



The **DANG TRUTH**

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

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U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Rob Meredith

UTA events

June 16-20: ESOHCAMP (in-brief June 16)

June 19-25: CAPSTONE visit with 60-70 AMC inspectors.

June 20, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Major Tomaseski Bronze Star Ceremony, 9 a.m., Loeffel Room
- Immunizations, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Clinic

June 21, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic
- Wing Command Chief Change of Authority, 3:30 p.m., Bldg 2600 Parking Lot

June 22, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- 166 CES, AEF Outprocessing line, 8 a.m. Loeffel Rm
- Protestant Services, 7:45 a.m., Bldg 2815, SAT
- Immunizations, 8-10 a.m., Clinic
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2815, SAT
- 166 CES & 142 AES Call to Duty Ceremony, 3 p.m., Bldg 2600 Parking Lot

Coming events

July 12: Bring a Friend to Drill Day, 9 a.m. - Noon. POC: Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis, (302) 323-3359. Respond on or before July 7.

July 12: Lt. Col. Betsy LeFebvre Retirement Celebration, at MDG

July 12: Lt. Col. Don Quinn retires (details TBA)

July 13: Lt. Col. Johnie Burton retires (details TBA)

July 13: Wingman Day / Safety Down Day

July 26: 142 AES Pre-Deployment Yellow Ribbon briefing

Aug 22-25: NGAUS Conference

Nov 17: 166 CES Pre-Deployment Yellow Ribbon briefing

Aug 1: JFHQ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9 a.m.

UTA schedule 2013-14

*21-22 Jun 2014	*Note the revised
12-13 Jul 2014	June UTA dates.
02-03 Aug 2014	Also, the AMC
06-07 Sep 2014	Capstone visit is
	19-25 Jun 2014.

Career News May 2014

Enlistments:

- Berth, Michael, Senior Airman, 166 CES
- Cox, Rebekah, Senior Airman, DE ANG HQ
- Dieffenbach, Scott, Capt., 166 AW
- Kotsis, George, Airman 1st Class, 142 AES
- Mack, Earl, Airman 1st Class, 166 MXS
- Michaels, John, Staff Sgt. 166 AW
- Ranalli, Jordan, Senior Airman 166 OSS
- Roberts, Shaunelle, Staff Sgt., 166 MDG
- Rosario, Luzi, Tech. Sgt., 166 MSG

Promotions:

- To Colonel:**
Kirwan, Michelle, 142 AES
- To Lieutenant Colonel:**
Russell, Scott, 142 AES
- To Captain:**
Malcolm, James, 142 AS
- To 1st Lieutenant:**
Collins, Daniel, 166 OSS
Gault, Sarah, 142 AS
- To Master Sergeant:**
Kline, Amy, 166 MSG
Rosan, Christopher, 166 LRS
- To Technical Sergeant:**
Grandpre, Larry, 166 MXS
Hunsiker, Shirley, 166 MSG
Johnston, Kevin, 142 AES
Perry, Matthew, 166 MXS
Zeno, Anthony, 166 CES
- To Staff Sergeant:**
Brown, William, 166 MXS
Carter, Ronald, CMPT/FMF
Rivera, Omar, 166 LRS
- To Airman:**
Townsend, Tkeyah, 166 LRS

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.af.mil

166AW Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing

166AW YouTube page:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkPF-CbsXENAO>

DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting

Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:

www.goang.com/de

DE National Guard web site:

www.DelawareNationalGuard.com

DE National Guard Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard

Medical openings

Hiring for officers in traditional positions; no closeout dates apply unless indicated:

www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/

142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- Flight Nurse

142nd Airlift Squadron:

- GMO Flight Surgeon

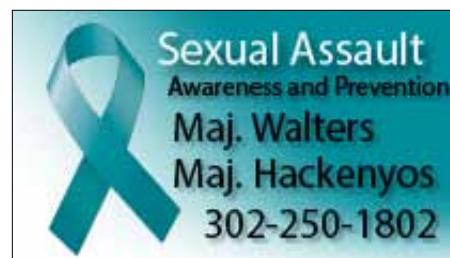
166th Medical Group:

- Aerospace Medical Specialist, Bioenvironmental Engineer, Family Physician, Flight Surgeon, Internist.

