



The DANG TRUTH



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

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UTA events

October 17, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Yellow Ribbon event for MX deployers
- Immunizations, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Clinic

October 18, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic
- All day: Base visit from ANG Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. James "Jim" Hotaling
- Retirement ceremony, Lt. Col. Peter Klabunde, 3 p.m. Loeffel Room
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Flagpole

October 19, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Protestant Services, 7:45 a.m., Bldg 2815, SAT
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2815, SAT
- Immunizations, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., Clinic
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Flagpole
- Retirement ceremony, Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Conrad, 3:30 p.m., Loeffel Room

Coming events

Oct. 20-22: Senior Enlisted Symposium, BBTS

Nov. 1: Suspense Date for Colonel S.B.I. Duncan Leadership Award for FY2014, awarded to one ANG member and one ARNG member annually. Eligibility: All traditional enlisted members in the grades of E-1 through E-6, who have been a member of the Delaware Air National Guard during the previous FY. For further information please contact Chief Master Sgt. Ottinger, (302)-326-7877 or Chief Master Sgt. Knotts, (302)-326-7855, Joint Force HQ, Delaware Air National Guard.

Nov. 1: Have your photo taken with Santa on a C-130 aircraft in the main hangar 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday of the UTA. Pre-register at <https://www.jointservicesupport.org/Events/EventDetails>. For more info call 302-323-3327.

Nov. 15: During Deployment Yellow Ribbon event, 166 CES and 142 AES (family members and designated individuals only).

Dec. 6: Wing Christmas Party

Jan. 10: DNG Senior Leaders Conference

On the cover: Congressman John Carney (D-Del.) addresses Airmen of the Delaware National Guard regarding legislation introduced to modernize the C-130H during a visit to the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. on October 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

UTA schedule FY14-15

18-19 Oct 2014	11-12 Apr 2015
01-02 Nov 2014	02-03 May 2015
06-07 Dec 2014	06-07 Jun 2015
10-11 Jan 2015	11-12 Jul 2015
07-08 Feb 2015	01-02 Aug 2015
07-08 Mar 2015	12-13 Sep 2015

Career News Sept. 2014

(Unless otherwise noted, personnel actions are effective September 2014)

Appointed:

None this period.

Enlistments:

- Collins, Julian, Senior Airman, 166 CES
- Defazio, Michael, Staff Sgt., 166 AW
- Diaz, Shannon, Staff Sgt., 142 AS
- Farmer, Brad, Staff Sgt., 166 LRS
- Guevara, Carlos, Staff Sgt., 166 CFPT
- Heminghaus, Donald, Master Sgt., 142 AES
- Jackson, Marlon, Airman Basic, 166 CES
- Morris, Anthonia, Staff Sgt., 166 CFPT
- Naicker, Sharusan, Airman 1st Class, 166 MXS
- Sanchez, Jose, Tech. Sgt., 142 AS

Promotions:

- To First Lieutenant:** Hardenstine, Lindsay, 142 AES
Reese, Lieehnae, 142 AES
- To Senior Master Sergeant:** King, Karen, 166 FSS
- To Staff Sergeant:** Hunsicker, Erik, 166 AW
Power, Samantha, 142 AES
- To Senior Airman:** Rodriguez, Victoria, 142 AES
- To A1C:** Agostomarreo, Angel, 166 SFS

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www.goang.com/de

DE National Guard web site:

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/

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:

Debord, Donald, Tech. Sgt., 166 AMXS

Glover, Vincent, Staff Sgt., 166 SFS

Klabunde, Peter, Lt. Col., HQ

Williams, John, Staff Sgt., 166 CES

Commander's Corner

By Col. Don Bevis
Vice Commander

As a new fiscal year begins, new faces will face old challenges.

One of the new faces in the "Little Wing" will be our new executive officer (XO), Lt. Col. Mark Heck. Mark comes to us from a tour at the National Guard Bureau in the Building Partnership Branch and was previously the base environmental officer. He brings a breadth and depth of experience that will serve him well in this new role.

