

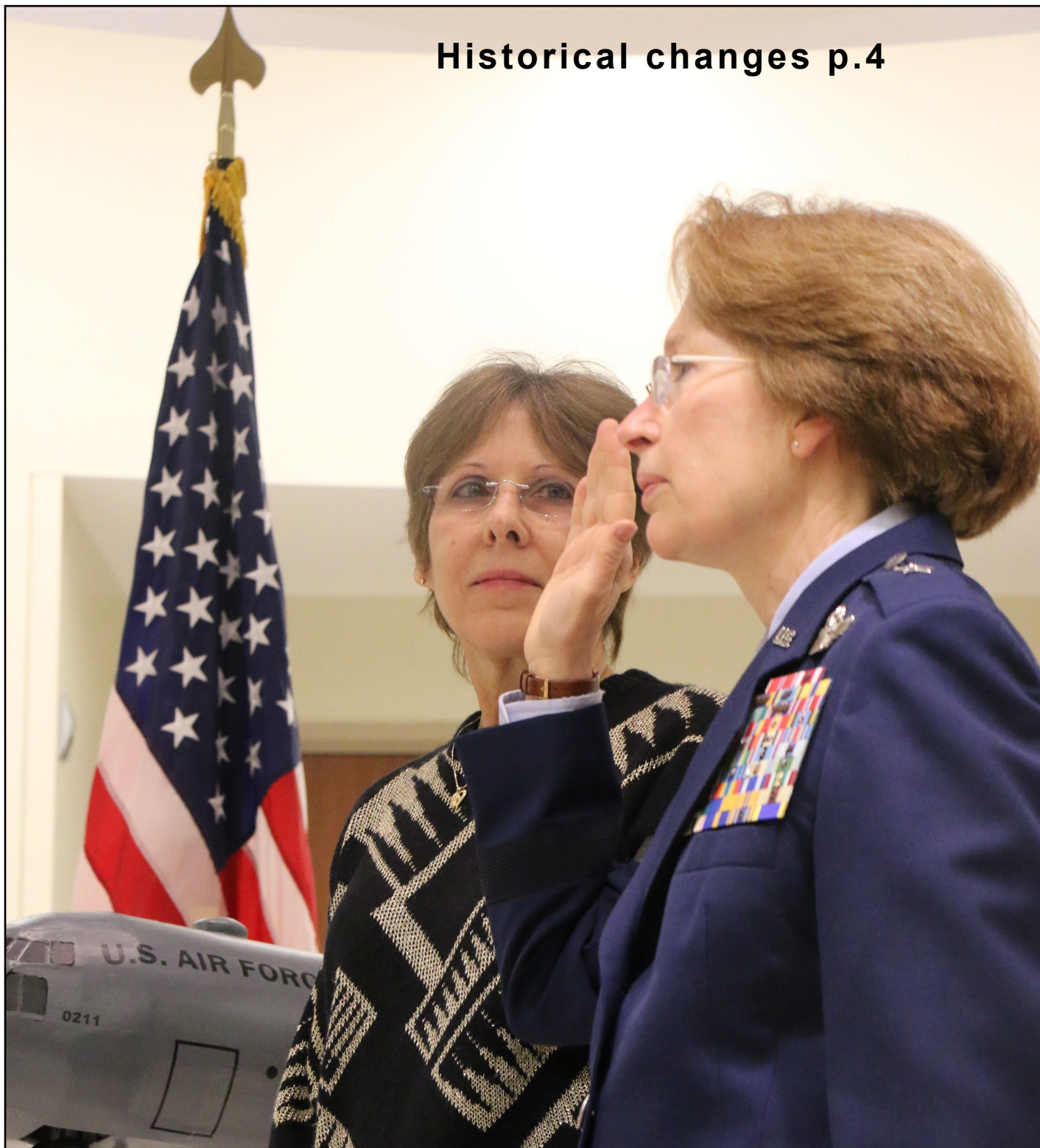


# The DANG TRUTH



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

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# UTA events

## Friday, Feb. 10:

- PT testing, 7:15 a.m., Base Fitness Center
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, HQ, Bldg. 2600
- Restricted area badge photos, out-processing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Finance customer service: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Bldg. 2600/Pay Section.
- First Sergeants Council mtg., Noon-2 p.m., Bldg 2600, Riley Rm.
- Wing Staff mtg., 2:00 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Loefel Rm.
- Chief's Council Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., OPS Theater.

