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I am very excited to have been elected by the board of directors to my second term as president of the 193rd SOW Association and look forward to continue serving to benefit our retirees and all Wing members. 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.

This past year has been challenging for many organizations including the 193rd SOW Association and keeping our members engaged. I challenge everyone to reach out to other individuals in the Wing and those retired about joining the Association. The board members of the Association would like to engage with our retirees to see how we can reconnect for more involvement with the Association. Many of our past key members have drifted away and we want to find out how we can bring people back to be involved, along with attending meetings. We are seeking feedback on how we can do better for our retirees and current 193d members.

Please contact me by email: asnyder@193sow.org on any suggestions you have that we can continue to grow our association and keep current members involved!

The Association will be awarding at least one THOUSAND dollar prize for this year's 2021 Scholarship winner. The 2021 Scholarship program will open June 1, 2021 and close July 31, 2021. All interested applicants should submit a 300-500 word essay in their own words on the following topic: What is leadership, and what do you think makes a good leader?

In looking forward to the upcoming year, it is our 75th Anniversary of the 193d Special Operations Wing. Please save the date for the Wing Dining out taking place on April 23, 2022 at the Hershey Lodge. If you are interested in assisting with this event please contact me. We hope to see many current members and retirees!

One more note with COVID restrictions being lifted, retirees are able to again get on base and visit the base exchange shoppette.

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 of you, our members, and your generosity in giving of your time and resources.

Finally, I have become aware that many of our members are not aware of the Wing's Honor Guard policy for performing military honors for funerals. They will attempt to provide military honors for any current or past wing member who has at least 20 years of service. They must be requested.

Amy Snyder, President

> Breakfast Club - Country Fare Restaurant 498 E. Lincoln Ave (Route 422 East) Myerstown - 717-866-9043 - July 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM

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193rd SOW Association Annual Membership Meeting Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2021

- 1. Call to Order: President Amy Snyder called the meeting to order at 16:30 in the 193d SOW Dining Facility. President Snyder welcomed all in attendance.
- 2. Col. Stacey Zdanavage, the Wing Commander, gave a Wing update briefing, The Past Year and Looking Into The Future.

3. Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the last membership meeting were published in the newsletter for the best dissemination. No errors or corrections were noted.

4. Financial Review:

President Snyder gave a brief review of the Associations finances including the Assistance Fund. A detail of both accounts are in our recent newsletter. Also included was the 2021 budget that was approved by the Board of Directors and is also in our newsletter.

5. New Business:

A. Election of Directors: Past President Hawkins and election chairman asked if there were any Board of Director nominees from the floor. Not having any, Dave waived having an actual election as the slate of nominees all would have a position on the Board of Directors. Results would be; Pat Devine, Susan McMurray, Peter Mireles, Raymond Yurista, would be the newly elected members and Jessica Barder will fill a current vacant position on the board.

- B. 2021 Scholarship Program: President Snyder gave a brief talk about the Associations Scholarship program, which includes vocational schools. It is open to all unit members, applications can be submitted between June 1st and July 31st. Three scholarships were presented in 2020.
- C. Recognition of Outstanding Airman of the Year: Lt Thomas Forsyth and TSgt Devon Kuny were presented with their Association awards. SMSgt Yingst and SrA Ruth-Ann Bell were not present and will receive their awards through their squadrons. SMSgt Snyder noted that since she is the Association President she purchased gift cards with her award and gave them to Family Readiness to be given to needy airman.
- 6. The next membership meeting will be held in April of 2022. The date and place have not yet been determined.
- 7. President Snyder thanked everyone for attending this year's meeting.
- 8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1750 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Eckert

The Past Year and Looking Into the Future

In FY 2020 the 193d Special Operations Wing supported: INDOPACOM, CENTCOM, NORTHCOM, SOUTHCOM, AFRICOM, NCR, in addition to state taskings. 14 Units were Involved: 148 ASOS, 201 RHS, 211 EIS, 271 CBCS, 193 AOG, 193 SOFSS, 193 SOSFS, 193 SOLRS, 193 SOMDG, 193 SOS, 193 SOCS, 193 MXG, 193 SOMXS, and 193 SOS. Operations included: Freedom's Sentinel, Inherent Resolve, Presidential Inauguration, Op Capitol Resolve I/II, Op Protect DC, Op Secure PA, Op COVID-19, OP Vax PA, Op Arrowhead Recurve/Safe Have. Exercises included: PACFury, Emerald Warrior, Northern Strike, Neptune Falcon, Jaded Thunder

The Wing has a State Partnership Program with Lithuania. Red Horse had an Annual Deployment for Training and completed an Expeditionary Runway Repair. The 148 Air Support Operations participated in Joint Fires Integration, and A-G operations, C2 operations, L16 (emerging), and MULOS (emerging). Combat Communications & Engineering Installation Sq did C2 architecture, BOS, agile employment

The Regional Support Group participated in Domestic Operations: PI59, OCR I/II, Protect PA, Secure PA, COVID-19, Op Vax PA. Red Horse, CBCS, EIS, ASOS were volunteers. They will fully integrate into PA Task Force North & Task Force Engineer. The 148 ASOS is aligned with the 28ID, 56 SBCT, 2 IBCT which supports ACC/AFSOC ad hoc RFF. CBCS has a CENTCOM deployment.





