

# The DANG TRUTH



*Mission First, Safety Always -- The Safe Way is the Delaware Way*

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166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard  
New Castle ANG Base, Delaware

## Take care during change

**By Col. Michael J. Feeley**  
*Wing Commander*

The next several years are going to be marked with an unprecedented amount of change for the Guard, particularly the Air Guard. New, evolving missions, or changes to how we do existing missions, will be the norm.

For some, the amount of change we will be experiencing will be small. For others, it will impact every aspect of our lives.

I prefer to look at change as a positive event, something laced with opportunity for those poised to accept it, and, in fact, willing to embrace it.

The horizons of the future are marked by ground breaking new ideas, embryonic ways of waging war, and defending our nation. The opportunity is there, to not just get our foot in the door, but to kick that door down, and take advantage of these new environments. Whether [change is] in radical changes to existing legacy missions, or in areas where electrons have replaced traditional arms, we need to view it from a positive perspective, and be proactive to making the adjustments, to not only our structure, but to the very way we view things.

The bottom line is, knowing we are going to change, and accepting it as a positive, will facilitate our ability to change. We do not, should not, and cannot survive if we just have an employer-employee relationship. We ask too many things of our people to do this.

When Delaware is dealing with any type of emergency, be it a blizzard, a nor'easter, a hurricane, whatever the event may be, we do not act like normal people and stay home with their families. We are expected, and we expect, to brave the elements to ensure the safety of our community. On a national level, when our country calls us to arms, we respond continually, over and over and over and over again. The level of ownership and commitment is much more than simply a job. It's more like a family situation.

If we are going to prosper in this time of opportunity created by change, we need to treat each other more like family members.

So I ask all of you, when you are performing your duties, please understand that the burdens each of us carries are often unknown to others. Treat those in



*(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rob Meredith)*

**166th Airlift Wing Commander  
Colonel Michael J. Feeley**

the wing as family members, doing the extras that make the difference.

*(Editor: these are excerpts of remarks made by Col. Feeley on June 2, 2012, during the wing change of command ceremony)*



*(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)*

**C-130 crew chiefs on the ramp at the New Castle Air National Guard Base during the wing's Operational Readiness Exercise, August 9, 2012.**

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## Sept. UTA events

### Sept. 14, Friday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.  
(arrive at 0715; all participants must be in a military status approved by their unit and schedule test through Unit Fitness Monitor)

### Sept. 15, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.  
- **Protestant Services:** 0745-0800, Bldg. 2815, SAT Hangar (Small Air Terminal)  
- **Catholic Mass:** 0830-0930, Bldg. 2815, SAT Hangar  
- **Retirement ceremony:** Senior Master Sgt. Roger Maldonado, 166th Medical Group, 1500, Ops Theater  
- **Retirement ceremony:** Lt. Colonel Richard O'Leary, HQ DE ANG, 1500, Loeffel Room  
- **Delaware National Guard Fifth-fifth Marksmanship Sustainment Training Exercise,** Rifle and Pistol Individual & Combined Arms Team Championship, River Road Training Site (continued on Sept. 16)

### Sept. 16, Sunday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.  
- **Retirement ceremony:** Brig. Gen. Bruce Thompson, Chief of Staff, DE ANG, 1430, Loeffel Room

## Coming events

Oct. 15-19: ESOHCAMP

## UTA schedule 2012-13

15-16 Sep 2012	12-13 Jan 2013
13-14 Oct 2012	02-03 Feb 2013
03-04 Nov 2012	02-03 Mar 2013
01-02 Dec 2012	06-07 Apr 2013

## Personnel actions for August 2012

### Enlistments:

#### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT:

Stiff, Dennis, 166 CFT

#### MASTER SERGEANT:

Buchanan, Sherman, 142 AS

#### TECHNICAL SERGEANT:

Jojola, Robert, 166 MXS

#### STAFF SERGEANT:

Bright, Nathan, 166 AW  
Riggins, Monica, 166 MDG  
Squires, June, 166 MDG

#### SENIOR AIRMAN:

Baez, Kent 166 CFT  
Wallace, Kenneth, 166 MXS

#### AIRMAN 1st CLASS:

Bittner, Casy, 166 OG  
Conyers, Taylor, 166 MXO  
Day, Andrew, 142 AS  
Dominguez, Sharon, 142 AES  
Harley, Shaundra, 142 AES  
Moore, Drew, 142 AES

