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New Castle ANG Base, Delaware



*(Courtesy photos)*

## Air drop into Pine Barrens

A good training day for members of the Delaware Air National Guard Student Flight involved traveling from the New Castle Air National Guard Base to the Coyle Field Drop Zone in the Pine Barrens of Southern N.J. on April 5, 2013. Aircrew members briefed recruits on the airdrop process, including planning and air and ground coordination. The recruits then observed the aircrew in action as paratroopers exited the aircraft and descended to the drop zone. While such operations are not conducted over Delaware skies, this mandatory aircrew training is a common occurrence over Coyle Field.



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# June UTA events

## May 31, Friday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S. (arrive at 0715; all participants must be in a military status approved by their unit; schedule prior to test date through Unit Fitness Monitor; must wear only the Air Force PT Uniform; no exceptions/waivers permitted.)

## June 1, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.

## June 2, Sunday:

- **PT Testing:** Two sessions, 0730-0930 and 0930-1130, Wm. Penn H.S.  
- **Protestant Services:** 0745-0800, Bldg. 2815, SAT (Small Air Terminal) Hangar  
- **Catholic Mass:** 0830-0930, Bldg. 2815, Small Air Terminal Hangar  
- **Station Training:** 0800-1100 (100 people), Bldg. 2818, old mobility warehouse

## UTA schedule FY2013

01-02 Jun 2013 | 03-04 Aug 2013  
13-14 Jul 2013 | 07-08 Sep 2013

Note -- Sept. 7-13: Home Station ORE

# Personnel actions May 2013

## Enlistments:

Wallace, Kenneth, Senior Airman, 166 MXS

## Promotions:

### To LIEUTENANT COLONEL:

Kinch, Samuel, 166 NWS

### To MASTER SERGEANT:

Pratt, Billie, 166 LRS

### To TECHNICAL SERGEANT:

Ferger, Jacob, 166 FSS  
Torre, Jason, 166 LRS

## Retirements:

Hagan, Daniel, Master Sgt., 166 CES  
Valichka, Michael, Master Sgt., 166 CES

# Wanted: Bugler or trumpeter

The Wing Base Honor Guard seeks individuals who can play the bugle or trumpet. The primary purpose of a bugler/trumpeter on the Honor Guard Team is to play taps during military funeral honors. We believe that every veteran has earned and deserves a live bugler at their funeral. If you can play the bugle/trumpet, or are willing to learn and are interested in serving in the Honor Guard in this capacity, please contact Tech. Sgt. Joel Miller, Base Honor Guard NCOIC, at (302) 323-3565 or by email at joel.miller.1@ang.af.mil. -- Tech. Sgt. Joel Miller

## DE ANG Recruiting:

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

## DE ANG Retention:

(302) 323-3413

### 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)

### DE National Guard web site:

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

### DE National Guard Facebook page:

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## Medical openings

Hiring for officers in traditional positions; no closeout dates apply unless indicated: [www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

### 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- Flight Nurse, Medical Service Corps Officer

### 142nd Airlift Squadron:

- GMO Flight Surgeon

### 166th Medical Group:

- Aerospace Medical Specialist, Dentist,  
Family Physician, Flight Surgeon,  
Internist, Medical Service Corps Officer,  
Physician Assistant, Surgeon

## Enlisted jobs

Visit: [www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_enlisted/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/). Career descriptions: [www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com).

## Coming events

### NOTICE -- EACH LCP CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO FEDERAL BUDGET ISSUES:

**June 3-5:** Leadership Challenge Program-1 course

**June 5-7:** LCP-2 (POC Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Hank Rome)

**June 19:** Unity Day, New Castle Air National Guard Base, main hangar, 1100-1500, DNG members only. POC Master Sgt. Bonnie Webb, 326-7117.

**July 14:** Deadline for 2014 Delaware ANG Honoree Program submissions. POC is Chief Master Sgt. Frank Knotts, (302) 323-3419.

**July 14:** Bring a Friend to Drill Day, New Castle ANG Base, 0800-1200. Designed to introduce potential recruits to the organization. POC is Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis, (302) 323-3359.

