



81 Constellation Court, #14 Middletown PA 17057

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We hope you're all enjoying the summer so far! It's been a bustling year for us, and we're excited to share some updates on what we've been up to.

Mark your calendars! Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament is set for Columbus Day, October 13th. It's always a fantastic day of friendly competition and camaraderie. Be sure to check out the flyer below for registration details!

In May, we had the privilege of volunteering at the HIA Air Dot Show over Memorial Day weekend. It was an incredible event, and we were thrilled to contribute while also enjoying the spectacular show. A big thank you to our current and retired members who volunteered their time: James Yingst, Daryl Potteiger, Pam Nee, Peter Mireles, and Sylvia Beiler. We also appreciate the support from various JROTC programs from across the midstate. If you're interested in helping out, we'll be volunteering again next year for the 250th Anniversary of our Nation!

We're proud to announce that our Historian office is up and running! They've already collected 50 oral histories from our past members, preserving invaluable insights and memories. You can find a link to view these fascinating stories on our webpage.

We're thrilled to share that 16 members applied for our Scholarship this year! The committee is currently scoring and voting, and we'll be releasing the names of the recipients soon. Good luck to all the applicants!

On a final note, we currently have three open positions on our board, and we'd love to bring in some fresh faces to help us run the Association. If you're interested in getting involved, please reach out or join us at our next meeting. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Wing Conference Room at 193rd SOW Middletown.

Sincerely,
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 Angie's Diner in Harrisburg on 4 Aug and 3 Nov, or at the Country Fare
In Myerstown on 7 Oct, or Contact Dave Hawkins dhawkins@193sow.org for additional dates.

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SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12 April 2025

Board Members Present: Amy Snyder Randy Eckert Peter Mireles Kimber Connelly Jessica Barder
Ed Maurice David Hawkins Tom Franklin

Board Members Excused: Anthony D'Antonio Pat Devine Ron Hunsicker

Board Members Absent: Sue McMurray

General Members and Guests: Several Wing personnel were present along with some Wing leadership to include the Lt Col Hackman

Call to Order: Dave called the meeting to order at 1620.

President's Opening Comments: Amy was delayed attending the meeting so Dave briefly discussed the purpose of the Association, to include the Assistance Fund, the scholarship and airman of the year programs.

Wing Update: Lt Col Hackman provided updates on the changes happening at the Wing, to include the establishment of an A-staff management structure

Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: The minutes were approved.

Annual Election of Association Directors: There were four openings on the board and only three members nominated, all three are currently directors, so a vote was not required. The re-elected members were Jessica Barder, Anthony D'Antonio and Amy Snyder.

Recent Accomplishments and Future Plans: Amy and Dave talked about the unit history efforts and the new swag items for sale.

2024 Financial Report & 2025 Budget: Both items were reported in the Association's Spring News Letter which was mailed prior to the meeting and handed out at the meeting. No issues were presented and both items were approved.

Recognition of the Airman of the Year: Amy presented a gift card to each of the 2024 Outstanding Airman who were present at the meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1728.

Respectfully submitted by Kimber Connelly

New Lickdale Veterans' Outreach Center

First of Its Kind One-Stop-Shop for Veterans and Their Families



The Lickdale Veterans' Outreach Center, [Lickdale Veterans' Outreach Center](#) - which opened to the public on June 3, is the first of several planned regional outreach centers that reflect the Shapiro Administration's forward-thinking approach to serving the nearly **700,000 veterans** across the Commonwealth - the fifth largest veteran population in the nation - including more than **80,000 veterans** in Lebanon County and the surrounding counties of Dauphin, Berks, Lancaster, and Schuylkill.

"Our veterans have sacrificed for us, serving our nation to defend our freedoms - and they deserve a Commonwealth that cares for and invests in them," said **Governor Shapiro**. "It's an honor to be here today to cut the ribbon on Pennsylvania's first in-person veterans' resource center and open new doors on this one-stop-shop for the brave men and women who have served our Commonwealth and our country. We owe our veterans more than just our gratitude - we owe them real support and that's why my Administration is making it easier than ever for veterans and their families to access the care, benefits, and services they've earned."

The Lickdale Center provides in-person access to accredited veteran service officers who assist with navigating and applying for military benefits. It also includes state-of-the-art conference rooms, private meeting areas, and training spaces for advocacy groups and service organizations. The center is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This is more than just a building - it's a commitment to the men and women who have served our country," said **Adjutant General Pippy**. "By bringing together federal, state, and community partners in one space, we can help veterans address complex challenges and connect to the benefits they've earned through their service."

The center also includes increased privacy, improved access to DMVA staff, and a welcoming, community-focused environment. In addition to DMVA service officers, organizations like CareerLink will be stationed on-site to offer additional support. In addition to accredited veterans service officers from DMVA, community-based advocacy groups like CareerLink will also be stationed on-site to support veterans.

