



81 Constellation Court, #14 Middletown PA 17057

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello and welcome 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Members. I hope the New Year finds you in good health and great spirits. Your Association has had a productive year for 2015 and our membership has reached an all time high of over 425 members. As always we are striving to provide support to our Wing and our Airmen, and as our numbers grow, it makes that task more possible.

I am happy to announce a new benefit to Association Members, and that is providing monies for attendance at Group or Wing Activities. We will now, by Board approval, provide part of the activities fee's for events sponsored by these organizations. All 193rd SOW Association members in good standing will be eligible to participate. At this year

Wing Christmas Party, the Association provided \$5.00 to each member attendee, to offset the event prices. It allowed us to do something directly for our members and also provide funds to the activity. In addition we gained several new members, as they took advantage of this new benefit.

We are in the process of electing new Board of Directors. They will be serving a three year term, and we need you to support the election process. Please read the Bio on the candidates listed in this news letter, and make your vote by absentee ballot or better yet coming to the Annual Business Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 15:00 in the 193rd SOW Dining Facility. A Picnic Lunch will be held earlier in the day, starting at 11:00 in Clancey's Club. Followed by other activities around the base. Come and join us for a fun afternoon and great camaraderie .

Many of our retiree's might not be aware of the appointment of the Wing's new Commander. He is Colonel Benjamin (Mike) Cason, who had been serving as the Wing Vice Commander prior to this appointment. Col. Cason comes to us from the Air Force Special Operations community, where he served in various command positions as well as being a Command Pilot with over 4500 flying hours. Please take note of Col. Carson's Bio in this news letter to see the rest of his many accomplishments. It's the first time in the history of Air Force Special Operations Command, a unit has appointed a dual-status commander. A dual-status commander serves in both a federal and state status simultaneously. Air Force-wide, Cason is the third active-duty Airman to serve as an Air National Guard commander. Welcome Sir, to your new command! We in the Association pledge our full support, and want to extend our deep appreciation, for the openness and hospitality you have show us in allowing the Association access to the Base and the opportunity to provide support to our Airmen

Barry Frey, President

BREAKFAST CLUB — Starting at 0830

Feb 15, 2016 Highspire
Apr 11, 2016 Myerstown
Jun 13, 2016 Highspire
Jul 11, 2016 Wyomissing

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 10, 2016 Myerstown
Oct 24, 2016 Highspire
Jan 9, 2017 Myerstown

193rd SOW Association Spring Membership Meeting Agenda

9 Apr 2016 - 1500 Hours
193rd SOW Dining Facility

1. Picnic Lunch at Clancy's 1100 Hours
2. Walking Tour
3. Mission Briefing
4. Call to Order - President
5. President's opening comments - Barry Frey
6. Read and approve minutes from previous meeting - David Hawkins
7. 2015 Financial Report - Dennis Walborn
8. 2016 Budget - Dennis Walborn
9. New Business
 - Election - Scott Keener
 - Accomplishments - Barry Frey
 - Association Assistance Fund - Barry Frey
 - SECA / United Way Giving - Barry Frey
 - Scholarship Program - Dave Hawkins/ John Seitz
10. Meeting Adjournment

193rd SOW Association Assets

Checking Account	
General Fund	\$10,659.95
Assistance Fund	\$4,106.50
Special Fund	\$6,359.02
Investments	
Certificates of Deposit, GF	\$6,000.00
Certificates of Deposit, AF	\$5,000.00
KLKS Life, GF	\$14,000.00
Total Fund Balance	\$46,125.47

Budget 2016

INCOME	
Donations	5000.00
Scholarship Donations	500.00
Fund Raising	150.00
Interest, Checking	3.00
Interest, Investments	450.00
Annual Membership Dues	2300.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>110.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,503.00
EXPENSES	
Outstanding Airman Awards	745.00
Donations,	
Airman MWR Activity	2800.00
Right Start Program	1000.00
Scholarship	500.00
Leadership Seminars	50.00
Other	500.00
Death Benefit	250.00
Dues Notices	275.00
Fund Raising	25.00
Insurance	1575.00
Membership Meeting	275.00
Newsletters (Two)	900.00
Office Supplies	50.00
Postage	100.00
Professional Fees (Audit & Taxes)	25.00
Recruiting	50.00
Special Project	80.00
Troop Care Packages	200.00
Website Services	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,500.00
Surplus	3.00

Demographics of Your Association

As of 31 December 2015 we have:

Total Membership:	424
Associate Members:	4
Life Members:	231
Retirees:	245
Active Guardsmen:	186
Officers:	95
Senior NCO's:	246
Airman:	83
Members with more than	
10 Years continuous longevity:	204
5 Years continuous longevity:	74

193rd SOW Association 2015 Assistance Fund

Income	
United Way Giving	10,632.99
SECA included	
Total Income	\$10,632.99

Requests for Assistance:

In 2015, 22 cases were received for monetary assistance from the Association. A total of \$10,732.27 was awarded to these needy cases.

