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



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Robin Meredith)

A C-130 aircraft from the 166th Airlift Wing drops a pallet simulating heavy equipment, and a training bundle, at the Coyle Field Drop Zone in the Pine Barrens of N.J. on Aug. 3, 2013.

## Wing conducts rare five ship formation airdrop

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
Wing Public Affairs

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the 166th Airlift Wing executed a rare and complex tactical flying mission. Five C-130 aircraft, 30 aircrew members and dozens of ground personnel worked together to perform a multi-ship airdrop mission over four states (Del., Pa., Md. and N.J.).

The 166th Airlift Wing is frequently pressed into service requiring coor-

inating numerous aircraft to support wartime or humanitarian contingencies. Tactical formations of this size don't occur often; the last five ship formation flown with an airdrop was June 7, 2008.

Before the mission launch, 166th AW Commander Col. Mike Feeley said, "Every once in a while we have to surge our capability. This mission will involve a lot of coordination of our maintenance, operations, aircrew, and supply units. Using five C-130 aircraft

in our fleet of eight aircraft is a big operation, and a good challenge to test our capabilities." He added, "Many people on Delaware's beaches will be able to observe the formation flying north up the coast through our beach towns."

Preparations for the formation airdrop began Aug. 2 when aircraft were loaded on the flightline at the New Castle Air National Guard base.

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# Sept. ORE/UTA events

## Sept. 6, Friday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.  
(arrive at 0715; all participants must be in a military status approved by their unit; schedule prior to test date through Unit Fitness Monitor; must wear only the Air Force PT Uniform)

## Sept. 7, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.

## Sept. 8, Sunday:

- No PT testing; religious services Sept. 12

## Sept. 11, Wednesday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.

## Sept. 12, Thursday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.  
- **Protestant Services:** 0745-0800, Bldg. 2815, SAT (Small Air Terminal) Hangar  
- **Catholic Mass:** 0830-0930, Bldg. 2815, Small Air Terminal Hangar

## UTA schedule 2013-14

*07-08 Sep 2013	05-06 Apr 2014
19-20 Oct 2013	03-04 May 2014
02-03 Nov 2013	07-08 Jun 2014
07-08 Dec 2013	12-13 Jul 2014
11-12 Jan 2014	02-03 Aug 2014
01-02 Feb 2014	06-07 Sep 2014
01-02 Mar 2014	

\*Note -- Sept. 7-13 Home Station ORE changes the Sept. UTA to 11-12 Sep 2013

# Personnel actions Aug. 2013

## Enlistments:

Leggett, William, Tech. Sgt., 166th FSS

## Promotions:

### To MAJOR:

Linzmeier, Mark, 142nd AS  
Walters, Corey, Del. ANG HQ  
Walker, Terrell, 166th FSS

### To MASTER SERGEANT:

Lewis, Samuel, Del. ANG HQ

### To TECHNICAL SERGEANT:

Buriss, Scott, 166th LRS  
Call, Jeffrey, 166th MXS  
Giroud, Angela, 166th LRS

### To STAFF SERGEANT:

Jaskewich, Jason, 166th LRS  
Quartarone, Richard, 166th SFS

### To SENIOR AIRMAN:

Barnes, James, 166th CES  
Carter, Drew, 142nd AS  
Hroncich, Steven, 166th MXS  
Kaldas, John, 166th CES  
Nickless, Lizabeth, 142nd AES

### To AIRMAN 1st CLASS:

Hall, Alvin, 166th SFS

## Retirements:

None this period

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[www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)

### 166AW Facebook page:

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

### DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:

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

### Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:

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

### DE National Guard web site:

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

### DE National Guard Facebook page:

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

## Medical openings

Hiring for officers in traditional positions; no closeout dates apply unless indicated: [www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://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, Dentist,  
Family Physician, Flight Surgeon,  
Internist, Medical Service Corps Officer,  
Physician Assistant, Surgeon

## Enlisted jobs

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

## Coming events

**Sept. 7-13:** Modified home station Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) involving roughly 350 people from the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle ANG Base.

