



# The DANG TRUTH



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



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# UTA events

## January 9, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Clinic

## January 10, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Flagpole

## January 11, 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
- Company Grade Officer Council meeting, 1130 a.m. - Noon, CES training room. POC 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood, 323-3408.
- Immunizations, 2-3 p.m., Clinic
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Flagpole
- Change of Command, 142nd AS, 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 2805 Ops Theater, Lt. Col. Wesley to Lt. Col. Chaikowski.

# Coming events

**Jan. 10:** DNG Senior Leaders Conference, Dover.

**Feb. 6:** Pre-Deployment Yellow Ribbon. Location TBD.

**Feb. 8 UTA:** Ceremony, Colonel S.B.I. Duncan Leadership Award 2014, Army Aviation Support Facility Armory, time TBD.

**Feb. 14-15, 2015:** Strong Bonds Couples and Singles Training, Poconos, Pa. (venue TBD). Couples seminar: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage. Singles seminar: How Not to Marry a Jerk(ette). Provided: meals, hotel. Who: Members of Del., Pa., and N.J. ANG. FREE. **Reservations are full.** For questions call 302-530-3596 or email kristi.walters.ctr@ang.af.mil

**Feb. 17:** DNG Prayer Breakfast, 7-8:30 a.m., Cavaliers Country Club, Newark, Del. Cost: \$15. RSVP by Feb. 10. Reservations required. \$15/person. POC: Chaplain (Col.) Ed Brandt (302) 326-7718 or (302) 593-4458. Mail checks and reservations to: Delaware National Guard Prayer Breakfast, Attn: Kirsten Fitzgerald, 250 Airport Road, New Castle, DE 19720-1502

## On the cover:

Staff Sergeants Nathan Bright and Brian Ford join Airman 1st Class Sharon Dominguez at the Food Bank of Delaware in Newark on Dec. 17, 2014. The Delaware National Guard donated over 17,000 pounds of food in 2014 through its "War on Hunger" campaign. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Officer Candidate Wendy McDougall)

## UTA schedule FY14-15

10-11 Jan 2015	06-07 Jun 2015
07-08 Feb 2015	11-12 Jul 2015
07-08 Mar 2015	01-02 Aug 2015
11-12 Apr 2015	12-13 Sep 2015
02-03 May 2015	

# Career News Dec. 2014

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

## Appointed:

Walsh, Thomas, 1st Lt., 166 FSS

## Enlistments:

- Collins, Hunter, Airman 1st Class, 166 AMXS
- Eng, Jonathan, Airman 1st Class, 166 LRS
- Francis, George, Senior Airman, 166 AMXS

## Promotions:

- To Major:**  
Dieffenbach, Scott, 166 AW
- To Captain:**  
Bouet, Jean, 166 AW  
Ellers, Jaymes, 166 CES
- To First Lieutenant:**  
Cox, Charles, 142 AS  
Harwood, Valerie, 166 AW  
Spencer, Stacy, 142 AES
- To Technical Sergeant:**  
Dilks, Alexander, 166 MSX  
Harp, Kelly, 142 AES  
May, Erin, 166 SFS  
Sapp, Stephen, 166 CES
- To Staff Sergeant:**  
Natale, Robert, 166 CES
- To Senior Airman:**  
Allen, Andrew, 166 MXO  
Beegle, Ricky, 166 AMXS  
Burns, Michael, 166 MXS  
Docchio, Vincent, 166 AMXS  
Durham, Melvin, 166 AMXS  
Johnson, Joseph, 166 CFT
- To Airman 1st Class:**  
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](http://www.166aw.af.mil)

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166AW DVIDS page:  
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DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:  
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DE National Guard Facebook page:  
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## Medical openings

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

- 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:
  - Flight Nurse
- 166th Medical Group:
  - Aerospace Medical Specialist
  - Bioenvironmental Engineer
  - Family Physician
  - Internist

## Officer jobs

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## Enlisted jobs

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



## Retirements:

- Berti, Joseph, Lt. Col., DE ANG HQ
- Cunningham, Elaine, Lt. Col., 166 MDG
- Seise, Gilbert, Master Sgt., 166 LRS
- VanValkenburg, Michael, Master Sgt., 166 SFS
- Wisniewski, Joseph, Staff Sgt., 166 OSS

# Maintenance, the backbone of the wing

**By Lt. Col. Lynn Robinson**  
*Commander, 166th Maintenance Squadron*

Not a day goes by without my being asked, "So, how do you like maintenance?" Each time I'm posed this question, I find myself reflecting on my first four months as commander of the 166th Maintenance Squadron. Four months doesn't seem like a long time, but for a 17-year operator to take command of 165 maintenance professionals, it's been the most eye-opening and rewarding four months of my career.