## Saturday, Feb. 11:

- ATAG CoC ceremony, 3:00 p.m. Army Aviation, 33 Corporate Circle, New Castle, Del.
- PT testing, 7:15 a.m., Base Fitness Center
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600
- Restricted area badge photos, out-processing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m.
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Finance Customer Service: 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Pay Section
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Clinic
- Dinning Facility meal, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

## Sunday, Feb. 12:

- TAG relinquish of command ceremony, 2:00 p.m. Army Aviation, 33 Corporate Circle, New Castle, Del.
- PT testing, 7:15-9:30 a.m. & 9:30-11:30 a.m. Base Fitness Center.
- Protestant Services, 7:30 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Finance customer service: 9:30a.m. -11:30 a.m.
- Dinning Facility meal: 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- Company Grade Officer Council Meeting, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., CE Training Lab
- Junior Enlisted Council Open Forum Meeting, OPS Theater, 12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.,

# Coming Events

- 17 -1 9 Mar. - Singles Strong Bonds, Silver Springs, MD.
- 24 - 26 Mar. - Couples Strong Bonds, Lancaster,

## UTA schedule FY2017

- February 11-12
- March 4-5
- April 1-2

# Career News

## December 2016

### Appointed:

None

### Promotions:

#### To Lieutenant Colonel:

Blair, Michael, 166AW

#### To Second Lieutenant:

Mceachron, Shemekia, 142 AES

#### To Chief Master Sergeant:

Witt, Charles, JFHQ

#### To Senior Master Sergeant:

Gazzarra, David, 166 CES  
Pinkowski, Daniel, 166 MXS

#### To Technical Sergeant:

Holtmeter, Calvin, 166 LRS

#### To Staff Sergeant:

Walters, Jason, 142 AS  
Santiago, Richard, 166 LRS  
Farrare, Meagan, 142 AS  
Leitner, William, 166 CES  
Reid, Nathaniel, 166 OSS

#### To Senior Airman:

Stumpf, Daniel, 166 OSS  
Joles, James, 166 SFS  
Boulware, Itia, 166 SFS  
Rohde, Samuel, 166 MXS  
Steckclair, Danielle, 166 OSS  
Hoffman, Flordeamelie, 166 MDG  
Deberardinis, Robert, 166 FSS  
McCormick, Kimberly, 166 FSS

#### To Airman:

Hawkes, Jordan, 166 FSS

### Enlistments:

Payero, Geoffrey SrA, 166AW  
Walters, John A1C, FSS  
Joseph, Emmanuel A1C, MDG  
Burns, Maddy AB, AES  
Barrett, Jennifer TSgt, LRS  
Kovacich, Vincent SSgt, OSS  
Stone, Jared TSgt, MOF  
Mullen, James SSGT, CES  
Romualdo, Kathleen SrA, CFT  
Greene, Latoya SSgt, 166AW

### Retirements:

Maj. Catherine Doyle, HQ DE ST  
Maj. Robert Brich, 142 AES  
SMSgt. Wilson Birney, 166 MXS

## DE ANG Recruiting

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

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166AW Air Force Public Web site:

<http://www.166aw.af.mil>

166AW Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing)

166AW YouTube page:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAQ)

Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:

[www.goang.com/de](http://www.goang.com/de)

DE National Guard web site:

[www.de.ng.mil](http://www.de.ng.mil)

DE National Guard Facebook page:

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

## Officer jobs

[www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

## 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).



## On the cover:

**Brig. Gen. Carol A. Timmons, the Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard took oath as the new TAG on Feb. 1, 2017. Spouse, Ms. Lynn Wass stood beside Gen. Timmons during this historic event. (photo by Staff Sgt. John Michaels)**

*Commentary*

# Commander's Corner

by **Colonel Michelle M. Kirwan**  
*Commander, 142nd Aeromedical  
Evacuation Squadron*

Colonel (ret) Michael Feeley always said that AES stood for “always eating something.” While there may be a hint of truth to that statement, AES actually stands for Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Activated in October of 1962, the 142nd AES is one of thirty-one Aeromedical Evacuation squadrons between active duty, the reserves and National Guard.

The mission of AES is to provide time sensitive, mission critical en-route care to patients to and between medical treatment facilities.

Teams of flight nurses and aeromedical evacuation technician's transport stabilized patients from forward operating bases within the theater, to Germany and the continental United States.

The medical teams are supported by health services administrators, medical administrators, logisticians, biomedical equipment technicians, radio support and aviation resource management personnel.

The presence of aeromedical evacuation dates back to World War II and utilized the C-54 Skymaster aircraft to transport patients.

Today, flight nurses and technicians are qualified to fly on the C-130, C-17 and KC-135 airframes and also use the C-5, C-21 airframes and civilian aircraft for opportune airlift needs. With the improved medi-



**Colonel Michelle Kirwan**

cal care closer to the battlefield and timely movement of patients to higher levels of care, survival rates from wounds suffered in battle are 97%. The use of AE facilitates movement of patients with significant injuries to receive the best care, even back in the U.S., within 24 hours after injury.