**Sept. 16:** 31st Annual DNG Golf Tournament

**Sept. 20-23:** NGAUS Conference, Hawaii

**Oct. 20:** Wingman Day

**Oct. 21-22:** Senior Enlisted Symposium

**Oct. 25:** Retiree Breakfast

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## **Formation** (cont. from pg. 1)

The route of the three hour mission: 11:00 a.m. takeoff from the New Castle ANG Base, Del, following a route towards Lancaster, Pa., then down through central Delaware, across the Chesapeake Bay to Ocean City, Md. and up the coast of Delaware to Bethany Beach, Dewey Beach, Rehoboth Beach, Lewes, and across the mouth of the Delaware Bay to the Coyle Field Drop Zone in the Pine Barrens of N.J. for a heavy equipment airdrop. Next, all aircraft land at an air base near Atlantic City, N.J., load small bundles and takeoff for a second airdrop at the Coyle Field Drop Zone, then fly across the Delaware River and return home to New Castle at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Dozens of maintainers were on hand to quickly resolve any mechanical issue that arose before takeoff, but operations and maintenance crews launched all five aircraft without a glitch.

Cheers erupted and smiles broke out as the last aircraft went wheels-up. Col. Feeley and Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, the assistant adjutant general for air, Delaware National Guard, were present for the takeoff. Gen. Timmons congratulated Airmen with ‘high-fives’ and handshakes after the aircraft were airborne, frequently saying, “Great job guys!”

About 30 Airmen from the small air terminal were involved in the operation. They prepared and loaded parachute packs, small bundles and heavy equipment aboard the aircraft. Later, they recovered all material from the drop zone, driving from the New Castle ANG Base to Coyle Field and back.

Colonel Feeley joined dozens of members to witness the five aircraft land, taxi to their spots and aircrew deplane.

Several news media organizations spread the word of the mission by radio, TV and web reports.



*(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)*

**Five C-130 aircraft taxi prior to launch of five-ship formation at the New Castle Air National Guard Base on Aug. 3, 2013.**



**166th Airlift Wing commander Col. Mike Feeley (in flight suit), joins Airmen on the flightline after the C-130 five ship formation launches at the New Castle Air National Guard Base Aug. 3, 2013.**

Base photographers captured images of the aircraft takeoff, airdrop and landing. View imagery on the wing’s web site, [166aw.ang.af.mil](http://166aw.ang.af.mil), and on Facebook.com/166thAirliftWing,

A video of the flight over a Delaware beach, taken by a local citizen, is also shared on the wing’s Facebook page.

**Right: An Airman secures a chain to the ground after five C-130 aircraft return to base.**



# Get your exercise game face on

**Sept. 7-13:** Modified home station Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) involving roughly 350 wing people at the New Castle ANG Base

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

Being prepared for wartime taskings is an Air Force requirement for our members that requires regular training and evaluation. If you are a player in the Sept. 7-13 ORE, be ready to step into action with a sense of urgency and your mission oriented protective posture (MOPP) gear. Remain safety conscious and be a wingman to your coworkers.

**Important ORE guidance from the 166th Force Support Squadron:** All AGR and Officer Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) players must bring a personal check for **\$70.20** payable to "DFAS-LI" to turn in at the deployment line on Sept. 8-9 to cover food costs for the week. All Traditional enlisted members on annual training orders will be automatically debited BAS in the amount of \$70.20 to cover food costs.

## Base manning reaches 99 percent

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

The Operation Full Strength team reported on Aug. 3 that base manning reached 99 percent and is heading toward 100 percent. The wing commander's goal is to reach 102 percent manning. The team welcomes your ideas to help the cause of recruiting. Email your ideas to: [166aw.fullstrength@ang.af.mil](mailto:166aw.fullstrength@ang.af.mil).

**Wing commander's recruiting GOAL:**  
**102% manning**



*(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)*

On June 3, 2013 our recruiters stand on the spot where Delaware was formed, 2nd floor of the Old Court House, New Castle, Del. Left to right: Staff Sgt. Harold Davis, Tech. Sgt. Sam Lewis, Senior Airman Desmond Overton, Master Sgt. Tanya Harris, Tech. Sgt. Terrence Parker and Tech. Sgt. Kristen Favors.