Case 15- #1	604.00
Case 15- #2	300.00
Case 15- #3	485.89
Case 15- #4	435.00
Case 15- #5	750.00
Case 15- #6	Denied
Case 15- #7	750.00
Case 15- #8	750.00
Case 15- #9	542.47
Case 15- #10	500.00
Case 15- #11	500.00
Case 15- #12	750.00
Case 15- #13	Denied
Case 15- #14	Denied
Case 15- #15	650.00
Case 15- #16	675.00
Case 15- #17	750.00
Case 15- #18	741.21
Case 15- #19	750.00
Case 15- #20	300.00
Case 15- #21	750.00
Case 15- #22	750.00

Financial Summary 2015

INCOME

Donations	4523.00
Scholarship Donations	270.67
Fund Raising	211.00
Interest, Checking	.87
Interest, Assistance Fund	.63
Interest, Special Fund	.73
Interest, Investments	538.93
Annual Memberships Dues	2805.00
Life Memberships Dues	<u>2716.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,066.83

EXPENSES

Outstanding Airman Awards	529.75
Donations	
Airman MWR Activity	2721.00
Scholarships (2)	1000.00
Right Start Program (Shirts)	966.00
Death Benefit	356.00
Dues Notices	277.02
Insurance	1571.00
Membership Meeting	97.30
Newsletters	1007.31
Office Supplies	44.25
Postage	86.38
Special Projects	
A7773 Bench	733.00
Post Card Survey	205.77
Christmas Party	<u>375.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,969.78

Subject to audit



In Honor of Coronet Solo

The Association just completed another phase of the static display of aircraft A-7773 an EC-130E with the addition of a memorial bench in front of the aircraft, located in the Air Park at Fort Indiantown Gap. The Bench honors Navy Captain George Dixon the Father of Coronet Solo. In early 1964 retired Navy Captain George Dixon was called back from retirement to oversee project Jenny, after he convinced the navy they needed a platform to broadcast radio and television for both entertainment and psychological warfare. The NC-121-J Super Constellation was the aircraft configured for the mission. Later in the 60's the

Navy dropped the program and it was picked up by the Air National Guard and the 193rd who were already flying the 121's. The unit renamed the 193rd Tactical Electronic Warfare Group. The 193rd kept the mission as it converted to EC-130E's in the 80's and then later to the EC-130J's. It's name and parent organization also changed as it evolved into the 193rd Special Operations Wing.



Colonel Benjamin (Mike) Cason is the wing commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Middletown, Pennsylvania. Col Cason is responsible for the training and readiness of approximately 1,900 combat-ready Airmen and several EC-130J aircraft, which provide Military Information Support Operations, Electronic Attack, and Special Operations Forces Mobility in support of U.S. Special Operations Command. The wing also includes eight geographically separated units organized in a unique Regional Support Group that provides various expeditionary combat support capabilities to the U.S. Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Air Force Space Command, the National Guard Bureau and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Approval to serve in this capacity must come from the Secretary of Defense and the governor, a process that takes several months to vet. Col Cason first joined the 193rd SOW in August 2013 as a dual-status vice wing commander.

EDUCATION:

1990 Bachelors of Arts, The Citadel
1998 Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Correspondence)
2006 Masters in International Relations, University of Oklahoma
2006 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (Correspondence)
2012 Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
Gallant Unit Citation
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
National Defense Service Medal with 1 Service Star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Department of State Superior Honor Award

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 29, 1990
First Lieutenant May 29, 1992
Captain October 29, 1994
Major December 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2007
Colonel March 1, 2012

2016 SOW Association Scholarship Program

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Scholarship is an annual program that gives a five hundred dollar award to a wing member it feels demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. This will be the fourth year for the scholarship program and the association is looking forward to receiving many qualified submissions. The Association will be awarding two five hundred dollar prizes. The 2016 Scholarship program will open June 1st 2016 and Close July 31st 2016. 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 Association, 81 Constellation Court #14, Middletown PA 17057, post marked no later than 31 July 2016. Or they can be e mailed to solo@193sow.org by the same deadline. If there are any questions please contact John Seitz jseitz@193sow.org or David Hawkins dhawkins@193sow.org

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

John W. Seitz, Vice President, & Scholarship Co-Chair

Memorabilia available on line

If you are looking for a t-shirt, polo shirt, sweatshirt or hat with the emblem of the 193rd SOW or AFSOC on it look to our friends at Gray Water Ops in New Cumberland. They have an online store with items for sale. [Gray Water Ops.com](http://GrayWaterOps.com)

If you are looking for a coin the Current Ops section on base has a selection available. They are also available on line at [KnD Coins and More.com](http://KnDCoinsandMore.com) in Middletown. Their site will also have photos of our airplanes for sale in the near future.