**Sept. 7-13:** Home Station Operational Readiness Exercise involving roughly 350 people from the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle ANG Base.





*(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)*

Seven Airmen of the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron returned home May 22 after four months' service caring for wounded troops. Left to right: Master Sgts. Stacey Mitchell, Bobbie Bensley, Hugo McGillian and Jeffrey Dickerson, Tech. Sgt. Jaye Darden and Maj. Estelle Murray. Not pictured: Lt. Col. Kimberly Short.

# Aeromedical Airmen home after four month mission

by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
*Wing Public Affairs*

Seven Airmen of the Delaware Air National Guard's 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron came home to the New Castle Air National Guard Base on May 22 after completing a four month deployment to Joint Base Andrews, Md. Five other unit Airmen returned home on May 8 from overseas.

They all serve as part of the medical evacuation system that brings home America's wounded servicemembers from the battlefields of Southwest Asia for further treatment in the U.S.

The seven Airmen who came home May 22 are the next to final group to return home out of 23 fellow squadron Airmen who left the New Castle ANG Base starting in late December to mid-January for missions to Germany and Southwest Asia, and to Joint Base Andrews, Md., with additional missions across the continental U.S.

A final group of five Airmen currently overseas in the U.S. Central Command region is expected to arrive home sometime around mid-June.

The job of all of the squadron Airmen is to integrate into the U.S. military's

worldwide patient movement system that brings home America's warfighters from combat zones, especially Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and any other contingency operation.

The seven Airmen who came home May 22 worked at Joint Base Andrews as part of the Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Team who manage crews, launch and recover missions. Other unit Airmen who came home earlier worked as aircrew to accompany patients flown to other U.S. locations.

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Several hundred patients were moved through the Joint Base Andrews AEOT aboard various aircraft (C-130s, C-17s and KC-135s) during the four-month period 142nd AES members worked there, with over 100 AE missions flown.

In addition to Joint Base Andrews, there are AEOT's at Scott AFB, Ill., Kelly AFB, Texas, Travis AFB, Calif., and in Southwest Asia to include Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

The CONUS mission centered at Andrews was mostly comprised of members from the Delaware and Mississippi ANG, several ANG members from Niagara N.Y., reserve members from Pittsburgh and Joint Base Dix-Lakehurst-McGuire, and active duty participants. They comprised a true Total Force AE mission, said Lt. Col. Elaine Farmer-Myers of the 142nd AES.

All told, 11 Airmen from the 142nd AES worked in the CONUS. Twelve additional squadron Airmen served OCONUS in combat zones and on to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where some patients were moved to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Facility.

Patients are transported from down-range combat zones to Germany, then on to Andrews via C-17 where some were then moved to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

