



The DANG TRUTH



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



UTA events

February 6, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Clinic

February 7, 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
- Assumption of Command Ceremony, 166th MDG, 3:30 p.m., Loeffel Rm., Bldg. 2600
- Change of Command Ceremony, 166th LRS, 3:30 p.m., Small Air Terminal, Bldg. 2815
- Promotion, Col. Ron Wesley, 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 2805, Ops Theater

February 8, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Protestant Services, 7:00 a.m., Bldg 2815, SUN
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2815, SUN
- Company Grade Officer Council meeting, 1100 -11:30 a.m., CES training room. POC 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood, 323-3408.
- Blood work only
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Flagpole

Coming events

Feb. 8: Ceremony, Colonel S.B.I. Duncan Leadership Award 2014, Army Aviation Support Facility Armory, 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 14-15, 2015: Strong Bonds Couples and Singles Training, Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony, Pa. 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. and Pa. 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

March 20-22: Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, Post-Deployment, Sheraton Inner Harbor, Balt., Md.



UTA schedule FY14-15

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

Career News Jan. 2015

(Unless otherwise noted, personnel actions are effective January 2015)

Appointed:

Bickel, Peter, Colonel, 166th MDG
Kyzar, Ryan, Captain, 166th OSS

Enlistments:

Gede, Mark, Airman 1st Class, 166 AMXS
Golden, Nicholas, Airman 1st Class, 166 CES
Hawkes, Jordan, Airman Basic, 166 FSS
Maloney, Kyle, Senior Airman, 142 AS
Metzner, Tyler, Airman 1st Class, 166 SFS
Moore, Kyle, Airman Basic, 166 FSS
Shanley, Allen, Staff Sgt., 166 AW
Vanvalkenberg, Staff Sgt., 166 SFS

Promotions:

To Technical Sergeant:
Miller, Latoya, 166 LRS
Thompson, Andrea, 166 LRS
To Staff Sergeant:
Jacobsmeier, Brian, 166 MXS
Kline, Zackary, 142 AES
To Senior Airman:
Bordes, Charles, 166 MDG
Tolson, Katesha, 166 CFT
To Airman 1st Class:
Jones, Gavin, 166 CES

Retirements:

Freeman, Maria, Major, 142 AES
Harmon, James, Master Sgt., 166 AMXS
Mayhorn, Ronald, Master Sgt., 166 MXS

DE ANG Recruiting:

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

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(302) 323-3413

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www.166aw.af.mil

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www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAG

166AW DVIDS page:
www.dvidshub.net/unit/166AW-DANG

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www.goang.com/de

DE National Guard web site:
www.DelawareNationalGuard.com

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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

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

Enlisted jobs

www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/
For career descriptions: www.goang.com.

On the cover:

166th Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen in-process at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. on Jan. 29, 2015 after a Air Expeditionary Force deployment of six months to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia. Back row, L to R: Staff Sgt. Robert Natale, Senior Airman Brent Green, Senior Airman Kirk Phang, Master Sgt. Greg Lichtner, Master Sgt. Mike Caldwell. Front row, L to R: Master Sgt. Maurice Williams. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood)

Teamwork and lessons learned

By Col. Rob Culcasi

Commander, 166th Operations Group

Early in my second assignment, members of my unit and I were standing up a new C-130E squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The base was predominantly a fighter base and most of the wing personnel had only seen C-130's in photographs. Everywhere we went on base there were questions about who we were and what our mission was. Who are those enlisted folks wearing flight suits? Why did we need aerial port personnel? Why did we need our own drop zone? In the face of all that, the operations officer was a man who seemed to levy more demands on all of us captains than was imaginable.

One afternoon, after a day of being summoned to his office to receive new tasks to complete, a group of us sat down to talk about our lot in life. There was no pleasing this guy! None of us had ever built a new squadron from scratch! A little help from the lieutenant colonel would be nice we all thought. Wouldn't it be good to take some leave and get away? Why were we subjecting ourselves to this? Well, the answer was we didn't want to disappoint the folks who counted on us every day, our teammates, each other or the members of our unit. We all agreed, no matter how much was asked, no matter



Colonel Rob Culcasi

how long the days were we agreed we would work together. This challenge was an important one and worth our best effort. Looking back on that experience, I remember all of the lessons we learned, the new skills and knowledge we gained. What I believe none of us realized at the time was that we were being taught that we could solve problems and overcome obstacles that we'd never encountered before. Think about those challenges your unit or you yourself have faced. What did you learn? Can you share those lessons with the other members of your team? I'll bet they'll listen and maybe even share some of their experiences with you.

