagner

Circle or write in three 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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