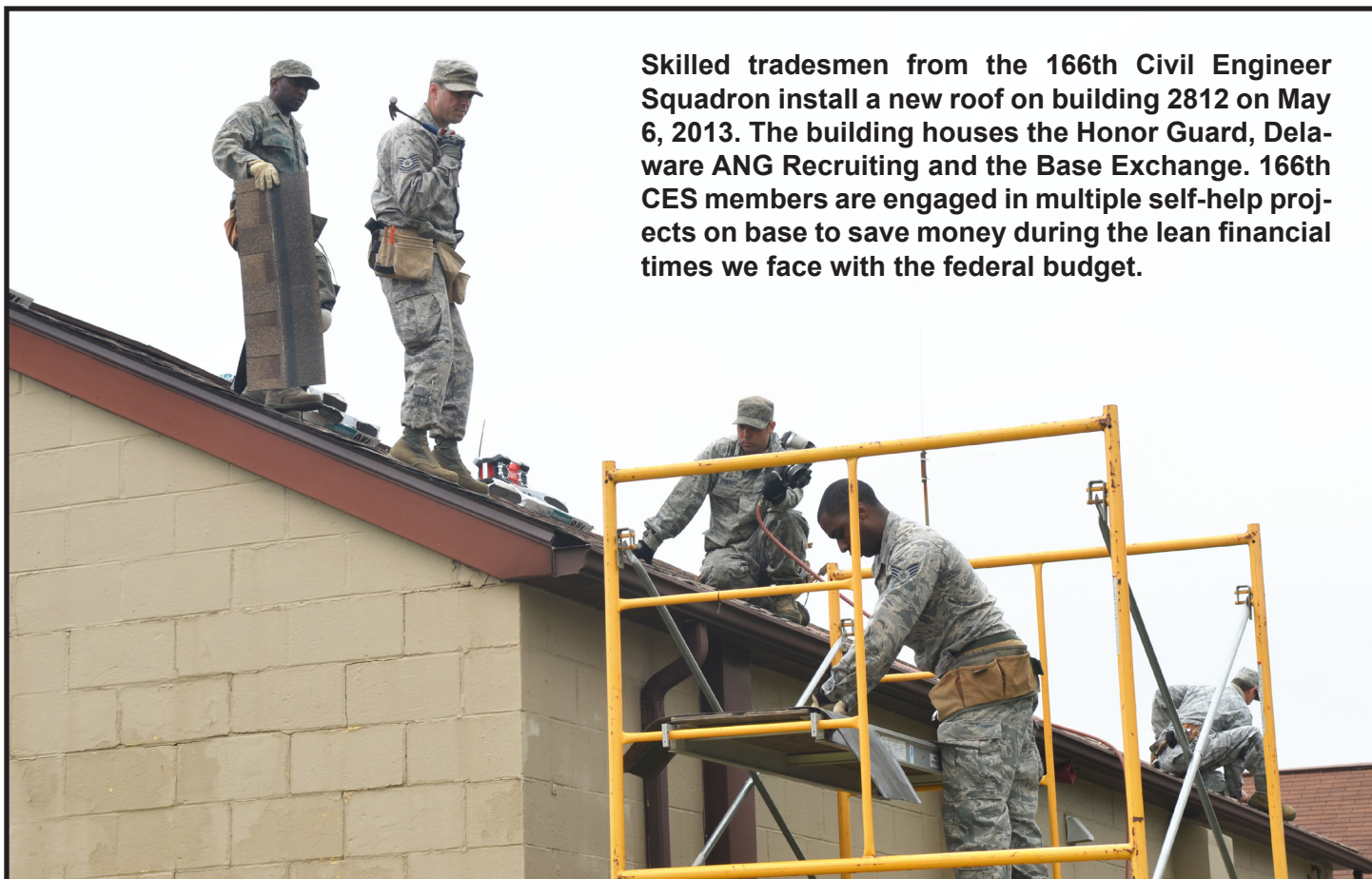
The primary stateside mission was a weekly C-130 flight transporting patients along the East Coast. That included flights to Fort Benning, Ga., Pope Army Airfield/Joint Base Bragg, N.C., Fort Campbell, Ky. and Kelly AFB, Texas to bring patients to San Antonio Military Medical Center. They also flew to Jackson, Miss., a equipment relocation hub, and to civilian

airports to bring patients to civilian hospitals.

The AE system also has West Coast missions, and 142nd AES Airmen accompanied flights aboard C-17 and KC-135 aircraft to Travis AFB, Calif. and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

166th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mike Feeley said, "Our aeromed specialists serve as an integral part of the worldwide system that takes care of America's wounded troops. The skilled nurses and medical technicians ensure the best care in the air is provided to those who serve in combat zones."

The 142nd AES has about 85 Airmen, and members began serving in Afghanistan in October, 2001. Over the past 12 years squadron Airmen have served on multiple deployments in the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters and on multiple stateside hurricane relief missions.