The 166th MXS is the largest squadron in the Delaware Air National Guard and consists of a command section and two flights. Because of its size, MXS is the only organization on base with two full-time chief master sergeants. The chiefs supervise the Component Repair Flight and Equipment Maintenance Flight. The CRF includes the Engine/Propeller shop, Fuels, Electrical/Environmental, Pneudraulics, Guidance and Control, and Communication/Navigation. The EMF includes Munitions, Aircraft



**Lieutenant Col. Lynn Robinson**

Inspection, Repair and Reclamation, Aerospace Ground Equipment, Metals Technology, Structural Maintenance, and Non-Destructive Inspection. Sounds like a lot, because it is a lot.

Our highly trained MXS Airmen can recreate the highest precision part; dismantle an aircraft, inspect it, and put it back together in better condition than when they started; physically climb into

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166th Airlift Wing Leadership

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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.

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This free Delaware ANG application will give you direct access to content such as Google maps, UTA weekend dates, The DANG Truth base newspaper, and the unit YouTube channel.

**Right: an image of the Delaware ANG application as shown on the Apple iTunes store. You'll see the wing emblem icon when you download your DANG phone app.**



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the fuel tank of a wing to fix a leak; and accomplish maintenance on a running engine while a propeller is turning just feet from their heads. These Airmen truly are the backbone to the wing's 176,703.9 incident-free flying hours.

Apart from the professionalism these Airmen exude, MXS is a proud, dedicated organization. You can visibly see this pride with every aircraft launch and successful mission flown. Specialists and supervisors are always willing to stay late, no questions asked, to ensure mission accomplishment.

With one of the highest operations tempo on base, there is never a lack of MXS volunteers for deployments. The MXS is currently tasked to support five packages for contingency operations in the next 12 months. Some members have deployed every two years for 120

days since the beginning of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. These Airmen are committed to their profession and are making a difference.

General Mark Welsh, Air Force chief of staff, stated in a speech, "Leadership is a gift, given by those who follow."

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the 166th MXS, and to answer the question above... Yes, I couldn't be any happier than I am now in maintenance!

## SBI Duncan award goes to LRS Airman

Senior Airman William Paskey, 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the recipient of the Colonel S.B.I. Duncan Leadership Award for 2014. Paskey will be recognized at an award ceremony during the February UTA.

## Airman's Attic is now open!

The Operations Group Loadmaster Section, opened the Airman's Attic on Jan. 1, 2015. What you give and what you take is all free! Open to all members of the Delaware National Guard; our family! Located in Building 2716, it is open during duty hours on the UTA, and by appointment during the week.

No money to be exchanged. We accept all donations of clothes and items for all rooms of the house. Donations are accepted at any time. If you have something/anything that you think someone might like or need, bring it in! For any questions or to drop off donations please call Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Springsteen at (302) 323-3548.

# Delaware National Guard combats hunger locally

**By Staff Sgt. Nathan Bright**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

NEWARK, Del. -- So you've dropped off some food, either where you work at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, at the Army Aviation facility at the New Castle Airport, at Joint Forces Headquarters inside the Armed Forces Reserve Center in New Castle, or at one of several Delaware Army National Guard readiness centers across the state. Now what happens?

"For a lot of families it means hope. It means being able to pay for their rent and utilities that month and making sure their kids have meals on the table. For seniors it means they don't have to choose between buying food or medications," said Kim Turner, Food Bank of Delaware communications director.

Donations are collected on a regular basis by Delaware National Guard volunteers, who empty the carts, put it all on a truck, and take it to one of two Food Bank of Delaware locations.

This month the Delaware National Guard exceeded its War on Hunger goal and collected more than 17,000 pounds of food.

Food Banks, like the one here in Newark, act as a distribution center. "A common misconception is that people come directly to the Food Bank. Rather we are a middle man," said Turner.