#### AIRMAN BASIC:

Dewon, Walker, 166 LRS

### Promotions:

#### To MASTER SERGEANT:

Keating, Kevin, 166 CES  
Muniz, Ronald, 166 CES  
Spong, Steven, 166 SFS

#### To TECHNICAL SERGEANT:

Beauchamp, Sarah, 166 MDG

#### To STAFF SERGEANT:

Williams, Katelyn, 166 CES

#### To SENIOR AIRMAN:

Bullock, Gregory, 166 LRS  
Farmer, Ashley, 166 LRS  
Fraser, Richard, DE ANG (31st CST)  
Jovellar, Briana, 166 MOF

### Retirements:

Broomall, Hugh, Maj. Gen.  
Maldonado, Roger, Senior Master Sgt.  
Patterson, Harry, Staff Sgt.  
Smith, Alan, Tech. Sgt.  
Stanley, Sherra, Master Sgt.

## DE ANG Recruiting:

1-800-742-6713, 1-866-NOW-DANG,  
or Local (302) 323-3444

## DE ANG Retention:

(302) 323-3413

### Web Resources:

**166AW Air Force Public Web site:**  
[www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)

#### 166AW Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing)

#### DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting](http://www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting)

#### Public web site, DE National Guard:

[www.DelawareNationalGuard.com](http://www.DelawareNationalGuard.com)

#### DNG Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard](http://www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard)

## Medical field job openings

### Hiring for officers in these fields:

Multiple traditional positions; no close-out dates to apply unless indicated:

142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- **Flight Nurse**

142nd Airlift Squadron:

- **GMO Flight Surgeon**

166th Medical Group:

- **Health Services Administrator**  
(18 Sept. closeout date to apply)

- **Emergency Services Physicians**

- **Internist**

- **Operating Room Nurse**

- **Orthopedic Surgeon**

- **Physician Assistant**

- **Surgeon**

- **Aerospace Medical Specialist**

- **Anesthesiologist**

Officer postings: [http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

## Enlisted jobs

We are hiring for over 40 enlisted job specialties. Details at [http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_enlisted/](http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/)

# Operational Readiness Exercise at New Castle ANG Base, Del. and Alpena CRTC, Michigan



(U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Jonathan Russell)



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**Top left, right: 166th Airlift Wing maintainers in cargo bay and on flight deck of C-130 at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center.**

**Left: A C-130 loadmaster from the 166th AW calls to find out where his cargo is during ORE at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del.**

**Bottom left: 166th AW maintainers work on a C-130 engine prop at the Alpena CRTC.**

**Bottom right: 1st Lt. Vincent Franchino, 166th AW, runs through his pre-flight checklist on the flight deck of a C-130 at the New Castle ANG Base, Del.**

**All photos taken August 4, 2012.**



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rob Meredith)



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# AMC Commander visits wing Airmen

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
Wing Public Affairs

General Raymond E. Johns Jr., Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., visited the Airmen of the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle Air National Guard Base on August 2 as part of a continuing series of visits to units under AMC command.

General Johns, making his first visit here, was greeted upon his arrival by Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard, and 166th AW Commander Col. Mike Feeley.

General Johns met with the wing commander, received a briefing in our base operations theater, then briefed senior officers and NCOs and took questions. He also spoke with Airmen during a tour of various base facilities.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Rob Meredith)

**Air Mobility Command Commander General Raymond E. Johns Jr. congratulates six wing Airmen who were singled out for noteworthy accomplishments in the past year during his August 2 wing visit.**

# Third star tops off a 45-year career

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
Wing Public Affairs

A military retirement ceremony on August 5 marked the conclusion of the 45-year career of Maj. Gen. Hugh T. Broomall, Special Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard.

Officiating at the ceremony were Lt. Gen. Harry "Bud" Wyatt, Director, ANG, and Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard.

A highlight of the ceremony was Gen. Broomall's state recognized promotion to the rank of lieutenant general, with the third star pinned on by retired Delaware National Guard Adjutant General, Lt. Gen. Clarence Atkinson.

General Broomall has previously served as the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Delaware National Guard and was also dual-hatted as Special Assistant to the Director, ANG.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

**Lieutenant Gen. Hugh T. Broomall receives a third star on his uniform to recognize his state promotion on August 5, and thanks retired Adjutant General Lt. Gen. Clarence Atkinson, seated, for the honor of his performing the pinning. Gen. Broomall's wife Christy stands next to him.**

# Military families served through the Airman and Family Readiness Office

**By Tech. Sgt. Yolanda DiVirgilio**  
*Wing Airman and Family Readiness Office*

The Airman and Family Readiness Office serves military families – both those of the Delaware National Guard members and those of other services. Each element of the network acts as an information and referral source to assist military families on a wide range of issues.