**Skilled tradesmen from the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron install a new roof on building 2812 on May 6, 2013. The building houses the Honor Guard, Delaware ANG Recruiting and the Base Exchange. 166th CES members are engaged in multiple self-help projects on base to save money during the lean financial times we face with the federal budget.**

*(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)*





*(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Nathan Bright)*

**ABOVE:** 1st Sgt. Thomas Dennis, 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron, explained why he was at the event. “I just came out to have a great time and enjoy camaraderie with the Delaware Air National Guard. I only get to see them once a month,” said Dennis. **BELOW:** Senior Airman Jason Duricek, 166th Security Forces Squadron, celebrates after bowling the first strike of what was to become a turkey. “I came to hang out with my unit. SFS always does stuff together,” said Duricek.

## Bowling brings enlisted enthusiasm

by Staff Sgt. Nathan Bright  
*Wing Public Affairs*

People strike up conversations and strike down pins as laughter, whoops, and high-fives. It was to celebrate congenial competition May 4 as the 166th Airlift Wing’s Junior Enlisted Council hosted a night of bowling at the Bowlerama in New Castle, Del. In a large turnout that surprised the event’s planners, 132 Airmen on 33 teams hit the lanes. The night’s success gave JEC members a boost of enthusiasm for planning other social events for 2013.

Winning teams: ITALIAN JOB, 1st Place with 1057 pins; All for Juan, Juan for All, 2nd Place with 1019 pins; AN UGLY NIGHTMARE and AMMO FLARE, tied for 3rd with 1003 pins.



# Calling all Delaware Air Guard history detectives

by **Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

From the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, to the end of 2012, several thousand members of the Delaware National Guard participated in an unprecedented period of sacrifice and dedication at home and abroad to serve their state and nation.

If you served in uniform during any part of this time, you participated in this history.

Capturing the essence of those experiences is the goal of a new history book project, intended to give a fair shake to each unit in the Delaware Guard - Army and Air. The effort is being coordinated by a task force at Joint Force Headquarters, Delaware National Guard.

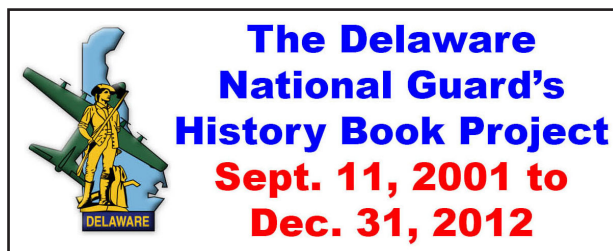
The endeavor will result in a book of about 180 pages dedicated to Delaware Guard history. The welcome mat is out for each section, flight, squadron and group in the wing to submit their unit contributions. Wing staff offices and Delaware Air Guard HQ will also be asked for input. There is a July 8 deadline for all Air Guard submissions.

Your point of contact is your unit public affairs representative. Your unit commander or first sergeant can direct you to him/her. Squadrons should aim to contribute an average of one page per year of content (text and photos).

Our Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, wants the story told of the evolutionary growth and development of the Guard from a strategic reserve to an operational asset in the post- 9/11 era.

Colonel Mike Feeley, commander of the 166th Airlift Wing, said, "Each wing unit will contribute to this great opportunity to tell our history. Have some fun, seize the moment, and make it worthwhile."

There is a rich vein of material to draw upon to tell this story. In the dozen years covered by the project, members of the 166th Airlift Wing deployed, exercised or trained with members from other units in the Guard, reserve



or active duty, with troops from other service branches, with civilian first responders from local, state or national agencies, or with uniformed members of allied nations.

This is a grass-roots effort, and the squeaky squadron wheel of history will get the grease. At a minimum we need one or more people in each unit to speak up and submit some text and photos. Some portion of their take on your unit history will be published after the task force reviews for OPSEC and edits the material for size and style. A team at JFHQ will do all the layout and design.

For those individuals with a lot of material stashed in your office, home, or hard drive, we want your treasure trove. We can review and edit your material to gain the essence of your story. Project advisors, such as retired Brig.

Gen. (Del.) Ken Wiggins (who has researched and written several books on Delaware Guard history), welcome all content. "We prefer more material, not less," said Wiggins. That includes video you might have captured on personal cameras and smart phones. In time, that action footage could become part of a larger unit video.