I want to speak for the wing commander, myself, the entire command staff, and the "Little Wing" in giving heartfelt and deep thanks to outgoing XO, Maj. Corey Walters. Corey served as our "go-to" person in the wing's command support office. He did an excellent job lead turning wing level issues and kept us all tracking straight.

The wing XO is a very demanding and high visibility position. Corey proved himself to be a very capable XO and excelled in that capacity. As everyone is also aware, Corey was a tremendous help as the wing worked through some very challenging times. I am certain Corey will continue to do great things as he transitions to greater challenges in the Operations Group's intel shop. We wish Corey all the best going forward.



Colonel Don Bevis

Related to new opportunities:
TEMPORARY FULL TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

The wing has a number of openings for temporary federal technicians, what we call "temp techs." This is a great opportunity for Airmen like you or someone you know. Temp techs work full-time in the respective shops for a specified amount of time. This is a great way for someone to learn more about their job and continue to contribute to the wing's missions and our National Guard family.

As a full-time employee, even if temporarily, you will be amazed at how much more you can learn about the wing. If you are interested in possibly coming on as a temporary technician, please contact your Supervisor soon to find out more.

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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 aeromedical 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.



(U.S. Army National Guard photo by Officer Candidate Wendy McDougall)

U.S. Rep. Carney discusses bill to modernize C-130H aircraft

NEW CASTLE, Del. — This morning [Oct. 6, 2014], Congressman John Carney (D-Del.) visited with Delaware Adjutant General Francis Vavala and the members of the Delaware Air National Guard to discuss the C-130H Modernization Act (H.R. 5119), bipartisan legislation Carney introduced to modernize the Air Guard's fleet of C-130H aircraft in a safe and fiscally responsible way. Unless the C-130H fleet is modernized, the aircraft will be inoperable in 2020 due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and international safety regulations. This could mean the end of the Delaware National Guard's C-130 flying mission, along with associated job losses.

“The Delaware National Guard plays a critical role in protecting our national security – both at home and abroad. The C-130s are essential to allowing our citizen-soldiers to do their job,” said Congressman Carney. “This legislation helps ensure the Guard will be

able to continue using its C-130 fleet for years to come while cutting costs and saving taxpayer dollars.”

Delaware Adjutant General Francis Vavala added, “Modernization of the C-130 fleet is critical to the future of the Air National Guard. With the current economic situation, it's pretty easy to see our nation should turn to the National Guard as part of the solution.”

For the past 13 years, the Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) has been the designated program to upgrade the C-130H fleet to ensure compliance with national and international regulations before the 2020 deadline. Due to significant cost overruns, the U.S. Air Force announced in 2012 that it wanted to abandon the AMP program and pursue a more fiscally responsible solution. A cost-benefit study, mandated by Congress, found that modernizing just the navigation systems of the C-130H fleet would cost a quarter of the AMP pro-

gram, resulting in savings of \$12 million per aircraft while still allowing the C-130H models to meet all flight and airspace safety requirements by 2020.

The C-130 Modernization Act, gives the U.S. Air Force the option to pursue this more targeted and fiscally responsible modernization approach or pursue the full modifications of the AMP program. The legislation does not cancel the AMP program, but instead gives the Secretary of the Air Force the flexibility to determine the best approach to upgrading the C-130H fleet before the 2020 deadline.

The C-130H aircraft is the military's primary combat delivery aircraft and has provided humanitarian assistance, precision airdrop and tactical airlift across the globe for more than 40 years. Currently, the C-130H fleet is flown by Air National Guard units in Delaware and 17 additional states.

(Editor: From Rep. Carney news release)

Delaware-led ANG team brings air power to Europe

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

One hundred and forty Airmen from the Air National Guard traveled from various units throughout the U.S. to support the one week NATO-led exercise Steadfast Javelin II in early September, which is a part of the two-week long U.S. Army Europe-led Exercise Sabre Junction.