Assistance can include referrals to military agencies and activities, to local, state and federal governmental agencies, as well as nongovernmental and community resources and activities.

The Airman and Family Readiness Office functions as a hub of pertinent information – providing assistance with the following “Six Essential Services” in times of contingency call up, mobilization, and large-scale deployments.

Family Assistance personnel are critical in providing help to all military families during these long term or short term deployments. This holds especially true for geographically dispersed families who are unable to access services at a local base, installation or fort. In other words: The Airman and Family Readiness Office is your “One Stop Shop” for assistance and referral. The Airman and Family Readiness office is part also part of the larger State Family Programs Network.

## **Six Essential Services:**

### **Information and Referral**

1. Financial Wellness
2. Strong Bonds/ Marriage Enrichment
3. Exceptional Family Member Program
4. Yellow Ribbon Reintegration
5. Crisis Intervention
6. Deployment Cycle Support
7. Proactive Outreach

### **Legal Resource and Referral**

1. Assistance with Power of Attorney/Wills
2. Information and assistance with Service Members Civil Relief Act
3. Assistance with referral for ESGR

### **Financial Resource and Referral**

1. Understanding Military Pay
2. Help with Financial assistance and loan applications through the American Red Cross
3. Referral to the availability of outside grants
4. Provide referrals for budgeting classes

### **TRICARE Resource and Referral**

1. Provide general information on insurance benefits
2. Assistance with TRICARE Medical and Dental applications
3. Assist with finding local participating providers
4. Assist with writing letters to challenge claim denial

### **ID Cards and DEERS**

1. Provide information on DEERS Rapids Centers
2. Assist with obtaining ID card

**Community Information and Outreach –**  
Provide a list of local Community resources including but not limited to the following:

1. Assist with Child Care resource and referral
2. Assist with referral to local financial resources
3. Assist with finding a local Family Readiness Group to assist with Family Readiness

# Social media can help attract recruits, tell our story to the public

by **Col. Michael J. Feeley**  
*Wing Commander*

Social media is a good way to reach current members and future recruits.

In July of this year the Delaware Air Guard launched a new Facebook page targeted for recruiting, administered by our recruiting office. Please take time to go to the new page, [www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting](http://www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting).

We want to grow our membership, and social media is a tool our members can use. It is a communication platform young people frequent, and our unit needs to be online, connected and actively communicating to reach young adults on their turf.

In the summer of 2011 the wing launched a Facebook page to communicate with our current members, their families, and the broader public. The page is [www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing). This page, along with our Air Force Public Web site, [www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil), are ways to keep our internal audience informed, and let our external audience know about our value to the community.

I want our members to use these tools, and be cautious while communicating to appropriately represent the uniformed services of the Air Force, and the Delaware ANG. Training on how to use social media can help. One way is through the mandatory CBT's we receive annually, some of which include social

media training, and specialized OPSEC training about how to properly manage information. And, we receive Public Affairs/OPSEC briefings in combat zones.

There are various regulations that cover communication. In August a new Air Force Instruction, AFI 1-1, Air Force Standards, was published. This AFI covers Air Force Environment, Conduct and Appearance. The chapter on Conduct includes guidance on the *Use of Social Media*. In that chapter, it states, "You are personally responsible for what you say and post on social networking services and any other medium. Regardless of the method of communication used, Air Force standards must be observed at all times, both on and off-duty."

## Last year over 75,000 people visited our wing public web site

by **Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
*166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

In July 2008 the wing launched our Air Force Public Web site, [www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil).

In the last 12 months through July 31, 2012, we had over 75,000 unique page visitors, and over 320,000 page views. Visitors have tripled since the first year ending July, 2009, when we had just over 23,000 unique page visits.

Wing public web site:

[www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)



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## Wing Airman is ALS distinguished graduate

Master Sgt. Kurt Nemecek, 9th Airlift Squadron, left, presents the Distinction Graduate award to Senior Airman Andrew Merrylees, 142nd Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron, 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, on Aug. 16, 2012, at the conclusion of the in-residence Airman Leadership School held from July to August at Dover Air Force Base, Del.