Enlisted jobs

www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/

For career descriptions: www.goang.com.



Retirements:

- Hammonds, Tyrone, Staff Sgt., 166 OSS
- Hornbeck, Judson, Staff Sgt., 166 CES
- Krescanko, Michael, Staff Sgt., 166 MXS
- Leshner, Stephan, Chief Master Sgt., 166 MXG
- Steele, Gerald, Master Sgt., 142 AS

Flexibility key to unit self assessments

By Col. Mike Feeley
Wing Commander

Flexibility is the key to airpower.

That flexibility will serve us well as we adapt to a new way of evaluating how we do business.

A year ago the secretary of defense directed a revamp of the way U.S. Air Force units ensure they are capable of performing their mission. The result of this directive was to completely change our inspections system.

The old Operational Readiness Inspection model is gone; along with it the habit of rapidly preparing for a big inspection every four years and then going back to business as usual. People from outside the organization will no longer inspect us. We will discover our strengths and where we come up short.

The new model uses the Management Inspection Checklist Tool (MICT) and self-inspections to verify we do things per Air Force Instructions and U.S. statutes. AFIs and statutes still provide the governing direction of how we perform our mission. MICT is simply



Colonel Mike Feeley

a checklist of the important tasks that we do to meet mission.

The Unit Effectiveness Inspection “capstone event” that began earlier this week and continues over this UTA is nothing more than a way to ensure wing leadership has the correct picture. It takes a snapshot of a sample of tasks to see if we are accurately reporting how the wing is doing.

By conducting self-inspections and using MICT to identify our strengths

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166th Airlift Wing

Mission Statement:

The mission of the 166th Airlift Wing is to provide tactical airlift and airdrop of troops, cargo and passengers using C-130 aircraft, plus aero-medical evacuation, civil engineer and network warfare functions.

Vision Statement:

To be ready, relevant, and reliable Airmen who are highly trained and motivated to aid the state and nation.

The DANG Truth

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About 50 civil engineers and ‘aero-vac’ Airmen deploying to support Operation Enduring Freedom

Airmen to be recognized at a Call to Duty ceremony on June 22

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

About 50 members of two units of the Delaware Air National Guard will be recognized at a “Call to Duty” ceremony on Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m., at 166th Airlift Wing Headquarters, 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, Del., before deploying to conduct missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

About 30 Airmen of the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron will depart on various dates in July to serve for six months at the 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron in Southwest Asia, and return home in January, 2015. They will perform skilled trades work at numerous facilities to support

contingency operations. Squadron members previously deployed to the same location from 2009-2010.

In addition, about 20 Airmen of the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES) will depart in September and October to serve for four months overseas and stateside and return home in January and February, 2015. They will serve at three overseas locations; Afghanistan, Germany and at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The two U.S. locations will be Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and Kelly AFB, San Antonio.

The 142nd AES nurses, medical technicians and ground support personnel will operate throughout the aeromedical evacuation system in Southwest

Asia, Europe and here in the United States to bring home America’s wounded troops aboard various aircraft and fulfill the unit’s motto to provide “The Best Care in the Air.”

“This Call to Duty ceremony is a reminder to our members, their families and the larger community we serve that we are still sending trained people to perform their military duty, sometimes in harm’s way, as America continues to conduct combat operations in and around Afghanistan,” said Air Force Col. Mike Feeley, commander, 166th Airlift Wing. “I am extremely proud of their service and dedication to their mission, whether they apply their skills at maintaining infrastructure or taking care of those injured in combat operations.”

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and weaknesses, we can then choose how to direct resources to those areas where we are not compliant with the AFI or statute.