The exercise prepares U.S., NATO Allies and European security partners by conducting unified land operations through the simultane-

ous combination of offensive, defensive, and stability operations, sustained interoperability, and synchronizing complex operations between allied air and ground forces through airborne and air assault missions. It featured participation from nine different nations with more than 2,000 personnel, and takes place across Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Ten ANG C-130s from California (146th Airlift Wing), Delaware (166th AW), Kentucky (123rd AW), Missouri (139th AW), Illinois (182nd AW), and Rhode Is-

land (143rd AW) provided a significant amount of air power to enable the joint forcible exercise.

Each wing sent two or three air crews and most brought additional maintenance personnel to support their flying operations. In one mission a nine-ship formation of C-130s executed an air drop of about 460 paratroopers.

“The ANG is playing a pivotal part in Steadfast Javelin II,” said Brig. Gen. James C. Witham, U.S.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

U.S. Army Col. Michael Foster, 173rd Airborne Brigade commander briefs attendees about the importance and impact of exercise Steadfast Javelin II on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Sept. 4, 2014.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

C-130s from the Air National Guard wait on the Ramstein Air Base flightline, Germany, Sept. 3, 2014, just days before they'll be loaded up with Army and Air Force paratroopers to support the Steadfast Javelin II exercise.

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ANG deputy director. “Reserve units provide nearly 60 percent of tactical air support throughout the globe and we need the ANG to conduct such large-scale exercises like this.”

Active-duty and ANG aircraft are supporting Steadfast Javelin II by providing personnel air drop and air landings in support of forcible entry, force projection and reinforcing the joint commitment to Operation Atlantic Resolve, which demonstrates commitment to our NATO Allies and security in Eastern Europe.

“The ANG is able to bring unique capabilities to NATO-led exercises like this one,” said Witham. “Not only are we able to provide the element of experience with our extremely capable and experi-

enced aircrew, we’re able to help strengthen relationships with many of the NATO countries by building on the enduring friendships we’ve been able to maintain through our State Partnership Program.”

Steadfast Javelin II is an ideal training scenario, said Col. Robert Culcasi, 166th Operations Group commander for the Delaware ANG and “air boss” for all ANG assets participating in this exercise.

“Exercises like this help demonstrate our ability to work as a joint team and move [personnel] to project power anywhere in the area of operation, demonstrating mission capabilities,” said Culcasi.

The 166th AW, Delaware ANG is the lead ANG unit and sent 45 Airmen and two C-130H2 aircraft. A C-130H aircrew from their 142nd Air-

lift Squadron transported U.S. and Royal Canadian Army paratroopers for an airfield seizure operation at Lielvarde Air Base, Latvia as part of the exercise on September 5, 2014.

The six sister ANG C-130 wings worked together to support our allies.

“Saber Junction is a great way to demonstrate the interoperability of NATO forces and a great opportunity to work and train with our NATO Allies” said Lt. Col. Kathryn Newell, aircraft commander for the Kentucky ANG. “It is a privilege to take part in such a crucial exercise.”

Master Cpl. Chris Leedham, weapons detachment commander for Mike Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, said he

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was pleased to be participating in an operation that builds such strong partnerships between allies.

“This experience of interoperability with such a capable international fighting force is professionally spectacular,” he said.

Leedham made that comment just before he parachuted out of a Kentucky ANG C-130 Hercules aircraft as part of airfield-seizure training in the Baltics.

Leedham and the Royal Canadian Regiment were accompanied by U.S. Army Airborne paratroopers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat

Team, based in Vicenza, Italy, and paratroopers from the Italian Army’s 186th Parachute Regiment.

Saber Junction 14, which started Aug. 31 and concludes Sept. 11, is a U.S. Army Europe led, U.S. European Command directed, multinational, multiservice exercise that involves more than 5,800 personnel from 16 countries in several locations in Europe. Multinational partners participating in this exercise include NATO allies Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, United Kingdom, and the United States; and the following NATO Partnership for Peace nations: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Sweden.

A portion of Saber Junction transitioned into a NATO military exercise called Steadfast Javelin II, Sept. 2-8. Steadfast Javelin II involves vehicles, aircraft, Airmen and Soldiers from nine different nations and takes place across five NATO countries including Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Steadfast Javelin II is designed to dynamically demonstrate NATO’s commitment to its fundamental purpose to safeguard the freedom and security of its members and partners.