A share of the proceeds from the sales of these items will benefit the 193rd SOW Association. Support your Association with a purchase from these 193rd veteran owned and operated businesses.



Use these QR scan codes to go directly to the web stores and order these items online.

KnDCoins and More for Wing coins



← You can use Gray Water Ops.com for shirts and hats. →

All welcome to join us for our **Annual Picnic**

April 9th At Clancy's

Lunch at 1100

Walking Tour - Mission Briefing

Annual Meeting

Additional parking at the West side of the Airport

Long term parking inside the fence.

Ride the bus, no walking please.

Right Start Program

The Association has undertaken the task



of providing "T" shirts for the Airmen getting ready to go for formal training.

Annual Election of Association Officers

At our upcoming General Membership meeting on 9 April 2016, 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 terms. 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 "2016 Absentee Ballot" for your convenience. Please fill it out and mail it to us with a post mark of not later than 1 April. 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 (Scott Keener), 81 Constellation Court, #14, Middletown PA 17057.

Kaitlyn E. Cook, SSgt

SSgt Kaitlyn E. Cook has completed 6 ears of military service. Her current position is the Human Resources-Remote for the 193d Special Operations Wing. SSgt Cook is a member of the Enlisted Council and a Unit Career Advisor for the Force Support Squadron. She also has recently been selected for a commissioning opportunity with the 193d Special Operations Group as a Combat Systems Officer. During her enlistment, SSgt Cook has gained experience in Public Affairs; and with the Comptroller Flight. SSgt Cook an Associates degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Harrisburg Area Community College; Associates degree is Mass Communications from the Community College of the Air Force; and Bachelor's degree in Communications from Penn State University. SSgt Cook joined the Association in December 2015.

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 is 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 recording secretary.

Craig E. Lady, Lt Col (Ret)

Lt Col Craig E. Lady was born and raised near Gettysburg. Lt Col Craig served 6 years on active duty after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. Lt Col Craig served 21 years in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, retiring from the 193rd in February 2003. In the 193rd he has held the positions of; Instructor pilot, Tactics officer, 193rd SOW Chief of Safety, 193rd SOS Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. LtCol Lady served on multiple deployments as detached commander, and then as 193rd SOW Operations Group Commander. Lt Col Lady is a current Life member of the 193 SOW Association and reside in Hummelstown with his wife Ann and together they have five adult children. Lt Col Lady has been on the Board of Directors since 2013.

Ryan B. Roberts, TSgt

TSgt Ryan Roberts entered military service in January 2001. TSgt Roberts completed a six year active duty tour at various Active duty locations and then enlisted into the 193rd SOW Security Forces in October 2007. TSgt Roberts is a Squad Leader in the 193rd SOW Security Forces in which he is responsible for 13 squad members, squad training and overall career development. In February 2012 TSgt Roberts was selected for a full time technician position as the Wing Antiterrorism Officer. TSgt Roberts was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and again in 2005. TSgt Roberts is currently the President of the 193rd SOW Enlisted Council. TSgt Roberts joined the Wing Association in April of 2015.

193rd SOW Association 2016 Absentee Ballot

Kaitlyn Cook

Dave Hawkins

Craig Lady

Ryan Roberts

Circle or write in four names and mail to:

“Judge of Elections”

193rd SOW Association,

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

Members Name _____

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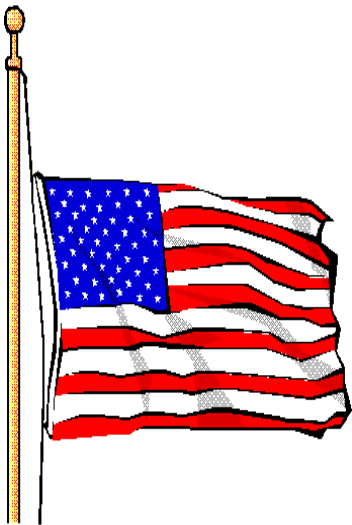
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Lest We Forget

Recently Departed Association Member

Richard R. Alwine, CMSgt (Ret)
Frank Homa Jr, MSgt (Ret)
Richard B. Posey, B Gen (Ret)
Lester M. Souders, MSgt (Ret)



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