The end result is we no longer prepare to pass inspections: doing things the “right” way just to get a pass and then regressing to old bad habits once the inspection is over. Now our efforts are continually focused on ensuring we can and are accomplishing our mission at all times.

This is a new system to everyone. One thing I am sure of is that the men and women of this wing are fully capable, professional, and can handle anything that comes their way. We will be flexible through this time of change and use this capstone to not only highlight the things that we do well, but also prove that we know what we don’t do so well.

A cultural shift must occur where we self-discover and then self-report the things we do well and the areas where we are non-compliant. With this knowledge we can then direct resources, whatever they may be, to ensure optimal performance.

This Unit Effectiveness Inspection simply validates that leaders at all levels have a good picture of what we do well and not so well.

Remember: we are not preparing for inspections – we are engaged in a process that ensures we are prepared to do our mission. Nothing is more important than doing our mission.

Be honest with yourselves and with our visitors and we will continue to serve our nation and our community with excellence and pride.

Delaware Air Guard major receives third Bronze Star

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Maj. Devin Tomaseski, a resident of Middletown, Del., and the base civil engineer, 166th Civil Engineer Squadron, 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, will be presented with the Bronze Star Medal by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, at a 9 a.m. ceremony on Friday, June 20 at 166th Airlift Wing Headquarters, 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, Del.

Major Tomaseski received the medal after distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the executive officer of Joint Task Force Paladin Southwest, Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, from Dec. 8, 2011 to June 1, 2012. The task force had 20 explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) teams at eight forward operating locations and over 200 members responsible for identifying and disarming improvised explosive devices in Southwest and Western Afghanistan.

Major Tomaseski is an EOD-qualified civil engineer with over 15 years of service in the active duty Air Force and the Air National Guard. He has deployed six times in direct support of Operations Southern Watch, Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

This is the third Bronze Star Medal awarded to Maj. Tomaseski. He re-

ceived his first Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in Iraq from January to June 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His second Bronze Star Medal was awarded for exceptionally meritorious service in Iraq from November 2007 to May 2008, also in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Major Tomaseski provided outstanding leadership in the highly critical and stressful field of explosive ordnance disposal in multiple combat environments in Iraq and Afghanistan. He displayed superior subject matter expertise and personnel management while tending to the needs of the Airmen who identify and disarm improvised explosive devices to successfully reduce one of the greatest threats to American troops,” said Gen. Vavala. “The fact that he has earned the Bronze Star medal for the third time is testament to his dedication to his fellow Airmen and all U.S. service members, the Air Force and his nation.”

Major Tomaseski graduated from Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y. in 1998 with a B.S. in civil engineering and a concentration in environmental engineering. He received his commission through the ROTC in 1998 and entered Air Force active duty in July 1998. His assignments included various civil engineer, EOD and managerial positions. He left the active duty to join the Delaware Air National Guard in July 2010.

His six deployments include missions to Saudi Arabia for four months in



Major Devin Tomaseski

2001, to Baghdad, Iraq for five months in 2004, to Kirkuk, Iraq for six months in 2006, to Baghdad, Iraq for eight months from 2007-2008, then to multiple locations to include Afghanistan, Korea and Germany with the Defense Intelligence Agency for six months in 2010, then most recently to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan for six months from 2011-2012.

According to the Department of Defense, the Bronze Star Medal, authorized by Executive Order No. 9419 on February 4, 1944, is awarded to a person in any branch of the military service who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States on or after December 7, 1941, shall have distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

Wing command chief change

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

A change of authority ceremony for the top enlisted leader at the wing will occur on Saturday, June 21 at 3:30 p.m., at wing headquarters, 2600 Spruance Drive, New Castle, Del.

The outgoing wing command chief is Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Hank Rome. He has served in this position since June 2011 and has 33 years of military service, to include 22 years' service in the Delaware ANG. He deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991, and deployed several times in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom over the past decade. Chief Rome will remain in the wing full-time as the superintendent of the 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The incoming wing command chief is Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters. Chief Peters entered the 166th AW in September 1989, enlisting in the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as an aeromedical evacuation technician. She has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Deep Freeze.