Editor’s note: This story includes content from several Air Force articles; ANG brings air power to Europe for Steadfast Javelin II; Aircrews deliver on time, target for Steadfast Javelin II; 123rd Airlift Wing provides airlift in Europe for Operation Saber Junction; and the U.S. Army Europe Sabre Junction web site.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jordan Castelan)

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Hunter Goodan, 165th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, demonstrates how an oxygen masks works in case of an inflight emergency for U.S. Army, Royal Canadian Regiment and Italian Esercito soldiers on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Sept. 3, 2014.

Introduction to feature series on how to become an aviator in the Delaware National Guard

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

This series of feature articles will describe the essentials of how to become an aviator in the Delaware National Guard, and cover opportunities available to both Guard Airmen and Soldiers.

It starts with a “joint” article that reviews the units, aircraft and air crew positions available in the Delaware Air National Guard and Delaware Army National Guard, and continues with separate articles on the qualifications, selection process and training for the various crew positions in the Delaware ANG and the Delaware ARNG.

The Delaware ANG articles will focus on the air crew of the C-130 Hercules aircraft, and the Delaware ARNG articles will focus on the pilots and additional air crew of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

The entire series will be posted on www.166aw.ang.af.mil.

First feature article in series -- How to become an aviator in the Delaware National Guard

Fly with the Delaware National Guard

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

If you’ve ever stared off into the clear blue sky and dreamed of sailing off into it; if you’ve ever gazed up at a gentle layer of pure white clouds and wondered what it was like to glide along the top of it; if you’ve ever felt that patriotic sense of pride well up inside of you and wanted to do something about it; if you think a career in aviation sounds exciting to you – then you should know that the Delaware National Guard offers two extraordinary opportunities to fulfill your dreams of taking flight while serving your state and your nation.

Delaware Air Guard crew positions and aircraft

If you wish to be a crew member on a fixed wing aircraft you have the opportunity to take to the air in



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cecilio M. Ricardo Jr.)

A C-130 Hercules maneuvers for a landing at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan on March 22, 2007.

the C-130 Hercules transport, the versatile tactical airlift aircraft operated by the Delaware ANG from the New Castle ANG Base, Delaware.

Delawareans have seen our Lockheed C-130H model aircraft flying into the wild blue yonder to per-

form local training or humanitarian missions or to deploy overseas since our factory-fresh aircraft arrived in the mid-1980s.

The Delaware ANG’s 166th Airlift Wing operates eight C-130Hs with about 120 air crew assigned to its

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four crew positions – pilot, combat systems officer (CSO; previously called a navigator), flight engineer (FE) and loadmaster.

The wing’s flying unit, the 142nd Airlift Squadron, has approximately 40 pilots, 20 CSOs, 20 flight engineers and 40 loadmasters. The normal air crew compliment is five with two pilots; the aircraft commander and the co-pilot. The total air crew equals 10 percent of the wing’s 1,200 members.

The 166th AW is one of 19 ANG units and about a dozen Active-duty and Air Force Reserve locations that operate over 400 C-130s and its variations. The Air Force is considering several modifications to extend the useful life of the C-130H aircraft.

“The C-130H is such an important crew aircraft,” said Lt. Col. Michael Reneski, chief pilot in the 142nd AS. “Everyone has a job to do, and everyone has to do it on time.” Coordination and teamwork is the key for the different positions, said Reneski. “CSOs and pilots have to work very closely together as a team,” especially on the timing of approaches for a landing to handle the “what” and “when” of actions to be taken, he said. “CSOs have extra work for ocean crossing missions, and work positions with the pilot for safety, and clearance for takeoffs and landings.

“Night vision goggle flying brings added elements to the job of all aircrew, but in particular to the pilots. CSOs and flight engineers



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike R. Smith)

Delaware Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircrew, from left, Master Sgt. Mike Murphy, flight engineer, Capt. Troy Bockius, aircraft commander and 1st Lt. Anthony Carunchio, pilot, prepare to taxi their aircraft at the New Castle ANG Base, Del., June 14, 2007.

have added work for airdrops and tactical flying, and loadmasters for airdrops and for engine running on-loads and off-loads.

