



The DANG TRUTH



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UTA events

June 3, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 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, outprocessing, 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 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.; UTA Concept mtg. follows

June 4, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 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, outprocessing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m.
- OSS CoC ceremony, Lt Col Kilcullen to Maj Damon, 3:30 p.m., OPS Theater.
- 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
- Chief's Council Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m., CES Training Rm.
- Wing Picture, 1230 showtime, Flt line side of Operations Bldg.
- GreenDot training, 1:30 p.m., Loeffel Room.
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic

June 5, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30-9:30 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
- PERSCO training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600
- Chief promotion, SMSgt Charles Reburn Loeffel Rm at 3:00 p.m.
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Finance customer service: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Immunizations, Medical Clinic, 1-2 p.m.
- Company Grade Officer Council open forum, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., CE Break Rm.
- Junior Enlisted Council open forum, Noon-1:00 p.m., LRS training room.

Coming Events

June 7: Veterans Suicide Awareness Event, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., Legislative Hall, Dover, De.

June 10-12: Strong Bonds, singles event

July 10: Welcome Home Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.

July 10: Family Day, 1:00 p.m..

UTA schedule FY2016

04-05 June 2016
09-10 July 2016
05-07 Aug. 2016
None Sept. 2016

Career News May 2016

Appointed:

None

Promotions:

To Captain:

Sarah Gault, 142 AS

To 1st Lieutenant :

Yvonne Azeltine, 166 MDG

To Master Sergeant:

David S. Eastburn, 166 MXS

To Technical Sergeant:

Bren T. Calpin, 166 CFT

Christopher Komsa, HQS

Shannon M. Power, 142 AES

Andrew B. Steward, 166 CES

To Staff Sergeant:

Brent W. Green, 166 CES

James L. Kerwood, 166 MXS

Tyler M. Kern, 166 SFS

To Senior Airman:

James C. Klinefelter, 166 LRS

Brandon Jaskewich, 142 AES

To Airman First Class:

Letonia J Alexander, 142 AES

Steve Marcano, 142 AES

Enlistments:

Pierce, Joel SSgt, CES

Batson, Carl A1C, CES

Hill, Donald A1C, AS

Varela Quinones, Maylyn A1C, FSS

Bickel, Robert SrA, CES

Rocha, Nathaniel SSgt, CFT

Struble, David Capt, MXS

Holyfield, Cornielius TSgt, MDG

Stamper, Jeremiah A1C, AS

Gordy, Zane 1Lt, AES

Kornfeld, Ana Amn, MDG

Figueroa, Jesenia AB, CES

Marks, Ben A1C, MXS

Retirements:

Johnson, Stephen MSgt, MXG

Minner, Douglas MSgt, CES

Ware, James SSgt, LRS

Wing Vision Statement:

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

DE ANG Recruiting

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Local (302) 323-3444

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(302) 323-3413

166AW Air Force Public Web site:

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

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166AW YouTube page:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9Ckpf-CbsXENAO

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DE National Guard web site:

www.de.ng.mil

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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:

Delaware National Guard Joint Honor Guard performed Changing of the Colors before the Maj. "Beau" Biden building dedication on Monday, May 30, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Michaels)



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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.

Commentary

Give back as a Senior NCO

by **Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters**
Command Chief, 166th Airlift Wing

Ask yourself these questions:

Do you want to give back to the Airmen that serve our mission?

Do you want to make a big difference in an Airman's life?

Do you want the next generation to be the best generation of Airmen to serve our great country?

If you've answered "yes" to all of these questions, then you should apply to be a First Sergeant! The announcement is out now!

In serving as a First Sergeant myself for four years, I can tell you... It was one of the BEST positions I have ever had the privilege of serving in. I had the direct responsibility of developing change, impact, and making a difference. I wanted to serve selflessly and be that voice to advocate for change.

What is a First Sergeant?

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, a First Sergeant is a special, senior noncommissioned officer position. A First Sergeant is one who is there to provide a dedicated focal point for all readiness, health, morale, welfare and quality-of-life issues within his or her organization.

What does that mean? Well, to me it simply means that you have been given the distinct privilege, and entrusted with the duty and responsibility of taking care of all Airmen and their families.



Chief MSgt. Shaune Peters

As a senior NCO, you are required to follow general and specific guidance per AFI 36-2618; but as a First Sergeant, you focus specifically on the people who execute the mission.

A First Sergeant does all he or she can to ensure that each Airmen under their charge has an equal opportunity to be the best they can be for their country, family, and selves. Please take a look at the First Sergeant Creed. Here is part of it:

"Everyone is My Business"- That's what we strive for, each and every single day. There are very few enlisted personnel in our Air Force with more authority, more responsibility and a downright busier day than a First Sergeant.

"My job is people"- You need to be able to dedicate your time and energy to their needs: their health, morale, discipline and welfare. You only grow in strength by strengthening your people! The First Sergeant keeps the balance between ensuring the mission is accomplished; mission success; doing right by your people; and people success.