Chief Peters is a graduate of the Air Force NCO Preparatory Course by correspondence, the 2001 Air Force NCO Academy by correspondence, the 2003 Air Force First Sergeant Academy, the 2004 Air Force Senior NCO Academy by correspondence, the 2007 Air Force Human Resource Advisor Orientation Course and the 2011 Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Executive Course, Arlington, Va. She received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Sciences from the Community College of the Air

Force in 2012, and an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, Cecil College, Md. in 2014.

Chief Peters served from 1989 to 2007 as a flight medic, flight instructor and first sergeant in the 142nd AES. She was an alternate 201st First Sergeant at the National Guard Bureau in 2006, as well as the 1st Air Force. From 2007 to 2010 she was the Human Resource Advisor for the 166th AW. In 2010 she returned to the 142nd AES, first serving as superintendent and flight instructor until 2011, then as chief of operations from 2011 to 2014. She was promoted to chief master sergeant in 2011.

“The leadership and dedication of our outgoing wing command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Hank Rome, has helped maintain the strong unit pride and professionalism of our enlisted force of over 900 Airmen,” said Air Force Col. Mike Feeley, commander, 166th AW. “Chief Rome has heard and acted on the concerns of our enlisted force that performs the critical role of executing each mission. He has built on his strong ties to our Airmen earned by working alongside and deploying many times with them to combat zones over the past decade. During his tenure our people are continuing an over 50-year record of mishap-free flying operations, our retention rate remains high, our recruiting strength has reached the highest percentage since the unit’s founding, and our Airmen remain well-prepared to serve state and nation. I am grateful for his hard work and his counsel, and wish him continued success as he continues serving in our wing.”

“I am certain that our incoming wing command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters, will continue the

strong lineage of enlisted leadership that has served me so well, as those leaders have served prior commanders. Having served together with Chief Peters in the 166th Operations Group, I know firsthand that she dynamically engages our Airmen and will bring out the best in them as they continue to serve state and nation.”



Chief Master Sgt. Hank Rome



Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters

Delaware Air Guard recruiting team, supervisor 'best in nation'

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

The Delaware Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Team and their supervisor have been named the nation's best for FY2013 by the ANG.

An award ceremony will occur at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday June 17 at the new Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, 250 Airport Road, New Castle, Del., with Delaware National Guard Adjutant General U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala presiding.

This is the first time the Delaware ANG R&R Team or their supervisor has been selected as the best in the nation. They were earlier selected as the best in their region, one of five regions in the nation, which in total represent all 50 states plus three territories and the District of Columbia.

For the prior two fiscal years the Delaware ANG R&R Team and their recruiting office supervisor was selected as the best in recruiting region IV, comprised of Delaware plus eight other states and the District of Columbia.

The ANG Outstanding Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year is Air Force Master Sgt. Tanya Harris, Delaware ANG HQ.

The Air National Guard National Patriot Team of the Year is the Delaware ANG Recruiting and Retention Team. In addition to Harris, the additional four team members are Master Sgt. Samuel Lewis, Tech. Sgt. Terrence Parker, Tech. Sgt. Kristin Favors and Staff Sgt. Desmond Overton.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Bright

The Delaware ANG HQ Recruiting and Retention Team is the Air National Guard National Patriot Team of the Year for FY 2013. From left: Tech. Sgt. Terrence Parker, Staff Sgt. Desmond Overton, supervisor Master Sgt. Tanya Harris, Tech. Sgt. Kristin Favors and Master Sgt. Samuel Lewis. Sgt. Harris was also named the ANG Outstanding Recruiting Office Supervisor of the Year.

"All nominees can be extremely proud of being selected to represent their states and their contributions to the Air National Guard," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, director, Air National Guard.

"We at the National Guard Bureau and the Air National Guard Readiness Center extend our congratulations to these outstanding Airmen for their hard work and dedication."