With recent federal changes to veterans' benefits — including the **Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act** - many veterans are revisiting their eligibility and require additional assistance. Veterans are encouraged to bring military paperwork, such as a **DD-214**, though staff can also help locate missing documents.

Gear Up with 24/7 Swag Store Access!



Show your 193rd pride anytime, anywhere! Our online Swag Store is now open 24/7, offering a wide variety of merchandise for all our members. Most orders are processed and shipped within 4-5 business days, so you can sport your 193rd gear in no time!

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REAL ID and Next Gen ID Card

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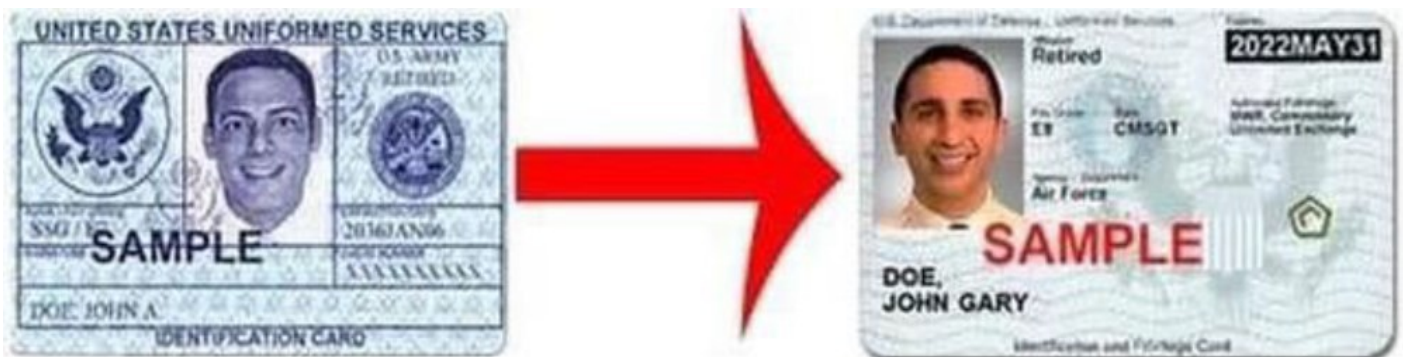
By Steve Young, Lt Col (Retired)

Buckley SFB Retiree Activities Office Director

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act was enacted in response to the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to improve national security. The goal of the REAL ID Act is to prevent identity fraud by establishing minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. The Department of Homeland Security started Real ID Act enforcement on 7 May 2025. This affects what forms of documentation can be used to access certain federal facilities, military installations, and to board domestic commercial flights. You can check your state's compliance on the Department of Homeland Security website <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

Eventually, you will need to have the NextGen ID card because the old forms of ID will not be valid to access military installations; this will be true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it.

Military retirees, dependents, and surviving spouses who already possess military, or DoD issued credentials, will still be granted installation access for the foreseeable future even if you have an "old style" ID card (DD Form 2, DD Form 1173, DD Form 1173-1 or DD Form 2765 (blue, pink or tan ID)). DoD will formally announce when a date has been set.



There are several ways to make an appointment to get a new ID card. You can visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website to find the closest office and either call them to make an appointment or schedule your own appointment using the website <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/> (will transition to myAuth as of 20 May 2025). To make an appointment using this site select the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" block. You may also be able to renew your ID card online and have it mailed to you. Select the "Family ID Cards" block on the website at the link above. Below are the requirements to renew a card online:

- Sponsor must be a CAC holder or have a DoD Self-Service Logon username/password
- Must be requesting a renewal of an active USID card
- Sponsor and cardholder must have email addresses listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) that they have authorized DoD to use for contacting them
- Sponsor's personnel status must extend at least 30 days into the future
- Cardholder has a photo saved in DEERS taken in the last 12 years
- Cardholder's mailing address is present in DEERS and is in United States or Overseas.
- USID cards cannot be shipped to PO Boxes

All old-style ID card holders are encouraged to get a NextGen ID card soon!

193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING HISTORY OFFICE

BUILDING 101, ROOM 103

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PRE ORDER NOW. YOUR PART OF OUR HISTORY!

Help celebrate and honor the history and heritage of the 193rd Special Operations Wing
dating back to the start of the 148th Fighter Squadron.

This coin will be available only through the 193rd Special Operations Wing History Office.

Coin details include, 2 inch Matte Nickel Finish, 3.5mm thick, 3D High Relief

ORDER DETAILS

\$15.00 donation per coin - Two coins for \$25.00 donation

Cash or Checks payable to: "193rd SOW Association" and sent to;

193rd SOW Association - History Office

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Middletown, PA 17057

When delivered coins will be available in the History Office, Building 101, Room 103

This and all fundraising by the History Office are donor driven efforts to support the history program of the 193rd SOW Association
with non-appropriated funds. Any and all questions can be sent by email to: 193sow.histoff@gmail.com.