The 142nd AES has been involved in multiple overseas operations to include Panama, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Somalia, Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and all operations since 9/11 to include NOBLE EAGLE, Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN and FREEDOM SENTINEL. The 142nd Aeromedical squadron was one of the first units in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

The 142nd AES continues a high operations tempo for both overseas operations and exercises not only within the state but also with other outside agencies.

When you see us out training, it is to provide the “Best Care in the Air” to all we serve.

## The DANG Truth

166th Airlift Wing leadership

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*Vice Commander*

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#### Wing Vision Statement:

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

#### 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.*



# Historical Changes at the DNG

by Captain Valerie Camarillo  
166th Airlift Wing

The Delaware National Guard will be making history on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

The Delaware National Guards Adjutant General, Major General Francis D. Vavala will be relinquishing command to Brigadier General Carol A. Timmons. MG Frank Vavala was the longest serving Adjutant General in the United States and retires after 50 years military service. He assumed the duties as the Adjutant General, Delaware, on February 1, 1999.

Brig. General Carol Timmons will be promoted to Maj. Gen. and then will take command of the Delaware National Guard. The ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Army Aviation Support Facility, 33 Corporate Circle, New Castle, Del.

General Vavala began his military career in 1967, when he enlisted as a private in the Delaware National Guard. In 1970, Vavala received his commission as a Second Lieutenant from the Delaware Military Academy Officer Candidate School.

In addition to holding dozens of leadership positions in the Delaware Guard, he held prominent national positions as president of the Adjutant Generals Association of the United States and Chairman of the Board, National Guard Association of the United States. During his tenure as Chairman of the Board, NGAUS was the main driver responsible for passing one of the most significant pieces of military legislation, the National Guard Empowerment Act. He provided key testimony before the House



*Photo courtesy of the National Guard Bureau*

## Major General Francis D. Vavala The Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard

Armed Services Committee and in January 2012, Delaware's 146th General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution 10, recognizing Vavala for his leading role in helping to reshape the United States military.

Vavala is from a proud military family, having served with both his father, Brigadier General Francis P. Vavala, and brother, Master Sergeant Gerard Vavala. Before serving as Adjutant General, he retired from DuPont, where he was employed as a Marketing Services Supervisor. Vavala was honored as the Saint Anthony of

Padua Youth Activities Council Man of the Year in 1985, and inducted into the Salesianum Hall of Fame in 2003.

As the Adjutant General of Delaware, General Timmons is Governor Carney's chief military advisor and responsible for ensuring the Delaware National Guard is fully trained, equipped, and ready to respond to federal mobilization requirements and state emergency operations. She served as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air since January 2012 and is Delaware's first female two-star general and Adjutant General.

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

**Brigadier General Carol A. Timmons and Major General Frank Vavala during Gen Timmon oath of office ceremony on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The U.S. longest serving adjutant general, MG Vavala relinquished command to Brig. Gen. Timmons after 50 years of service.**

Timmons has nearly 40 years military experience to include service in both the Delaware Army and Air National Guard. She began her career in 1977 as a law enforcement apprentice with the Delaware National Guards 166th Security Forces Squadron. In addition she served as a helicopter pilot in the Army National Guard, a C-141 pilot in the Air Force Reserve, and a C-130 pilot in the Air National Guard. General Timmons is a veteran of numerous overseas combat operations and a member of the Delaware Women's and Aviation Halls of Fame. Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons assumed the duties of Assistant Adjutant General, Air in January 2012.

On Saturday, February 11th, a change of command ceremony for the Assistant Adjutant General - Air will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the

Army Aviation Support Facility, 33 Corporate Circle, New Castle, Del.

Colonel Dave Walker assume command as the new Assistant Adjutant General, and takes over for Brig. General Carol Timmons. As the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, he is to ensure the Delaware Air National Guard is fully trained, equipped, and ready to support federal mobilizations and state emergency operations. Walker will also develop plans, programs, and policies in support of the Delaware C-130 Airlift Wing and maintain liaisons with the active Air Force and the National Guard Bureau.

Colonel Walker is a 1989 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and served aboard a nuclear-powered attack submarine, and later as a master instructor at the Naval

Academy. Walker commissioned into the Air National Guard after seven years Naval service. Since, he has held various positions with the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command, and commanded the 166th Network Squadron. Colonel Walker previously served as the Vice Commander for the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware National Guard.

To learn more about our Delaware National Guard leadership visit the DNG website at [www.de.ng.mil](http://www.de.ng.mil) or on the 166th Airlift Wing website at [www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)

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