"This validates what we in Delaware already knew – that our Delaware Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Team is the best in the Air National Guard and Master Sgt. Tanya Harris is the best recruiting office supervisor!," said Delaware National

Guard Adjutant General U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala.

"Our recruiting team's teamwork and leadership has enabled the Delaware Air Guard and the 166th Airlift Wing to be highly successful in meeting the number one mission priority for our people for over two years, to increase manning. Their work enabled us to reach an all-time high of 102 percent unit manning the last fiscal year, the best in the unit's 67-year history," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general for air, Delaware National Guard.

"Their day-to-day professionalism is evident by the positive one-on-one

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impression they make on potential recruits who express an interest in joining the Delaware Air National Guard. The recruiters keep new people in our unit well-informed before and after they take the oath of enlistment. Their actions get new recruits on track to achieve long-term career success.”

“Our crew achieved this noteworthy national recognition through teamwork and dedication to recruiting excellence,” said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis, superintendent, Delaware ANG Recruiting, and Chairman of the ANG Recruiting and Retention Field Advisory Council. “The recruiters on our strength management team are an extremely talented group with outstanding customer service skills, but the real cornerstone of their success has been their teamwork and commitment to each other. Having the accomplishments of this extraordinary recruiting team and their supervisor recognized by ANG higher headquarters as the best in the nation deserves the highest praise and makes me extremely proud to serve with them.

“Every Airman remembers two people in their military career – their recruiter, and their instructor at Basic Military Training. Our recruiters put a positive and important imprint on the image of the recruiter for hundreds of local Airmen who launch their military career.”

The Delaware ANG R&R Team raised the overall end strength of the wing by 13 percentage points in two years from 89.5 percent to 102.5 percent, gaining 370 members. In FY2013 alone, end strength went up from 96.5 to 102 percent. As of June 2014 the manning level of the 166th Airlift Wing has risen to 106.5 percent, a new unit record.

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AIR NATIONAL GUARD

BRING A FRIEND TO DRILL DAY

SATURDAY, 12 JULY 2014 0900 – 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 LUNCH AT THE BASE PAVILION.

POC FOR THIS EVENT IS SMSgt Mike Davis @ 323-3359
Please return this form on or before 7 JULY 2014

Name & Rank _____ Unit _____


Your Cell# _____

Guest Name _____ (you may bring more than one)

Guest Address _____

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

The Bring a Friend to Drill Day on July 12 is a vital event for our wing to connect with prospective new recruits in our community. Last year's event brought in 25 recruits, and we gave dozens of potential recruiting prospects a positive impression of our unit. I appreciate everyone working together as we strive to make the 2014 event as successful as it was last year.



Thanks!

Colonel Mike Feeley, wing commander



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

What is Sexual Assault? Intentional sexual conduct, characterized by use of force, physical threat, abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, non-consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, relationship, or age.

How to report? The 166th Airlift Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Coordinator provides full-spectrum advocacy for all victims. Anyone may contact the 166th SAPR Office.

After you make contact, you may be assigned a trained Victim Advocate. They are there to help. Your Victim Advocate will explain reporting options, and may meet you at the hospital for a medical evaluation, treatment and examination. It is your option to accept or decline victim advocacy.

What are report options?

Restricted Reporting: A victim may report a sexual assault without triggering an investigation. It is intended to give the victim time and control over the release of their information. Further, it also empowers the victim to make an informed decision about participating in the criminal process.

Unrestricted Reporting: Any report of sexual assault made through normal reporting channels (for example: reports to chain of command, Security Forces, and/or the Air Force Office of Special Investigation).



Maj. Corey Walters - SARC



Maj. Lenore Hackenyos - ASARC

**DNG SARC Line
(302) 326 - SARC**

**24/7 DANG SARC
(302) 250 - 1802**

**Contact Lifeline
800 - 262 - 9800**

**Confidential victim assistance
www.selfhelpline.org**