Donations are poured into large bins, where volunteers come and sort them into categories. They then box up the categorized food and stack the boxes on labeled pallets.

From here the boxes can be collected by the over 500 organizations the Food Bank partners with. These include food closets in churches, shelters, and soup kitchens, and a mobile food pantry.

Partner organizations order from a weekly menu and come pick up boxes or have the food delivered.

"That food will ultimately go out into the community to help those who are in need," said Turner.

For example, nuns from the Little Sisters of the Poor are here on a Thursday morning picking up enough boxes to fill a cargo van. The nuns work in a nursing home for the elderly poor. Their kitchen depends on donated food from the food bank, says one of the sisters loading the van. "We couldn't feed them without these donations," she said.

Also in their carts were handy items like paper towels, paper bowls, and assorted dry goods. These were retrieved from the "shoppers' choice" section, which is a small section of the warehouse lay out like a tiny grocery store.

This pantry was stocked and organized by the Delaware Guardsmen volunteers here on Dec. 17. From this pantry, charitable organizations pick up miscellaneous goods that they need, whether it's a can of green beans, salad dressing, or taco mix. They also find plenty of non-food donations that any household could use, from scented candles to deodorant, or paper towels to razor blades.

And while bins are full today and plenty of volunteers are busy sorting food, the holiday season is a bit of an anomaly.

"The bulk of our food donations do come in this time of year. A lot of times we associate the holidays with a hot meal. But we do like to remind people that hunger exists year long. People that are struggling in November and December are struggling in February, March, and August," said Turner.

That is why donations throughout the year, like the Delaware National Guard's War on Hunger, are so important.

"We often see people who have to choose between buying groceries and paying utility bills. In the summer, parents have difficulties affording extra food to give their kids breakfast, lunch and dinner. So that's where the generosity of the community comes in and we make sure we get food to people year round," said Turner.

The Food Bank of Delaware's traditional partners, like food pantries and nursing homes, had over 900,000 visits last year.

"In Delaware we know there's over 119,000 food-insecure people. Those are folks who often times don't know where their next meal is. Senior citizens who have worked their whole lives are having to choose between buying groceries or buying their medications," said Turner.

"That's where we come in and that's where the help of the Delaware National Guard comes in to make sure our shelves are stocked year long."

# Tool to safeguard PII scheduled for December rollout AF wide

By 24th Air Force Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas -- The Digital Signature Enforcement Tool is scheduled for Air Force-wide integration Dec. 5, 2014, providing Microsoft Outlook email users with an interactive, automated virtual assistant to help ensure the security of personally identifiable information.

“I can’t overstate the operational importance of preventing PII breaches,” said Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson, commander of 24th Air Force and Air Forces Cyber. “It’s not an IT problem, it’s a Total Force problem and DSET is an effective tool the Total Force can use, right now, to help reduce inadvertent PII breaches.”

Beyond potential identity theft, PII breaches can lead to significant compromises in operational security. For example, a well-meaning member working to meet an operational deadline sends an unencrypted email, containing PII on several unit members, to a “non .mil” email account. The sender could be attempting to get ahead on a project or be providing a status update to unit members on pending unit movements. Unknown to the sender, hackers have compromised email transport infrastructure between the sender’s desktop and one of the destination, “non .mil” desktops. Hackers intercepting this unencrypted email traffic can utilize the newly acquired personal information to form specifically targeted attacks, known as spear phishing, to acquire additional information such as account numbers or passwords. Unfortunately the attack does not stop there. Once an attacker

has acquired enough information, he can simulate user accounts or even pass off communications on behalf of the service member, who is likely still unaware that his information has been compromised. Those false communications could be leveraged to gain digital access to Air Force systems, or even physical access to installations and personnel.

Obviously, the negative implications caused by PII breaches are severe, and equipping the force with tools to mitigate the risk is paramount.

DSET version 1.6.1, an updated version of the DSET 1.6.0 software already in use by the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, and Air Force Space Command, contains fixes for some previously identified software bugs as well as enhancements to make the digital tool more effective.

“DSET 1.6.0 launched back in July to three major commands,” said Alonzo Pugh, cyber business system analyst for 24th AF. “Feedback has been overwhelmingly favorable for the use of the tool, and version 1.6.1 is definitely ready for Air Force-wide usage.”