Start looking at your personal or unit digital collections of imagery and written documentation. If you wrote something down during this period that captured your thoughts at that moment, find that sheet of paper or digital file and look it over. Or, just start writing from scratch today to capture your recollections. A handful of sentences that explain your experiences will do fine.

Try to answer the "Five W's and One H"-- Who?, What?, When?, Where? and Why?, plus How? (how much/money, aircraft or other materials were involved). And most important, describe the importance, impact, uniqueness and the emotional and human interest element.

Some memory joggers to help tell a unit story: Did your unit receive a new mission tasking, or reorganize? Did you change commanders or chief master sergeants? Did someone write a poem, short story, email or letter home, keep a diary, draw a picture or tell a joke? - and can you get your hands on it? What were unit members most proud of? What was most memorable? What needs to be told about your unit's experience that should not be overlooked by your grandkids or your community?



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## **BRING A FRIEND TO DRILL DAY**

**SUNDAY, 14 JULY 2013**

**0800 – 1200**

**THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE  
POTENTIAL RECRUITS TO THE ORGANIZATION.**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING A FRIEND  
OR RELATIVE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN  
JOINING THE GUARD OUT TO THE BASE.**

**ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A BASE TOUR, A TOUR  
OF A C-130, AND A BARBEQUE AT PIGGY PARK.**

**POC FOR THIS EVENT IS SMSgt Mike Davis @ 323-3359  
Please return this form on or before 2 June 2013**

**Name & Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_ (you may bring more than one)

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**Return this form to SMSgt Davis at DE ANG HQS in Bldg 2600**

# National Guard military technicians, civilians face furloughs

**By Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill**  
*National Guard Bureau*

5/17/2013 - ARLINGTON, Va. -- Most National Guard military technicians and civilian employees can expect 11 furlough days before the end of the fiscal year, National Guard Bureau officials said Thursday.

The move comes after Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel gave official notice Wednesday to begin furloughing Defense Department civilians starting July 8. The furloughs affect the entire Defense Department, including every branch and component of the armed forces.

The National Guard is the only part of the uniformed Army and Air Force in which Soldiers and Airmen are directly affected, because of the inclusion of military technicians in the furlough.

Because of other efforts to deal with budget cuts, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary, defense officials said. In a memo, Hagel said that he strongly prefers to end the furloughs early if the budget situation allows.

Active Guard and Reserve Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen are not subject to furlough, said Army Gen. Frank Grass, the chief of the National Guard Bureau and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“My highest priority is that we in the National Guard leadership do everything in our power to minimize the impact of this on our most important asset, our people,” Grass said.

National Guard civilian employees - including civilians who work on the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff, at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., and at the Air National Guard Readiness Center on Joint Base Andrews in Maryland - also are subject to furlough.

Hagel, Grass and his Joint Chiefs of Staff colleagues have said that furloughs will impact readiness across the services, already affected by budget cuts resulting from sequestration.

Many of the Defense Department’s 800,000 civilian employees perform critical functions such as maintenance, intelligence, logistics, contracting and health care. Officials have expressed concern that furloughs will substantially harm the Defense Department’s ability to reset and restore the force’s full-spectrum combat capability after more than a decade of hard fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Grass has called sequestration potentially “devastating” to the Defense Department and the National Guard.

“The significant challenge of continued budget uncertainty and even greater sequestration cuts not only threatens National Guard readiness,” Grass said, “but also our ability to protect the nation against both man-made threats and natural disasters.”

Some 75 Army National Guard and 1,123 Air National Guard military technicians needed for alerts, firefighting, personnel recovery and other missions are excepted from the furlough.

Those subject to the furlough can expect to be furloughed for up to 11 days or 88 hours total between July and

September, the last month of the fiscal year, Grass said.

Affected personnel should expect to receive written notices of furlough between May 28 and June 5.

“During the furlough period, every effort should be made to mitigate mission and readiness impacts, to the greatest extent possible, by controlling leave and absences for all National Guardsmen, Active Guard and Reserve and technicians alike,” Grass said. “Affected technicians may not substitute paid leave or compensatory time for furlough time.”

