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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2023 and the first newsletter of the year for the 193d Special Operations Wing Association. The year 2023 will bring a new MC-130J mission to the Wing. We will see the delivery of the MC-130J Commando II aircraft to the Wing in the upcoming months. This aircraft brings a diverse and exciting mission set.

In the new year we are looking forward to finally celebrating our 75th Anniversary! The Wing Military Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday March 4th. It will be the first Military Awards Ceremony Dinner and we hope that many current and retired members will attend. We ask that you strongly consider attending this event and help us by spreading the word to fellow members that you know. It is our intent to set up an information table at the Awards Ceremony in order to try and promote new membership and grow our Association. The Wing is also planning a Wing Family Day over more details will follow in the upcoming months.

I would also like to invite you to attend our **annual** meeting scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2023 at 4:00 in the DFAC. Last year our turn out was not as we had hoped for and we really need the support of our members at these meetings. We have big changes coming to the 193d SOW and this would be a great time for our members to come and hear how the Wing will evolve in order to continue to be relevant in AFSOC. We would like to invite you to look at our financial summary to get an understanding of the significant amount of monies that go to the Wing and Airmen who need financial help. This past year we did not have many Assistance Fund requests, but we assisted the Wing with Leadership Development courses, Annual Scholarships and Outstanding Airman Awards We need our present and retired members to continue to support us and encourage others to join the Association as our funds are seriously dwindling. If we don't continue to grow our Association I'm afraid we will not be able to continue doing great things for the members of the 193d. Do not underestimate any, and all, support you can offer to our great organization.

We welcome anyone to help us on the board or on any of our committees as they are created to work on projects. And if you didn't know, our meetings are not just for board members. Anyone can attend the meetings and assist with our projects that support our Airmen and their families.

I look forward to working with everyone as we strive to achieve our goals of a: providing fellowship and friend-ships established at the 193rd SOW, helping to ensure our history and heritage is preserved, assisting with projects, and to provide financial assistance to the Wing, its Airmen, their families and our retired members.

Amy Snyder, President

Join us for lunch on the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM
at J&J Pizzeria and Grill, 288 E Main Street, Middletown.

Or for breakfast at Country Fare in Myerstown on Apr 4th, July 11th, and Oct 3 at 8:30 AM.

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

15 Apr 2023 - at 1600
In the 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. 2022 Financial Report
9. 2023 Budget
10. Meeting Adjournment

**193rd SOW Association
2022 Scholarship Winners**

1st Place A1C David Thompson SOMXG
2nd Place SSgt Carman Powell 211th EIS
3rd Place Amn Nathan Stalnecker SOLRS

**193rd SOW Association
2022 Assistance Fund**

Income	
United Way Giving	2099.47
SECA included	
Donations	<u>2000.00</u>
Total Income	\$4,099.47

**Association Presents Thirteenth Annual
Outstanding Airman Awards**

The 193rd SOW Association presented the following 2022 Outstanding Ready Guardsman awards.

Officer: 1Lt Jana G Powars, AOG
Senior NCO: MSgt Annie J Link, SOW
NCO: SSgt John E Pfautz, RSG
Airman: SrA Caleb S Woodring, AOG
First Sergeant: MSgt Steven E Ginder, MSG

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 2022, 6 cases were received for monetary assistance from the Association. A total of \$6,739.82 was awarded to these needy cases.

Application Fees	340.00
Case 22- #1	1000.00
Case 22- #2	900.00
Case 22- #3	999.82
Case 22- #4 Scholarship	2000.00
Case 22- #5 Scholarship	1000.00
Case 22- #6 Scholarship	500.00



Budget 2023

INCOME

Donations	3500.00
Fund Raising (Letters)	2500.00
Scholarship Donations	500.00
Interest, Checking	3.00
Interest, Investments	600.00
Annual Membership Dues	1500.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,603.00

EXPENSES

Outstanding Airman Awards	745.00
Donations,	
Airman MWR Activity	3700.00
Right Start Program	250.00
Scholarship	1.00
Leadership Seminars	50.00
Other	500.00
Death Benefit	150.00
Dues Notices	250.00
Fund Raising	100.00
Insurance	1100.00
Membership Meeting	200.00
Newsletters (Two)	1300.00
Office Supplies	50.00
PayPal Fees	50.00
Postage	60.00
Professional Fees(Audit & Taxes)	800.00
Special Project	250.00
Troop Care Packages	1.00
Website Services	<u>1.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,558.00

Surplus 45.00

Financial Summary 2022

INCOME

Donations	6057.00
Fund Raising	500.00
Scholarship Donations	246.40
Interest, Checking Accounts	1.20
Interest, Investments	561.34
Annual Memberships Dues	1110.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>1155.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,630.94