DSET is regarded as a short-term fix to help all Air Force network users protect PII, specifically if that information is to be included in an email communication. DSET 1.6.1 still only scans for PII in the form of social security numbers, leaving overall responsibility on the user to safeguard the sensitive information in all of its forms.

“First, the user should ask him or herself if the PII in the email is truly nec-

essary,” said Pugh. “DSET scans the email draft before transmission. If PII is identified, DSET will notify the user through a series of pop-up windows. This interactivity allows the user to make a conscious decision of how to proceed with the information in question.”

According to Pugh, if the information must be transmitted, encrypting the PII is all that is necessary to protect the data during transmission. DSET will trigger when it detects potential PII in an email, giving the user the opportunity to delete the information if not necessary to the communication, encrypt the information, or override and transmit the email as originally written.

If the file containing PII is already encrypted - through the Microsoft Office “protect” permission feature or some other software - DSET will not trigger and the email can be sent as usual to any recipient’s email address, whether “.mil,” “.com,” etc. However, if the email itself is encrypted through Microsoft Outlook, the communication is only safe to transmit to a recipient’s “.mil” email address. An email encrypted in this fashion cannot be sent to any “non-.mil” addresses. If the user attempts to do so, DSET and Microsoft Outlook will provide pop-up boxes explaining the user’s options.

“I can’t overstate the importance of reading the information in the pop-up box,” said Pugh. “Read the training materials on the use of DSET; read the training slides on how to use Microsoft Office features to encrypt various documents; understand how these tools can help you safeguard PII.”

# Becoming a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot in the Delaware Army Guard

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

Do you have the need for speed? Can you see yourself in the clouds, flying some of the world's best Soldiers to missions around the world? If so, the Delaware Army National Guard just might have what you're looking for.

The Delaware ARNG offers people a chance to fly helicopters – specifically the UH-60 Black Hawk, a rotary wing aircraft that is based out of the Army Aviation Support Facility at the New Castle Airport in New Castle, Delaware.

If you're a civilian or a current Army Guard Soldier who's always wondered what it takes to fly, or you've ever considered crossing over from the Air Guard, Air Force Reserve or other service to fly a helicopter for the Army Guard, this article will explore the qualifications for, selection of, and training required to become a Black Hawk pilot in the Delaware ARNG.

It takes two pilots, a pilot and copilot, to operate a Black Hawk and at any time the Delaware ARNG is looking for new candidates for flight school.

"I always tell everyone it's a great accomplishment to become a pilot, but it comes with a few doable obstacles," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Nye, the Delaware ARNG Warrant Officer Strength Manager. "At a minimum,

you've got to be young, smart and healthy."

The age cut-off to qualify for flight school is 32 years old and waivers are rarely considered.

Additionally, applicants must have a general technical score (word knowledge, paragraph comprehension and arithmetic reasoning) of at least 110 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Re-testing is available every six months for those wishing to raise their score.

Also, for Air Force personnel making the transition, there is another big qualification; completion of Army Basic Training.

"Most of our flight applicants are already in the Army National Guard,

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*Editor's note: This is the fourth article in the series, "How to become an aviator in the Delaware National Guard." The first article, "Fly with the Delaware National Guard," covered the units, aircraft and air crew positions available in the Delaware Air and Army National Guard. The second article, "Becoming a pilot or combat systems officer in the Delaware Air National Guard," explored the qualifications, selection process and training for the pilot and CSO (formerly called a navigator), two of the four air crew positions of the C-130H model transport aircraft flown by the Delaware ANG's 166th Airlift Wing. The third article, "Becoming a flight engineer or loadmaster in the Delaware Air National Guard," covered the remaining two air crew positions of the C-130 Hercules aircraft. The series is posted on the 166th Airlift Wing Air Force Public Web site, [www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil).*



*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Michaels*

**Delaware Army National Guard aircrew prepare for a UH-60 Black Hawk flight from the Army Aviation Facility in New Castle, Del., Oct. 23, 2014.**

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so they are good-to-go basic training-wise,” said Nye. “However, those coming from a service other than the Army, such as an enlisted Airman who has completed Air Force Basic Military Training, must revisit basic training, Army-style. The sense of going back to square-one is a factor that can give some pause.” All civilians without prior-military service must also attend Army basic training.