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193RD SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING ASSOCIATION

GOLF TOURNAMENT

**\$75 A PERSON
\$300 TEAM**



**OCT
13TH**

**MANADA GOLF COURSE
609 GOLF LANE, GRANTVILLE
DINNER AND PRIZES AFTER**

SHOTGUN STARTS AT 11

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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 can not thank you personally. Without you, we could not do much of what we are currently doing.

BOARD of DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

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

President - Amy R. Snyder
Vice President - Jessica L. Barder
Past President - David S. Hawkins*
Treasurer - Thomas E. Franklin
Financial Secretary - Randy L. Eckert *
Recording Secretary - Kimber L. Connelly

3- Year Directors:
Jessica L. Barder
Anthony L. D'Antonio
Amy R. Snyder
Lacey T. Timothy

2 - Year Directors:
Patrick M. Devine
3 Vacant

1 - Year Directors:
Kimber L. Connelly
Thomas E. Franklin
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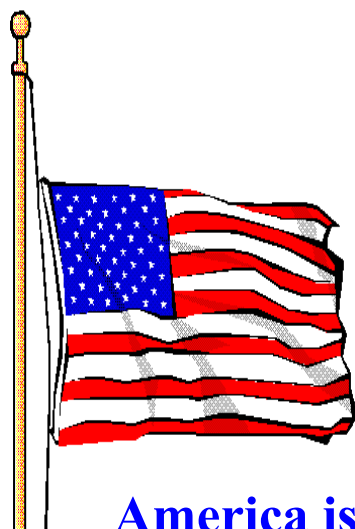
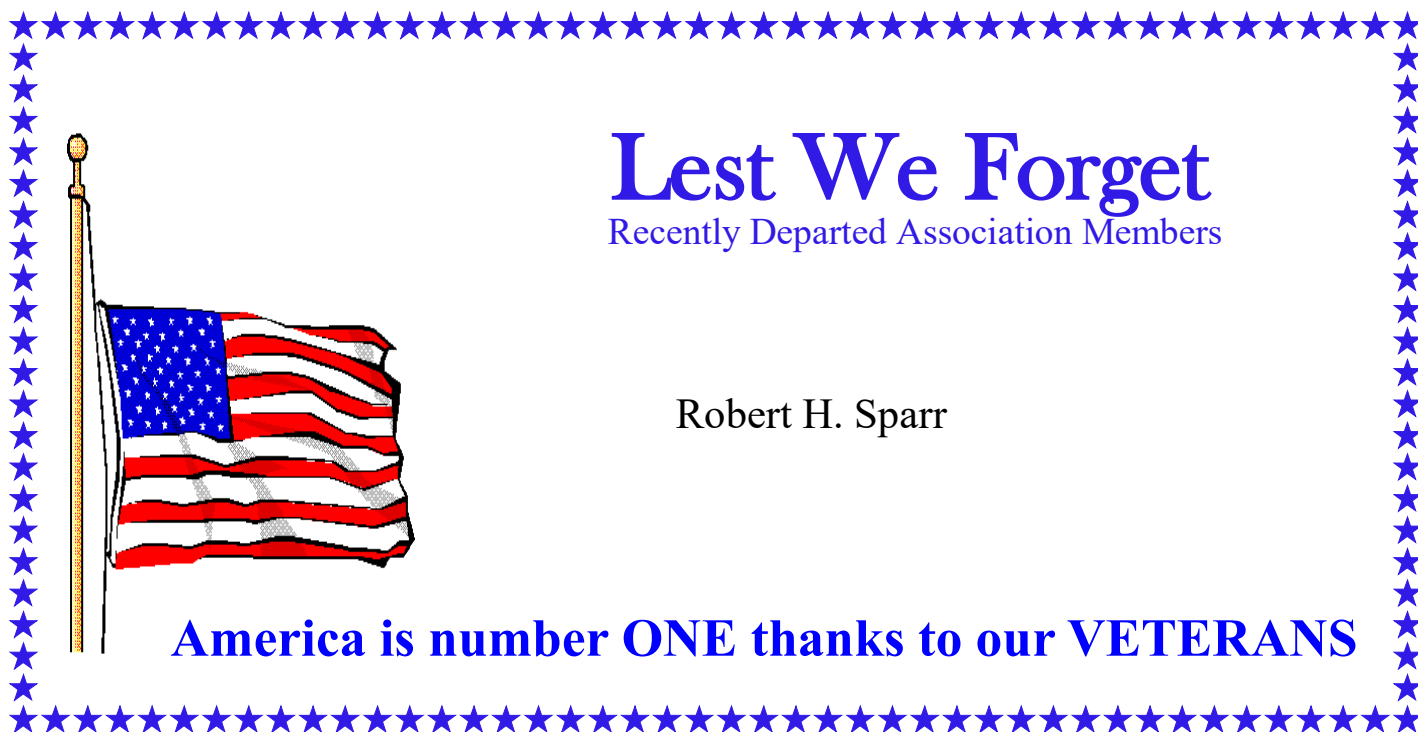
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