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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CES Airmen in Southwest Asia

Airmen of the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron, 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, pose while deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia on Jan. 5, 2015. Kneeling, L to R: Tech. Sgt. Joe Sparacio, Tech. Sgt. Sean Cline, Master Sgt. Maurice Williams, Staff Sgt. Bob Natale, Tech. Sgt. Mike Lawson. Standing, L to R: Senior Airman Brent Green, Master Sgt. Mike Caldwell, Senior Airman Kirk Phang, Master Sgt. Greg Lichtner, Senior Airman James Barnes, Staff Sgt. Kenrick Gray, Senior Airman Jeremy Burgos, Senior Airman Durrelle Petty, Senior Airman Joe Gilford, Staff Sgt. Andy Steward, Tech. Sgt. Hilton William, Staff Sgt. Shawn Moore, Senior Airman Josh Robbins and Chief Master Sgt. Lorne Peterson.



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

Trifecta Re-up

First Lt. Matthew Storm, 166th AMXS (facing screen), reenlists Master Sgt. Rusty White, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Staff Sgt. Sonia Wickman, 166th Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Parsons, 166th Security Forces Squadron, on Jan. 11. Far right: Master Sgt. Ron Sudler, 166th Force Support Squadron.



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

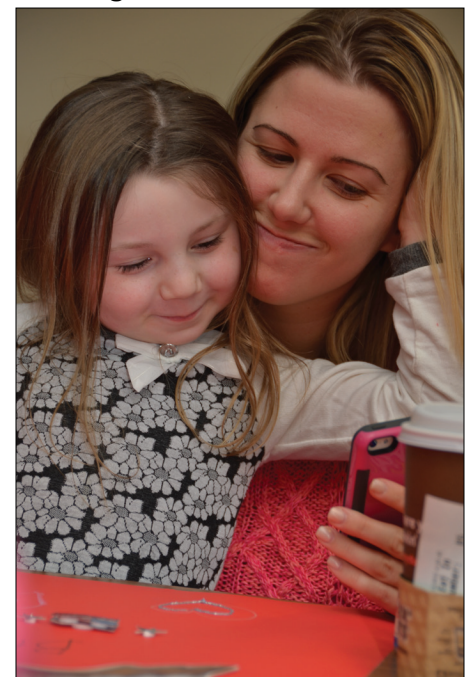
Anthony Sparacio holds a sign he, Michael Sparacio and Mary Anne Keyes made for Tech. Sgt. Joseph Sparacio, 166th CES.

Loved ones of deployed Delaware Air National Guardsmen gathered at Our Lady of Fatima Church in New Castle, Del. on Jan. 14 to make signs for their returning Airmen from the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron. The event was initiated by the 166th Airlift Wing Chaplain Corps, with help from the 166th AW Airman and Family Readiness Program.

Signs and smiles

Zoe Bennett and her mother Cally Shellhammer work on their poster for returning 166th CES Staff Sgt. Curt Bennett.

Janya Moses, Kimani Dixon, and Javiah Moses prepare a special a sign for "Pop-Pop," Air Force Master Sgt. Maurice Williams, 166th CES.





U.S. Air National Guard photos by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood

166th Command Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters welcomes home 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron members 1st Lt. Gretchen Hayes (L) and Tech. Sgt. Victoria Arnold as they in-processed on Jan. 14.

Welcome home Airmen

By 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 40 Airmen have returned home to their families within the last month, and a few more return early this month.

A total of 24 Airmen from the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 15 Airmen from the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen supported contingency operations in Germany and in Southwest Asia.

“All deployers have to in-process with their installation readiness coordinator for accountability purposes,” said Master Sgt. Michael DellaVella, the 166th Force Support Squadron’s point person for personnel readiness.