Applicants will also need to have a Military Occupational Specialty, or MOS, similar to the Air Force Specialty Code. Each applicant’s situation may be unique, according to Nye. Some Air Guard members may get credit for their skill, while others will have to reclassify into a new Army MOS. Once that is complete, they are ready to start on their application packet.

The number of aviators selected annually depends on unit forecasts.

Also, flight seats cannot be guaranteed ahead of time. “We do the packet once they are in the Army Guard, so each Air Force Airman must take a ‘leap of faith’ to join the ARNG and then submit their packet,” said Nye.

If age, education (must be a high school graduate) and other essential requirements to become a Soldier are met, an interested applicant meets with an enlisted recruiter, and joins the ARNG. Even a teenager or young 20-something can become an aviator. “The Army will teach a new enlistee who wants to become an aviator everything else they need to succeed,” said Nye.

In the Delaware Army Guard aviation community, there is a process to become selected, but there is also a well-established sense of pride



*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Michaels*

### **A Delaware Army National Guard Black Hawk pilot completes a pre-flight checklist Oct. 23, 2014 prior to an aerial photography mission.**

in grooming their members. They do not want to lose that initial human investment in their new aviators. While Army aviation has an overall 20-30 percent attrition rate, in the Delaware ARNG there is a high retention rate for aviators and a desire to prepare them well to meet their training challenges and to obtain a long-term career.

Once enlisted into the Delaware ARNG, the steps to become an Army Aviator are:

1. Applicants must obtain a passing score on the Selection Instrument for Flight Training Test (SIFT), which measures an examinee’s knowledge of aviation terminology and replaces the Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test. SIFT takes about two hours to complete on-line, there is a study guide, and the examinee doesn’t need an aviation background. It requires a score of 40 to pass and the maximum score is 80. It’s given to Soldiers and Airmen once they are in the service. The Delaware ARNG Education Office administers the test once a month at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, 250 Airport Road, New Castle, Del. It

can also be taken at regional test centers, such as at Fort Meade, Md.

2. Pass the Class 1A Flight Physical Examination for flying (not crew member) with the Delaware ARNG Army flight surgeon. The flight physical emphasizes very good eyesight, and Soldiers have received LASIK eye treatment to meet this standard.

3. Submit an application packet that includes at least three letters of recommendation, full physical fitness (PT) test results and security clearance information. At a minimum, recommendations must come from the company commander, battalion commander, and senior aviation warrant.

4. Pass the Aviation Board with the Senior Aviation Officer, Delaware Army Guard. The board interviews the applicant to ensure he or she is ready for the commitment and then makes their recommendation.

5. Pass the Federal Recognition Board. Once approved, the appli-

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cant takes off their rank to become a Warrant Officer Candidate, or WOC, and prepare for WOC School at Fort Rucker, Ala.

6. Attend the six-week WOC School at the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker, Ala. The USAACE mission statement: "Trains, educates and develops Army Aviation professionals and integrates indispensable Aviation capabilities across warfighting functions in support of commanders and Soldiers on the ground."

7. Attend the Warrant Officer Basic Course and Flight School at USAACE, Fort Rucker, Ala., consisting of 12 to 18 months' training.

Two requirements that make it tougher for potential Warrant officers right now is the tattoo policy which limits tattoos, and the full PT test must be done, meaning there are no profiles where the person is confined to walking, said Nye.

"If you have a tattoo, let us review that with you in person, and we'll tell you if your tattoo will or will not work," said Nye, "We will give potential recruits a straight answer."

"The requirements may look like a lot, but we've probably sent 15 Soldiers to flight school in the past three years so we're always looking for the next great pilot. Flight seat slots are always up in the air, but if someone meets all the requirements we'll do our best to send them," said Nye.

"The path may seem difficult but the reward of being the next great Army helicopter pilot is within your reach."

For more information, contact Nye at (302) 326-7407 or email him at Joseph.Nye@us.army.mil.