EXPENSES

Outstanding Airman Awards	702.20
Donations	
Airman MWR Activity	2096.00
SELLIS Conference	3500.00
Scholarships 3 (Assistance Fund)	0.00
Enlisted Seminar	407.50
Fin Flight (Refreshments)	244.00
Leadership Development Prog	50.00
Death Benefit	50.00
Dues Notices	195.32
Insurance	1050.00
Newsletters	1332.19
Office Supplies	12.99
PayPal Fees	41.56
Professional Fees (Audit & Inc)	775.00
Special, Awards & Engraving	<u>400.00</u>

Total Expenses \$10,133.57

Subject to Audit

Demographics of Your Association

As of 31 December 2022 we have:

Total Membership:	386
Associate Members:	4
Life Members:	303
Retirees:	287
Officers:	109
Senior NCO's:	237
Airman:	40
Members with at least;	
19 Years continuous longevity:	97 51%
15 Years continuous longevity:	59
10 Years continuous longevity:	79
5 Years continuous longevity:	49

Recently Passed PACT Act

The recently passed **PACT Act** "**Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins**" **Act** has language that goes from Veterans exposed to Agent Orange in South East Asia to Veterans exposed to toxins from burn pits in the Gulf. The Lebanon Veterans Administration Medical Center is asking all Veterans who have served in these areas to get on either the Agent Orange or Burn Pit registries and get a free health exam to see if you have any health issues from that exposure. Contact the PACT ACT help desk at 800-698-2411 for assistance.



New Leadership at the 193d Special Operations Wing

The year starts off with new leadership and a new mission. They take charge at a critical time and will oversee the wing aircraft re-missioning from the EC-130J to the MC-130J.



Col. Edward J. Fink Jr. is the commander of the 193d Special Operations Wing. He is responsible for the training and readiness of over 2000 combat ready airmen, four uniquely modified EC-130J aircraft which provide Military Information Support Operations and Electronic Attack, and three C-130J aircraft ensuring Special Operations Forces mobility in support of United States Special Operations Command and Air Force Special Operations Command. He also leads the wing aircraft re-missioning from the EC-130J to the MC-130J, a flagship mission for Air Force Special Operations Command, which will guarantee relevancy for the wing in years to come.

Col. Fink enlisted in the Air Force in August 1985 and served as an enlisted Nuclear Weapons Specialist in the 410th Munitions Maintenance Squadron. He separated from active duty in 1988, then joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and attended Penn State University. While earning his degree, he served as an Aircraft Munitions Maintenance Team Chief at the 111th Fighter Wing, Willow Grove NAS. In 1992, he was selected for a pilot position, commissioned in November 1993, and earned his wings at Laughlin AFB, Texas in January 1995. After attending training at Davis-Monthan AFB Arizona, he returned to Willow Grove NAS as an A/OA-10 pilot where he eventually upgraded to Evaluator Pilot and served in numerous contingency deployments.

Col. Fink commanded the 111th Maintenance Group before transferring to the 193d Special Operations Wing as an EC-130J Air Craft Commander. In December 2012, he assumed command of the 193d Special Operations Wing, Detachment 1, Bollen Air to Ground Range. Col. Fink assumed Command of the 193d Special Operations Group in April 2016. Prior to his current position, Col. Fink served as the Commander of the 111th Operations Group, Biddle ANGB. As a Command Pilot, Col Fink has over 3000 hours of military flight time in the T-37, T-38, A/OA-10, C-130J, EC-130J and MQ-9, and is a veteran of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom with 506 hours of combat flight time.

Chief Master Sergeant Robert S. Smith is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 193d Special Operations Wing. He serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the commander on all issues affecting mission effectiveness, health, morale, readiness, enlisted development and mentoring of approximately 1900 Airmen assigned to the Wing. The Wing is comprised of four uniquely modified EC-130J aircraft which provide Military Information Support Operations and Electronic Attack, and three C-130J aircraft ensuring Special Operations Forces mobility in support of United States Special Operations Command and Air Force Special Operations Command.

Chief Smith entered the United States Air Force in December 1987. He completed the Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice Course in June 1988. During his active-duty tenor from June 1988 to October 1999 Chief Smith performed numerous support functions within the Maintenance Group and Logistics Group. Additionally he served as a Quality Assurance Inspector and Exercise Evaluator Team member. Chief Smith has deployed in support of numerous operations to include operation Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Unified Protector. In 2013 Chief Smith completed a tour at the Air National Guard Readiness Center as the Subject Matter Expert for the A4/M Equipment Management section.