In-processing lines are conducted when five or more deployers come home. It’s a one-stop shop, making it easier for Airmen to in-process in one

place, and it allows the member to in-process in a timely and most efficient manner so they can get back to their families as quickly as possible.

Not in-processing could affect an Airman’s pay status. “The day their boots hit U.S. soil is how we calculate their reconstitution time immediately following their arrival home,” said DellaVella. “This two week period helps Airmen acclimate back into their community and family life.”

Representatives from the Airman and Family Readiness Program, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, judge advocate general, chaplain services and military pay were available to assist Airmen during their in-processing.

Airmen were given information on support services available to them and their family members on transitioning back into their family life.

An official welcome home ceremony will be held over the March Unit Training Assembly, date to be announced.



Master Sgt. Lori Friess, 166th Airlift Wing Finance Manager, assists 166th Civil Engineer Squadron members in-processing from the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia on Jan. 29.

2014 Airmen of the Year Delaware Air National Guard

It is the distinct pleasure of Chief Master Sgt. Steven Stinsky, State Command Chief, to announce the Delaware Air National Guard's 2014 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. These Airmen will be recognized at the annual Delaware ANG Enlisted Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2015.



Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman
Zackary Kline
142nd Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron



NCO of the Year:

Technical Sergeant
Heather Kennard
166th Maintenance
Operations Flight



Senior NCO of the Year:

Senior Master Sergeant
Bryan Krams
166th Logistics
Readiness Squadron



**First Sergeant
of the Year:**

Master Sergeant
Thomas Dennis
166th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

**Base Honor Guard
Member of the Year:**

Master Sergeant
Jeffrey Longfellow
166th Maintenance
Squadron



You must act to secure Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

By Master Sgt. Sam Lewis
Retention Office Manager

Have you applied for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits? And do you have proof?

Many of our members that have deployed under certain active duty orders, or served on AGR orders, may be eligible for this great benefit, but it is not automatic!

I have spoken to more than a few members who thought they had this benefit but had not taken the proper steps to apply for it. If the member does not complete the necessary steps through the VA prior to separating or retiring they may lose out!

Once you have completed all of the necessary steps online you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in the mail from the Veterans Administration. The COE is your voucher that you will take to the school to start receiving the payments when you enroll in classes. It should list the number of months of the benefit you have available and what percentage tier you are eligible for. If you are unsure if you have received COE, please contact me for steps to verify through the VA.

And don't forget the Transfer of Education Benefits to help your spouse or child(ren).

Not only is the Post 9/11 GI Bill a great benefit for the member, it is the only benefit that you can transfer to your DEERS registered spouse or children. Keep in mind that you will

incur a four year service obligation effective the date of the transfer request regardless of your time in service. If you are considering this option please contact me to get the process started. If your transfer request is approved and you separate or retire prior to reaching your obligation end date the VA will terminate the transferred benefit and recoup any benefit used by your dependents. Please verify your obligation end date with me if you are nearing separation/retirement.

One of the more common mistakes members make is confusing the transfer request with the application. You may have successfully completed the transfer request through my office and NGB but never actually apply for the benefit through the VA. When this occurs your dependent will not be able to access any transferred benefit because you have yet to establish it for yourself, and if you do not establish it for yourself before you separate there will not be any established benefit for you or your dependents.

I want all of our members to take full advantage of this great benefit. It can be confusing at times but I am here to help you. If you have any questions about the Post-9/11 GI Bill please contact me at (302) 323-3413 or samuel.lewis@ang.af.mil. I can send you materials and answer any questions you have!



Master Sgt. Sam Lewis

Helpful information from VA website:

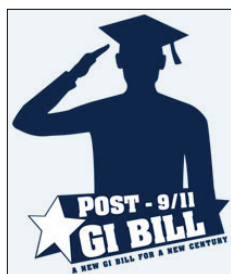
The Post-9/11 GI Bill is authorized by Congress under Title 38 of the United States Code, Chapter 33. The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to people with at least 90 days of continuous service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service after September 10, 2001.