The DANG Truth

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The First Sergeant is there to help the Airmen of the unit with their personal or professional matters, no matter what time of day or night it is. It's that simple!

I am very fortunate to have been able to serve as a First Sergeant during my career. I full heartedly believe that the position was and still is the most essential, necessary, foundational brick that led to the effectiveness of all other positions I have held since then.

To me the First Sergeant position is not a job, or special duty, but a way of life that must be accomplished with 100 % passion and commitment. Why? Because we owe it to everyone who has worn the uniform before us, those who still wear it proudly today, and those who are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to serve in the future!

Veterans Remembered

by Tech Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley
Wing Public Affairs

Memorial Day was commemorated by the Delaware National Guard with two observances on Monday, May 30.

Members of the 166th Airlift Wing participated in a Memorial Day Service held at Delaware Veterans Memorial Park.

This observance was sponsored by the Korean War Veteran's Association (KWVA) and the Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs. Additionally, the Delaware River and Bay Authority supported this event.

During this ceremony more than 50 individuals and organizations honored the fallen with presentations of floral tributes in front of a symbolic wreath. The tributes continue a tradi-

tion in which decoration is placed at grave-sites of service members who have died while defending the country, which can be traced back to May 30, 1868.

At this time Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) commander, instructed members of the GAR to lay flowers in remembrance of their comrades. This day was known as the national observance of Decoration Day.

The last Monday of May was officially established as the Memorial Day observance in 1968 when congress passed president Lyndon Johnson's Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Multiple agencies and veteran associations from the state of Delaware such as the American EX-POW's Delaware Chapter 1 Inc., Delaware Veterans

Inc., and the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary, Department of Delaware paid homage to those that lost their lives while serving.

Edward Johnson, Korean War Veterans Association commander, was the master of ceremonies during the observance and introduced the honorary speakers. Delaware State Gov. Jack Markell, U.S. Sen. Thomas Carper, U.S. Sen. Chris Coons, U.S. Congressman John Carney, Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock, and Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Delaware National Guard Adjutant General, spoke during the ceremony.

U.S. Senator Thomas Carper provided a unique presentation during his speech. Carper described the process of a military ship being named after the State of Delaware. This process started because Newark resident Steve

U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley

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Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Delaware National Guard Adjutant General, salutes during the conclusion of the 2016 State of Delaware Memorial Day Service. This ceremony was held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Park on May 30, 2016.

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

Mr. Steven Llanso along side wife Linda and children Emma and Pete was presented a signed poster from Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Sen. Carper, U.S. Sen. Coons and Congressman John Carney on Monday, May 30, 2016.

Llanso wrote a letter to the News Journal editor asking the question, why Delaware hasn't had a military ship named after the state for several years?

Senators Carper and Coons along with Congressman Carney read Llanso's letter in 2012 which prompted them to write to the U.S. Naval Secretary Ray Mabus for further guidance. The U.S. Navy was at that time building submarines and a request was made for one ship to be named after the state of Delaware.

The persistence of Sen. Carper has led to Delaware getting a submarine, The USS Delaware SSN 791. Dr. Jill Biden, Second Lady of the United States is the sponsor of this submarine.

The USS Delaware, SSN 791 is significant because it adds to the Delaware's maritime history and honors all veterans of the state. A signed poster from

Dr. Jill Biden, U.S. Sen. Carper, U.S. Sen. Coons and Congressman John Carney was presented to Steven Llanso as a token of appreciation. Llanso accepted the poster with his wife Linda, and children Emma and Pete.

When asked what was one of his most memorable moments from the memorial observance today Sen. Carper stated, "As a former Naval officer, presenting the plaque for Delaware's new submarine signed by Dr. Biden was a highlight of this ceremony."

Members of the Delaware National Guard Honor Guard provided a rifle salute to close out the ceremony.

Following this observance those in attendance were encouraged to attend the Delaware National Guard headquarters building dedication ceremony.

Dignitaries, spectators, military members, and families and friends in attendance witnessed the unveiling of the new building entrance sign in honor of Maj. Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III.

The Delaware National Guard headquarters building was renamed Major Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III National Guard/ Reserve Center.

Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Delaware National Guard Adjutant General, shared his memories of time served with Maj. Beau Biden.

"May all of us who will occupy this building reflect the courage and valor of this special man, our colleague and our friend Major "Beau" Biden," said Vavala.

Vice President Joe Biden and family were in attendance to honor Beau. Biden expressed the importance of the

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military and the Delaware National Guard as a special part of his son's life.

“Our prayer, the Biden's family prayer is they'll see Beau's name, and look to his example of how to live life. A life of purpose, service, and inspiration,” said Biden.

“The thing he was most proud of was wearing the uniform, so on behalf of the whole family I want to thank all of you for remembering our Beau and memorializing him today, particularly his brothers and sisters in uniform, you served with him,” said Biden.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley
The Delaware Joint Force Headquarter building was renamed the Major Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III National Guard / Reserve Center on May 30, 2016.