“The work of FEs involves handling a lot of systems,” such as electrical, fuels, anti-icing or de-icing, air conditioning, heat, pressurization and engines,” said Reneski.

The two upcoming articles in this series on how to become a pilot or CSO in the Delaware ANG, and how to become a FE or loadmaster in the Delaware ANG will provide details for interested applicants.

Delaware Army Guard crew positions and aircraft

If you wish to be a crew member on a rotary aircraft you have the

opportunity to take flight aboard the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter operated by the Delaware Army National Guard.

The Delaware ARNG operates Black Hawks from the Army Aviation Support Facility at the New Castle Airport, New Castle, Del., and the unit received the first of their 14 Black Hawks a decade ago.

The Black Hawk, manufactured by Sikorsky Aircraft, serves in the most extreme conditions found on earth. The UH-60 models flown by the Delaware ARNG are commonly found operating on battlefields in Southwest Asia in support U.S. forces and conducting humanitarian missions throughout the world.

The Black Hawk requires two pilots, and the Delaware ARNG has

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30-40 UH-60 aviators spread out among two units; one utility unit and one medevac unit, both of which have seen extensive duty while deployed overseas recently to Southwest Asia combat zones. Volunteers with the utility unit also deployed to the U.S. Gulf Coast in 2005 for Hurricane Katrina relief operations.

The utility unit is Company A, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, part of the 72nd Troop Command. Utility flights include two crew chiefs, and the mission is to provide aerial command and control support, limited air assault, air movement for an army division and VIP transport. Their state mission is to transport VIPs and Delaware Emergency Management Authority personnel, and assist with mass communication efforts in the event of an emergency by using aircraft mounted speakers. While the role is not frequently provided within Delaware, they can also deliver equipment and supplies.

The medevac unit is Company F, Detachment 1, 1/126th General Support Aviation Battalion. Medevac flights include one crew chief and one flight medic, and the mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation and support within a theater of operations. They have a limited state role, and would be a backup in the event civilian first-responder medevac helicopters were overwhelmed, such as in a sustained mass-casualty scenario. The unit did deploy to Fort Lewis, Washington for a year, performing medevac on-call duty to assist ci-

vilians in distress in the rugged terrain of the Pacific Northwest.

The large majority of helicopter pilots in these units are Warrant Officers (WO), but a small number are commissioned officers, typically the platoon leader, executive officer or commander.

An upcoming article in this series on how to become a pilot in the Delaware Army National Guard will provide details for interested applicants.

Crew training periods, pay and benefits

Annually, each air crew member in the Delaware ANG or ARNG completes 48 Additional Flight Training Periods (AFTPs), which consist of four-hour paid training blocks. These AFTPs are in addition to the standard 48 four-hour paid training

periods which all members of the Delaware Guard typically perform during 12 Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs), the standard once-a-month weekend drill.

All air crew receive flight pay, and sometimes hazard pay, in addition to the normal pay and benefits afforded to Delaware Guard members. That includes pay for UTAs, college assistance available from the Montgomery G.I. Bill and the Delaware National Guard state tuition assistance program, the opportunity to participate in medical and dental care programs, and a monthly military pension which starts at age 60 for those who complete 20 “good years” of service.

Next article in series: ***How to become a Pilot or Combat Systems Officer in the Delaware Air National Guard.*** The entire series will be posted on www.166aw.ang.af.mil.



(U.S. Army National Guard photo by Officer Candidate Wendy McDougall)

Soldiers from Detachment 1 F Company 1/126th Aviation leave New Castle Airport, Del. for Fort Hood, Texas, in UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters on June 5, 2014 to train before going to Southwest Asia.

Know your Wingman



U.S. Air National Guard photo and interview by Staff Sgt. Alonzo Chapman

Name: Senior Airman Kamri Lesher

Hometown: Bridgeton, N.J.