New DOD ID Cards

DOD has been changing ID cards, the new style white plastic cards were issued as the old card expired. But some of us who are old enough to have a retired military ID cards with an expiration date of indefinite may not know about the change. And if you use your military ID as a Real ID for flying, TSA is updating their security software and once implemented the new software will not read the older cards. Go to idco.dmdc.osd/mil/idco/ to find out where to get your new card.

Wing Honor Guard

My name is Maj Jason Schafer and I am a drilling status guardsman, I am also the OIC of the Wing Honor Guard. During my time in this position the single biggest issue we encounter is the family not knowing where to find the NGB form 22 or the DD form 214 military discharge. In order for us to coordinate and provide Burial Honors we need your proof of service, we have the flexibility to partner with Active Duty Honor Guards from the base that has the area of responsibility for the location of the burial. The end result is a dignified final salute that helps provide closure for families. While you are still with us, please dig up a copy of your discharge document and give copies to your family members or put it in a place where they will know where it is. You should be proud of your service to our Wing, Commonwealth, and Nation. Whether you realize it or not your family is ten times prouder. Please don't deny those whom you leave behind the opportunity to have full closure.

My second and last item is a call for dress uniform donations. We are looking for gently used trousers and jackets so that we may build an inventory of uniforms for new Honor Guard Members. The current uniform has no breast pockets. If you are willing to donate you may drop off for me at the front desk of the Medical Group or with LRS Customer Service. When dropping off please indicate that this is for Jason Schafer/Honor Guard so that the uniforms don't get redirected elsewhere. Please leave your name and contact info with the donated items as we will want to extend a proper thank you for your generosity.

193d SOW Changing Missions

In 1968, the first EC-121 Coronet Solo was delivered to the unit, marking the beginning of the 193d SOW mission of transmitting radio and television signals from aircraft to the ground. That mission came from the Navy where it was supporting operations in Vietnam and now it is going back to them.

For more than 54 years, the quiet professionals of the 193d have carried out this mission with distinction. The last EC-130J broadcast training flights took place on September 17, 2022.

We have already received our first Commando II MC-130J aircraft, but it will likely take more than a year for the whole process of divestment of the EC-130Js and acquisition of the MC-130Js to be completed. Wing personnel will be hyper-focused and vigilant with training on the new mission.

The Commando II mission is a core, flagship mission of Air Force Special Operations Command. The 193d is the first – and currently the only – ANG unit to receive the MC-130J Commando II mission of primarily flying missions at night to reduce probability of visual acquisition and intercept by airborne threats. The MC-130J flies clandestine – or low visibility – single or multi-ship, low-level infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces, by airdrop or airland and air refueling missions for special operations helicopters and tiltrotor aircraft, intruding politically sensitive or hostile territories. This will put the 193rd SOW at the forefront of the battlespace to meet today's special operations needs.

2023 193rd SOW Association Scholarship Program

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Scholarship is an annual program that gives at least a \$1,000 award directly to a wing member or members it feels demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. This will be the eighth year for the scholarship program and the Association is looking forward to receiving many qualified submissions. The 2023 Scholarship program will **open March 1, 2023 and close June 31, 2023**. The requirement for the scholarship this year will be a 300-500 word paper double-spaced, grammatically correct and in your own words on one of the following topics: 1) Reflect on your decision to join the military. Thinking about your reasoning, education, and understanding of the military before actually joining. Explain the qualifications or recommendations you deemed to be the most useful to help you achieve your goals so far...Or, 2) For the last 35 years, the 193d has been flying the same mission. With the new mission scheduled to begin this year, how do you see your role changing and what challenges do you foresee you and your unit facing. What resources do you feel will be needed to help meet your needs? All entries can be e-mailed to scholarship@193sow.org by the deadline. If there are any questions please contact SMSgt Peter Mireles, at pmireles@193sow.org.

Peter Mireles, Scholarship Chairman

Annual Election of Association Directors

We will be holding our upcoming General Membership meeting on Saturday 15 April 2023 in the 193d Dining Facility at 1600 hours. As our by-laws are written we will elect three (3) members to serve as Board of Directors for a three (3) year term. There is also a vacant 2 year director position open. 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 "2023 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, 81 Constellation Court, #14, Middletown PA 17057.

Dave Hawkins,
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 8 years, has served as the membership chairman the last 5 years and as Secretary for the last 3 years.

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 United States Secret Service in April 2018. MSgt Franklin joined the Association in October 2008 and became a Life member in December 2009. MSgt joined the Board in 2020.

Edward J. Maurice, Capt

Capt 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. Capt Maurice is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Business Management. Capt Maurice has served multiple tours overseas in and out of uniform. Capt Maurice joined the Association as a Life member in Jan 2010 and joined the board in 2020. Capt Maurice currently resides in Pennsylvania with his wife and three children.