Post-9/11 GI Bill two-page printable PDF pamphlet:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf

Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits Transfer:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/about/feature?feature=post-911-education-benefits-transfer>





Courtesy photo by Valerie Rutt

Second Lt. Joel Steinbrunner, 1st Lt. Timothy Stoeckle, Taylor Rutt, 1st Lt. Livier Vaughan, 1st Lt. Mark Rutt, 2nd Lt. Leeihnae Reese, Master Sgt. Bobbie Bensley and 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood pose after jumping in the Atlantic Ocean at Rehoboth Beach, Del. on Feb. 1, 2015 (participant David Harwood is missing from photo).

Freezin' for a reason

By 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood
President, Wing Company Grade Officer Council

Freezin' for a reason is what we did to raise money for Special Olympics Delaware.

The 166th Airlift Wing Company Grade Officer Council, family members and supporters raised over \$1400 in the Polar Bear Plunge held Sunday, Feb. 1 at Rehoboth Beach, Del., exceeding our goal of \$500.

This is my fifth year plunging and my first time with my fellow CGO's. I was amazed how much support we received and the amount of money we raised online and on the day of the event.

We enjoyed collaborating and putting this "Frozen Air Pops" team together; it was our first community project.

Someone asked me, "Why do you want to jump into water that is only 34 degrees?" And I had to think about it for a little bit because I could just as easily have donated money.

Yes, I do enjoy the comradery of my fellow plungers but I feel it stems back many years ago when I was a student in technical school.

Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. was hosting their state's Special Olympics at that time and students were paired up with special needs Olympiads.

I was responsible for taking an individual to each of her Olympic events. As the day went on I found myself cheering her on more and more throughout each event.

Seeing how happy she was and how proud her mom and dad looked as she competed is what keeps me jumping into the freezing water every year.

Around 10 of us braved the frigid Atlantic Ocean Sunday. It was the first time for a few of us but I'm sure not the last.

If you'd like information on upcoming CGOC events please contact 1st Lt. Timothy Stoeckle, CGOC secretary, at timothy.stoeckle@ang.af.mil.

Airman recognized at 'State of State'

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

On January 22, Delaware Gov. Jack Markell delivered his 2015 State of the State address, his seventh annual, at Legislative Hall in Dover, Del.

The governor pointed out two members of the Delaware National Guard for special recognition, one each from the Delaware Army and Delaware Air National Guard.

The governor said these words about the two troops:

“Let me recognize a couple of our best and brightest - Specialist Joel Tellez-Belardo, Jr. of the Army Guard’s 238th General Support Aviation Battalion and Technical Sergeant Dave Magill of the Air Guard’s 166[th] Logistics Readiness Squadron. We are blessed to have many hometown heroes like Joel and Dave who courageously

serve our state and nation. The most important expression of gratitude we can offer them is to help them find jobs when their service is complete. I am proud to say that thanks to our business community, we have cut the unemployment rate for Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans.”

Full 2015 State of the State remarks: <http://governor.delaware.gov/speeches/2015StateOfTheState/index.shtml>

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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: image of the Delaware ANG application 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 Delaware Air Guard is hiring in 2015

It's easy to tell your story with the online Hometown News Service!

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For those who have recently joined the U.S. military, you get to experience the painless and user friendly way to submit yourself for public recognition for a job well done.

Public Affairs recommends the revamped Joint Hometown News Service to all of our Airmen, especially to our student flight, first sergeants and to first line supervisors. Use this tool and spread the word to fellow Airmen.

Newcomers will have quite a different, and far better, experience from what grizzled veterans with decades of service have endured. They tried, sometimes successfully, sometimes in vain, using the old manual system of submitting a hard-copy of a Hometown News Release to gain recognition for their job performance.

The system uses simple navigation and drop down menus for ease of use and to prevent data entry errors for base, unit, rank, and category selection. Each category then has multiple sub-categories. Your submission can even include an individual or small unit photo. For quality control, your PA office reviews and approves your online submission. The release will go to dozens of news media outlets in your hometown, and to hometowns of a parent(s) or guardian.

Main Categories:

- Assume Command
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- Deployment
- Enlistment
- Graduation
- Other
- Promotion
- Recognition
- Report for Duty
- Retirement

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