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

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden takes a picture with members of the Delaware 287th Army Band following a dedication ceremony for the Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters building that was named Major Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III National Guard/ Reserve Center on May 30, 2016.

Ready to respond

by **1Lt. Valerie Harwood**
Wing Public Affairs

The 166th Medical Group and 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is ready to respond to natural disasters.

The 166th Medical Group and 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard trained with multiple agencies at the Baltimore Washington Airport on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

The 166th Med. Group and 142nd AES teams flew down on a C-130H aircraft from the Delaware Air National Guard Base in New Castle, Delaware to BWI Airport to participate in the Baltimore 2016 National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Patient Reception Exercise.

The 166th Med. Group and 142nd AES provided an educational piece to our civilian counterparts on what resources

the Air National Guard can provide during natural disasters, or any other domestic adverse event.

“We can execute our mission with our civilian counterparts as well as our military counterparts in war time or peace time,” said Captain Tim Stoeckle, senior health technician, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

The Baltimore 2016 NDMS Patient Reception Exercise was to practice NDMS reception operations and exercise a Unified Command structure. Participating agencies included:

Health and Human Services, Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration, local fire and EMS departments (Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, Howard County, BWI Airport).

The purpose of the exercise was to practice the process of removing pa-

tients from the aircraft and transporting them to area hospitals. This included communicating with the hospitals and tracking the patients in the Federal Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System and the Maryland Patient Tracking systems.

Two rounds of patients were unloaded from a Delaware ANG C-130 aircraft. Each round consists of 15 litters with real, live volunteers. Litter bearers consisted of: the Maryland-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, primary, and the Delaware ANG En-route Patient Staging System (ERPSS) personnel.

“We look forward to these opportunities to provide training and education to our civilian counterparts. It reassures that the Delaware Air National Guard will be ready to respond and provide assistance locally, as well as other CONUS regions, if a disaster were to occur, said Stoeckle.”



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

166th Medical personnel transport patients during the Baltimore 2016 National Disaster Medical System Patient reception exercise held on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

Command Changes

by **Colonel Don Bevis**
Commander, 166th Airlift Wing

Delaware Air National Guardsmen,

Major General Vavala announced last month, effective August 1, Colonel Rob Culcasi will assume command of the wing as I transition to a leadership position at the Headquarters level. As one might presume, other leadership changes follow those actions. After very careful consideration and close collaboration with Col. Culcasi, I am very happy to announce the following leadership changes:

Operations Group Commander:

Lt Colonel Chris Kilcullen will assume command of the Operations Group. Lt. Col. Kilcullen brings a significant breadth and depth of experience to his new leadership position at the Group level. He has clearly demonstrated his ability to successfully lead while assigned as the commander of the 166th Operations Support Squadron. I am certain Lt. Col. Kilcullen will continue to excel as he ramps up to become the Operations Group commander. The operations Group change of command will be in July.

Operations Support Squadron Commander:

Major Rob Damon will take command of the 166th Operations Support Group. Major Damon also brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new command position. He is a graduate of the highly regarded USAF C-130 Weapons School.

Rob has done a superb job as the Operations Group Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. I welcome Rob to the 166th's leadership team. I know he will do extremely well going for-

ward. The OSS change of command will be Saturday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Maintenance Group Commander:

As previously announced, Colonel Castaldi was selected to help lead the state Headquarters staff through their many transitions. He will play an integral role supporting our senior leadership through those transitions. I can't personally thank Col. Castaldi enough for his outstanding leadership as the Maintenance Group commander. However, he will continue to do great things as he helps lead at the headquarters level.

With Col. Castaldi's transition, Colonel John Ptak has graciously accepted the charge of becoming the Maintenance Group commander effective August 1. Col. Ptak has proven his ability to successfully lead a very large, complex, and diverse group since he took command of the Mission Support Group in 2012. Col. Ptak inherits an exceptional team as he becomes the MXG commander. The MXG change of command will be scheduled during the August unit training assembly.

Mission Support Group Commander:

I am excited to announce we will welcome in a new and proven leader into our DANG family. Effective August 1, Colonel Troy Pou joins our team to become the Mission Support Group commander. Col. Pou was hand selected by a Two-star panel and the Director of the ANG to command at the Group level.

Col. Pou has clearly demonstrated his leadership capabilities through his previous command time, deployments, and the senior National Guard leadership positions he has held. Col. Pou has the advantage of already knowing much about our Wing. He



Colonel Don Bevis

has worked very closely with our Network Warfare Squadron in his current role as the National Guard Liaison to CYBERCOM. I have no doubt Col. Pou will do an exceptional job leading the outstanding MSG team and he will also become an integral part of our Delaware National Guard family.

I am certain you will join me in openly welcoming Col. Pou to our DANG family. The MSG change of command will be scheduled during the August unit training assembly.

Please take a moment over this UTA to congratulate all of these outstanding leaders as they accept the charge of their respective new command positions and key leadership appointments.

With the wing's continued outstanding support, we look forward to nothing but continued success from these leaders.

Congratulations to you all!