193rd SOW Association 2023 Absentee Ballot

Kimber L. Connelly - Thomas E Franklin - Edward J Maurice

Circle or write in your names

Mail to: "Judge of Elections"
193rd SOW Association,
81 Constellation Court #14
Middletown, PA 17057

Or e-mail your selections to:
ballot@193sow.org
include your name.

Members Name _____



December 20, 2022 Association Board Meeting

Board President Amy Snyder, Vice President Peter Mireles, Secretary Kimber Connelly, Treasurer Tom Franklin, Financial Secretary Randy Eckert, Past President Dave Hawkins and Patrick Devine take President Emeritus Paul Weidensaul out for dinner to honor all of his years of service to the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association

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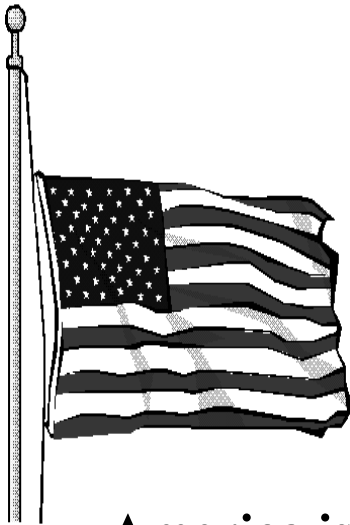
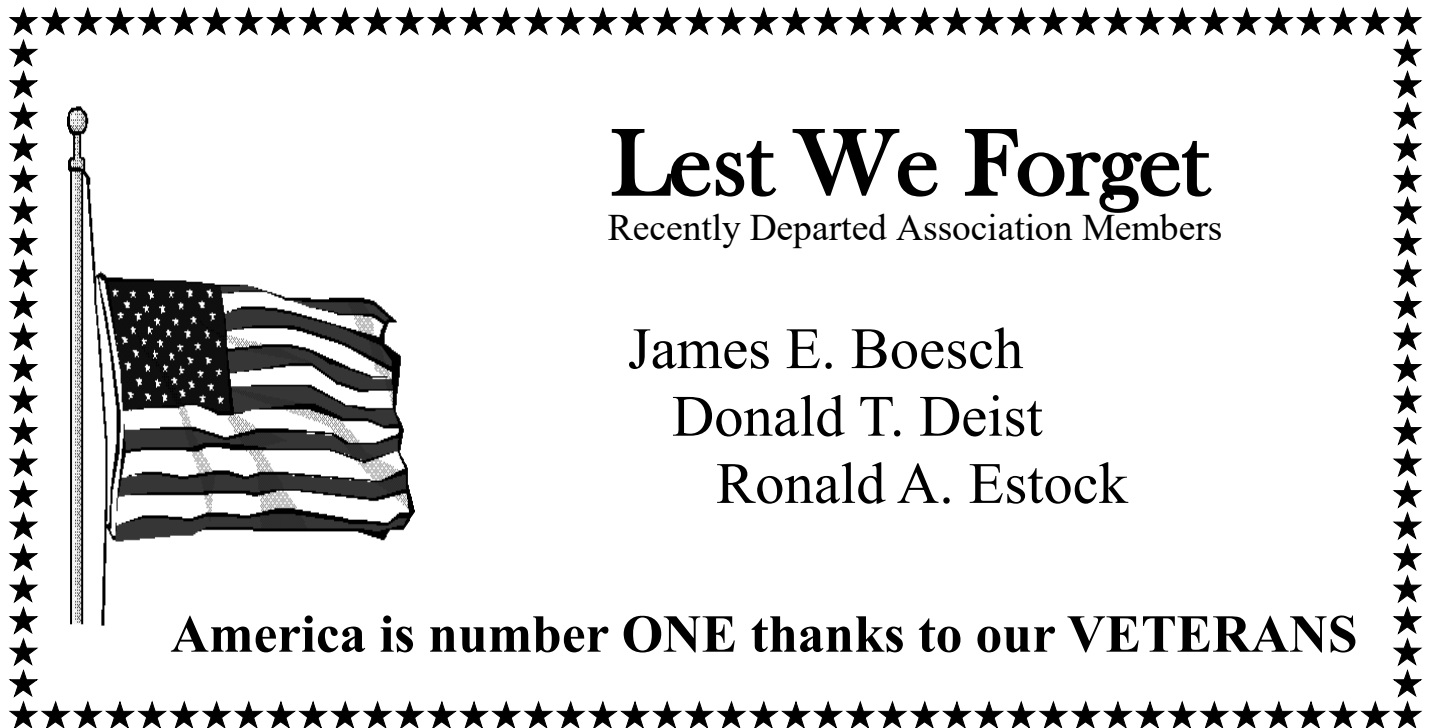
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