The Air Operations Group participated in Emerald Warrior, PACFURY, Neptune Falcon, and CCPT 21.2. They provided support to Shaw AFB, Alaska, and Ramstein AFB. They are one of two ANG units with JACCE capabilities. They have a FY 22 deployment planned to CENTCOM.

The Special Operations Mission Support Group continues with its support to SOUTHCOM. The Special Operations Communications Sq filled

positions on enduring CSOLO RFF. The **Security Forces DAGRE teams** participated in EW 21.1 with the 919th, and de-

ployed to AFRICOM. **Civil Engineering** deployed Firefighters, Emergency Management, Power Pro, Production Control to RCP. They are also supporting Op COVID-19 & Op Vax PA. The **Logistics Readiness Squadron** was embedded with CJSOTF in AFRICOM, and coordinates SOW participation in EW and Jaded Thunder. They also provided direct support to CSOLO RFF.



The **Special Operations Medical Group** has had nearly a

year of continued support in OP COVID19 managing support to over 2 dozen LTCF in Central/Northern PA, contact tracing, & data reporting. OP VAX PA is supporting three federal and state vaccination sites. The **Medical Group/Detachment 1** is a dedicated Homeland Response Force. They are the Lead planners for OP COVID-19 and OP Vax PA

The **Special Operations Group** had 28 students in FY20. The Group deployed in support of Enduring Commando Solo RFF. Their Mo-

bilization to Dwell ratio of 1:4 drives reclama every 3

years. The slick aircraft deployed for ISO civil unrest. The JAAAC mis-



sion hinges on MPA day availability. We have a very high level of experience among their pilots.

The Special Operations Maintenance Group continues to maintain a total of seven aircraft, three are configured for the EC mission.





Wreaths Across America

193d SOW Enlisted Council

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Group ID: PA0532P Location PAIGNA



Indiantown Gap National Cemeteries is the final resting place for over 58,000 Veterans including many former members of the 193d SOW. The 193d Enlisted Council is taking on the challenge of assisting the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery to place a wreath on every grave marker or ensuring the marker of every wing member receives a wreath for this holiday season. You can assist us by sponsoring a wreath, please visit the 193d SOW Enlisted Council page on the Wreaths Across America website https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/PA0532P Once there, select the Sponsor Wreaths button. Choose the quantity you wish to sponsor and select Review My Sponsorship. Verify the order is credited to PA0532P and PAIGNA then make your payment. Brochures are located throughout the base or you can contact an Enlisted Council member or your Wing Association at reckert@193sow.org to receive a brochure or for more information about sponsoring a wreath. Better yet, come and help place wreaths on graves on Saturday December 18th. Please view this link for a short video of the hollowed grounds of the cemetery during a recent wreath laying event https://youtu.be/HQZKPcayoqc.

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 <u>THANK YOU!!</u> 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.

Presidential Inauguration Plus

In November of 2020, the 193d Special Operations Wing began preparations to assist the District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) with Defense Support to Civil Authorities for the 59th Presidential Inauguration scheduled for January 20, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the scope and scale of this event was expected to be significantly reduced.

The 193d Wing Plans was the focal point for the wing to manage the daily coordination of Requests for Support from the DCNG through the Pennsylvania National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) J3 Operations Directorate. At the onset, it became apparent that the 193d Services Flight would be deploying their Disaster Response Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) and the 271st Combat Communications Squadron their Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) to the National Capital Region (NCR).

The DRMKT would be capable of feeding eight thousand service members operating 24/7 and the JISCC would provide Command and Control communications for the 56th Striker Brigade Combat Team of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Additionally, it was certain that the 203d Weather Flight would provide 24/7 support to the JFHQ Joint Operations Center.

After the civil unrest that occurred at our Nation's Capital on January 6, 2021, the 193d moved into high gear in order to provide forces for Operations Protect DC and Protect PA. The 201st RED HORSE Squadron answered the call with heavy equipment, tractor trailers, and vehicle operators to handle the influx of over twenty-five thousand National Guard service members from across the nation.

After the Inauguration, the DCNG requested additional assistance from the states to maintain the military presence in the NCR and facilitate the massive troop and equipment withdrawal.

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:

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