Guidance from National Guard officials further states that:

- Furloughed technicians must not work from home or on-site, officially or unofficially, on furlough days.
- Furloughs should be spread over a maximum number of pay periods, with regular work schedule technicians to be furloughed for generally eight hours per week for 11 weeks or may be taken during the time a technician is at Annual Training, reducing the time away from work to only one additional day.
- Furloughs may not be scheduled solely on federal holidays.
- Furloughs should not be scheduled during temporary duty or TDYs.

“Civilians and military technicians ... provide day-to-day maintenance and training of Soldiers and Airmen in the states and territories,” Grass has said. “One potential readiness impact is a decrease in response time and capabilities to respond to fires, floods and defense support of civil authorities events in the homeland.”





*(Courtesy photo)*

Air Force Master Sgt. Dusty Snyder, 109th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard, aerospace propulsion craftsman and Staff Sgt. Sophia Mantzouris, 386th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, aerospace propulsion journeyman pose for a picture at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica during an Operation Deep Freeze mission Nov 20, 2003. Mantzouris, native of East Greenbush, N.Y., is deployed to Southwest Asia from the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware ANG.

# Guard service leads Airman to extremes

by Air Force Senior Master Sgt.  
George Thompson  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Air Force Staff Sgt. Sophia Mantzouris of the 386th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron said she knew she wanted to enlist on active duty from the time she was a little girl, but a friend steered her toward the Air National Guard.

Her Air Guard service has provided her an opportunity to serve at extremes.

“The first guard unit I joined was the 109th [Airlift Wing] in Scotia, N.Y.,” Mantzouris said. “I served there for nine years and I became an engine troop because, at the time, they had the most educational benefits, the highest bonus, and I wanted to take advantage of every opportunity the Guard had to offer.”

Being a single-parent Airman presents its own set of challenges for Mantzouris.

“Being a single mom is difficult, because it’s two ways that I’ve completely dedicated my life,” she said. “I’m a perfect example of the importance of a family care plan.”

**(See *Extremes*, page 10)**



*(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. George Thompson)*

**Staff Sgt. Sophia Mantzouris, 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group, aerospace propulsion journeyman conducts a 7 Day Desert inspection on a C-130 Hercules at the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia Mar. 23, 2013. Mantzouris, native of East Greenbush, N.Y., is deployed here from the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard.**

**(Extremes, cont. from pg. 9)**

The family care plan is designed to provide a smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to designees during short- and long-term absences for military duty.

“My plan allows me to be there for my Guard unit as best I can and still make sure that my daughter is properly cared for as she needs to be,” she said.

While serving with the 109th Airlift Wing, Mantzouris put her plan into effect to support Operation Deep Freeze missions in Antarctica -- a stark contrast to the desert heat of her current deployment here.

“In some ways [Antarctica is] like

here, but it’s frozen,” she said. “You deal with the extreme cold instead of the extreme heat. When the wind starts whipping down there, it’s like the sandstorms here where you can’t even see in front of your face.”

Due to the harsh Antarctic environment, Operation Deep Freeze missions are flown during the Southern Hemisphere summer. But in Antarctica, those summers don’t lend themselves to frozen treats or cooling off.

“The day I went to South Pole Station it was minus 15 degrees, and the scientists that were there said, ‘It’s like a heat wave right now,’ and I said, ‘You’ve got to be crazy,’” she said. “It’s not like here, where you can get

parts from Bagram [Airfield, Afghanistan] on the next plane. You’re all by yourself down there.”

Mantzouris has once again put her long-term family care plan into action supporting the Delaware Air National Guard’s 166th Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules rotation at the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, where summer temperatures routinely top 100 degrees. So far, she’d rather be here than in Antarctica.

“I hate the cold, which is why my family thought it was comical that I joined the only unit in the entire world that belongs to the Antarctic mission,” she said. “So far, the heat hasn’t bothered me, but talk to me again before I leave in July, and we will see.”