Organization: 166th AMXS/CSS

Duty Title: Personnel Journeyman

Primary responsibilities: Assist Airmen and their dependents with personnel-related issues and concerns

Years of Service: 3.5

Civilian career: Inspector at a glass factory

Best part about job: Making people smile

ANG Command Chief to visit wing

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling, the eleventh Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air National Guard, will visit the wing on Oct. 18. Hotaling represents the highest level of enlisted leadership for the ANG, and is responsible for matters influencing the health, morale and welfare of assigned enlisted personnel and their families.

According to his biography, Hotaling entered the Air Force in 1987 and served as a special tactics combat controller. He has participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Relief, Support Relief, Support Justice, Uphold Democracy, Vigilant Warrior, Southern Watch, Enduring

Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He planned and executed combat and humanitarian operations in support of national interests in Iraq, Haiti, Somalia, and Afghanistan.

Hotaling served 10 years on active duty performing various operational and staff duties.

After a small break in service, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as a port security specialist.

In 2001, Hotaling rejoined the Air Force as a reservist Combat Control IMA. In 2003, Hotaling was instrumental in the establishment of the Oregon ANG's 125th Special Tactics Squadron, and served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Oregon Joint Force Headquarters-Combat Operations Group. Hotaling was the Command Chief, 142nd Fighter Wing, Oregon ANG, Portland ANG Base,



Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling

Oregon. In 2012, he was selected to serve as Command Chief Master Sergeant at the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and 1st Air Force, Tyn dall Air Force Base, Fla. He assumed his present position in January 2013.



Airman & Family Readiness Program evolves to better serve Delaware Air Guard

By Kristi Walters
Wing Integrator

In the past 13 years Family Programs within the Air National Guard has expanded and transformed to meet the needs of service members, their families, and wing and state leadership.

The Airmen and Family Readiness Program Manager has gone from a resource and referral program to a one-deep, one-stop-shop for all things family programs, and is ultimately responsible for the following:

- Relocation Assistance
- Non-Medical Individual and Family Counseling
- Personal and Family Life Education

- Personal Financial Management Services
- Information and Referrals
- Deployment Assistance
- Spouse Education and Career Opportunities
- Exceptional Family Member Services
- Transition Assistance Program
- Volunteer Programs

In an effort to support the wings, the Air Wing Integrator (formally Yellow Ribbon Support Specialist) role was expanded to include several programs allowing for logistical and administrative support. These programs include the Transition Assistance Program, Strong Bonds, and resilience programs.

But Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events still remain the number one priority. Air Wing Integrator roles may include coordinating functions within these programs to include organizing events, gathering data, requesting funding, making appointments, training dates and tracking and monitoring attendance.

The Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager for the Delaware ANG is 1st Lt. Lauren Mease and the Air Wing Integrator is Kristi Walters.

For additional information contact: 1st Lt. Mease at 323-3327 or lauren.mease@ang.af.mil, or Ms. Walters at 530-3596 or kristi.walters.ctr@ang.af.mil.



Combined Federal Campaign 2014 Delaware ANG September - December

All Delaware Guardsmen can be a part of CFC 2014! Your tax deductible donations to the charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated.

To donate and view all charities please visit the website at www.cbacfc.org. When prompted please use "0405" as our 4-digit regional campaign code. Additional guidance is available via the website or your unit POC.

AGR and Federal Technician can donate using the MyPay site under the Combined Federal Campaign link. To find your charity's code, go to www.cbacfc.org and look up the code before going through the steps of giving on the MyPay site. Traditionals can donate using the website with one lump sum. (www.cbacfc.org.)

For the Delaware Air National Guard to receive credit for your generosity, during the pledge process or on the pledge form write or type the UNIT name-- Delaware Air National Guard and the Commander name - MG Vavala.

Thanks for all your help in making the CFC 2014 a success!

Base POC: Chaplain Tulloch, susannah.tulloch@ang.af.mil

The Airman & Family Readiness Office and the Delaware Air National Guard invite you to a FREE event!

Have your family holiday photo taken with Santa on a C-130 Aircraft

Saturday, November 1st, 1:00 - 3:30pm
Delaware Air National Guard Main Hangar



Please pre-register: <https://www.jointservicesupport.org/Events/EventDetails>
For more info call (302) 323-3327