# Airmen of the Quarter 166th Airlift Wing

## Third Qtr. CY 2014 award recipients:

**Airman:** Senior Airman **Meagan Kirkland**,  
166th Operations Group  
**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. **Andrew Vierzba**,  
166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## Second Qtr. CY 2014 award recipients:

**Airman:** Senior Airman **William Paskey**,  
166th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**NCO:** Staff Sgt. **Erin Morit**,  
142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron  
**Senior NCO:** Senior Master Sgt. **Francis Young**,  
166th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**Company Grade Officer:** 2nd Lt. **Leeihnae Reese**,  
142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

## First Qtr. CY 2014 award recipients:

**Airman:** Senior Airman **Zachary Kline**,  
142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron  
**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. **Heather Fraser**,  
166th Maintenance Squadron  
**Senior NCO:** Senior Master Sgt. **Bryan Krams**,  
166th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Deadline for AOQ submissions, 4th Quarter (Oct-Dec) of CY 2014: Sat., Jan. 10, 2015 at Noon to Chief Peters.

Keep up the good work! And thanks to your supervisors and squadrons for recognizing your contributions and taking care of you!

- Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters



*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ford*

**Airmen of the 166th Force Support Squadron erect a shelter tent during combat training in Georgia.**

# Bare base basics

**By Staff Sgt. Brian Ford**  
*166th Force Support Squadron*

Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. – Members of the 166th Force Support Squadron attended Force Support Combat Training here Nov. 14-21, 2014. The mission was to acquire the skills needed to go from bare base operations to sustainment in just 30 days.

Training combined Airmen from the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and active duty components to simulate conditions needed to plan and execute all aspects of initial bed down of forces.

“The training exposed members of the 166th Force Support Squadron to bare base contingency operations focusing on lodging, feeding, and accounting

of personnel, to include mortuary operations, in an austere environment,” said Lt. Col. Jason Brugman, squadron commander. “It also tested the capacity and effectiveness of the home station readiness training conducted by the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle ANG Base, Delaware.

The week-long course objective was to simulate the first few days of a mock deployment to Libya, Africa. Preparation for this deployment included a day and a half of classroom instruction, construction of TEMPER (or Tent, Extendable, Modular, Personnel) and Small Shelter System tents, the Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen and Mortuary Affairs in a contingency environment. Included were all the skills needed to accomplish an undertaking of this size in a relatively short time.

“It is necessary to remain mission ready at all times,” said Senior Master Sgt. Karen M. King, squadron superintendent. “This will ensure all aspects of training are utilized and members have hands on experience in preparation for deployments.”

PERSCO, or Personnel Accountability for Contingency Operations, played a supporting role during the training. Prior to the 2009 merger of Services and Personnel, only Services members would attend this training.

A total of 29 students were divided into five groups: C2 (leadership), PERSCO, lodging, food, recreation, and search and recovery. Each team was given a series of tasks to complete in

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the midst of performing their daily duties which ranged from operating a non-appropriated funds retail store to assisting the food service workers in the Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources kitchen.

According to Brugman, for the number of new personnel in the unit and long-time personnel in new roles at the 166th FSS, the training highlighted areas for Airmen to continue to develop.



*U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Ford*

**Services Airmen prepare a meal in the Single Pallet Expeditionary Kitchen.**

“This was the first time in history that Delaware’s PERSCO team had the chance to train for their deployed function in a simulated deployed environment,” said Brugman. “This was particularly fitting due to the fact that several Airmen from the team will have a chance to do the mission in an actual deployed setting sometime in 2015.”

“The PERSCO team works in conjunction with Services in order to take full accountability for all personnel who come and go through a base. In particular, PERSCO works side-by-side when reporting casualties up the chain of command,” said Master Sgt. Michael DellaVella, the class acting first sergeant and PERSCO team leader.

“Communication between PERSCO and Services is vital to ensure all casualties are reported through the chain of command accurately and in a timely manner. It was also important for PERSCO to have constant contact with lodging as the lodging team will account for available space to bed-down all personnel staying assigned to a particular base.”



**PERSCO members tracked Airmen during the combat training.**

Students were also given a hands-on lesson in search and recovery procedures. Staff Sgt. Wadeana Stewart lead the team comprised of members from each of the functional areas. Proper procedures for handling remains and personal effects were demonstrated.

This periodic training opportunity remains a keystone to the wartime readiness rating of the squadron and proved to be a task the team was more than ready to meet, said Brugman.