# Over 60 Airmen donate blood to 'Be Someone's Hero'

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
Wing Public Affairs

Sixty-three Airmen gave a part of themselves -- one pint of blood each -- during the August UTA. They were contributing to the Blood Bank of Delmarva's 11th Annual Summer Blood Challenge to help prevent summer blood shortages.

Volunteers signed up for the Aug. 3 blood drive in the maintenance hangar lobby and then stepped into the blood-mobile.

According to the Delmarva Blood Bank website, they need 83,000 pints of blood a year. For more information, go to <http://www.delmarvablood.org>.



(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

**Airmen participate in annual summer blood drive Aug 3, 2013.**



# Youth size up C-130 aircraft, equipment and unit Airmen



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

**Visitors from the Young Marines of New Castle County are briefed as they explore the inside and outside of a C-130 aircraft during a tour of the New Castle Air National Guard Base Aug. 13, 2013.**

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

Since our founding in 1946 the base has continually hosted visits from groups in the local community. Two of the groups who received tours this summer were two dozen kids age six to 10 from the Children of America Child Care & Academy in Wilmington on Aug. 15, and about 10 youth from the Young Marines of New Castle County on Aug. 13. A number of Airmen in maintenance, operations and the firehouse took the time to interact with the visitors and answer questions. More photos are on [www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing).



# DoD announces same-sex spouse benefits

by **American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense announced its plan to extend benefits to same-sex spouses of uniformed service members and Department of Defense civilian employees, according to a DoD news release issued Aug. 14, 2013.

After a review of the department's benefit policies following the Supreme Court's ruling that Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional, and in consultation with the Department of Justice and other executive branch agencies, the Defense Department will make spousal and family benefits available no later than Sept. 3, 2013, regardless of sexual orientation, as long as service member-sponsors

provide a valid marriage certificate.

The DoD remains committed to ensuring that all men and women who serve in the U.S. military, and their families, are treated fairly and equally as the law directs.

Entitlements such as TRICARE enrollment, basic allowance for housing and family separation allowance are retroactive to the date of the Supreme Court's decision. Any claims to entitlements before that date will not be granted. For those members married after June 26, 2013, entitlements begin at the date of marriage.

The DoD recognizes that same-sex military couples who are not stationed in a jurisdiction that permits same-sex marriage would have to travel to another

jurisdiction to marry. That is why the department will implement policies to allow military personnel in such a relationship non-chargeable leave for the purpose of travelling to a jurisdiction where such a marriage may occur. This will provide accelerated access to the full range of benefits offered to married military couples throughout the department, and help level the playing field between opposite-sex and same-sex couples seeking to be married.

For civilian benefits administered government-wide to federal employees, the DoD will follow the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor's guidance to ensure that the same benefits currently available to heterosexual spouses are also available to legally married same-sex spouses.

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## Air Force PT test enhancements to start Oct. 1

by **Staff Sgt. David Salinitri**  
*Secretary of the Air Force*  
*Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force senior leadership announced enhancements to the Air Force's Physical Fitness Assessment program, to be implemented Oct. 1, 2013.

In a letter to Airmen Aug. 20, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III explained the results of the comprehensive review, highlighting the strength of the program and the need for slight improvements.

"We have a tremendous program that has fundamentally changed the Air

Force's overall fitness level over the past few years," Welsh said. "The PFT itself is not going to change. But even the best program can be improved upon, so we are making changes in four different areas to enhance the overall program."

Of the changes coming Oct. 1, the most significant is to the abdominal circumference portion of the test. The AC assesses an Airman's body composition.

"In the future, if an Airman fails the AC portion of the test, and passes each of the other three components, we'll measure that Airman using the Body Mass Index taping guidance in DoD instructions," Welsh said. "If the Airman meets the DoD BMI standard, they pass the PFT."

Because AC measurement is integrated into the testing procedure, the Air Force is currently the only branch of the Department of Defense not required to have a separate weight management program.

The other program modifications include realigning the fitness appeal process back to wing commanders, adjusting passing standards for Airmen who can only test on one component of assessment, and changing and simplifying the walk test.

In addition to these efforts, senior leaders are reviewing how fitness performance is documented on performance reports as part of a larger effort to examine the performance report itself.