



The DANG TRUTH



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

New 166AW Commander p.8



REMEMBERING 9/11

UTA events

No Events due to no September UTA:



UTA schedule FY2016

22-23 Oct. 2016
5-6 Nov. 2016
3-4 Dec. 2016
7-8 Jan. 2017

Career News August 2016

Appointed:

None

Promotions:

To Master Sergeant:

Rhonda C. Carp, 166 AW
Ryan S. Hoy, 166 AW

To Technical Sergeant:

Craig D. Deputy, 166 AW
Desmond L. Overton, 166 AW

To Staff Sergeant:

Jared Altrichter, 166 CES
Shane Smedley, 166 AW

To Senior Airman:

Ryan Maney, 166 SFS
Matthew G. Jackson, 166 MXS
Peter Irungu, 142 AES
Joseph W. Todd, 166 MXS

Enlistments:

Troy Pou, Col, MSG
Ruth Goldbolt, SSgt, LRS
Rashad Brown, A1C, SFS
Conner Murt, A1C, SFS
Jonathan Bowker, MSgt, AES
Prince Antoine, A1C, AS
Gary Reese, A1C, CFT
Kenneth Robinette, A1C, AS
Kareem Ali, A1C, CES

Retirements:

Lt. Col. Heather Russell, AES
MSgt. Renat Hudson, MXS

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166AW Air Force Public Web site:

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166AW Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing

166AW YouTube page:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAQ

Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:

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DE National Guard web site:

www.de.ng.mil

DE National Guard Facebook page:

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Officer jobs

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

Enlisted jobs

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For career descriptions: www.goang.com.

On the cover:

Change of Command ceremony was held on Aug. 6, 2016. Col. Don Bevis relinquished command of the 166th Airlift Wing to Col. Robert Culcasi. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Horgan)



Coming Events

23 Sept.- Retiree Breakfast
5 Nov.- Bring a Friend to Drill Day
3 Dec.- Annual Holiday Party

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Commentary

Promoting our Mission

by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood
Chief, Public Affairs
166th Airlift Wing

It is a pleasure serving as the Chief of Public Affairs for the 166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office.

My job is to promote public knowledge and understanding of our mission, our organization, and capabilities; deliver candid and timely communication counsel and guidance to Base leadership; prepare information for news releases and other media channels; research, plan, execute and assess communication strategies and activities and build strong relationships with media agencies.

I have a great PA team who are trained in writing, photography, video, broadcasting, community relations and maintaining multiple social media sites just to name a few.

The 166AW PA office also promotes the commanders message of People, Mission, Manpower and assist with informing Airmen about Base projects.

In order to produce successful products it is necessary for all PA requests to be submitted on an AF form 833; multi-media work order which can be found at <http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil/photography/index.asp>.



1st Lt. Valerie Harwood

All multi-media work orders should be submitted electronically to the PA mailbox at usaf.de.166-aw.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil.

Once the PA office receives your electronic work order it will be reviewed for approval.

In addition to covering events and promoting the commanders message; People, Mission, Teamwork, the 166th PA office personnel maintains the Wings website, Facebook page, YouTube page, DANG phone application, and the Air Force Public Information Management System.

I am proud to work in an office with such talent and a Wing that supports our mission.

The 166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office is located in building 2600 and our phone number is 302-323-3408.

The DANG Truth

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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.

DNG makes headlines in Trinidad

by Tech. Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley
Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 40 Delaware National Guard members returned home after a seven day mission to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (RTT) for a Security Cooperation Opportunity Unit Training (SCOUT) and Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) from August 7-13, 2016.

Among the Soldiers and Airmen were DNG leadership members which included Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, who travelled to meet with Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) leadership to exchange ideas, con-

cerns, and future goals of the program. This visit marks the first time that a mission including a Delaware Air National Guard C-130H aircraft, landed in the RTT as part of the Delaware State Partnership Program (SPP).

The Delaware SPP has existed for 11 years between the DNG and the TTDF. The SPP is a program sponsored by the National Guard Bureau which joins a State's National Guard unit with another nation's military unit with the intent of contributing to national, bilateral, and regional security cooperation goals through durable professional partnerships. Opportunities for joint training, and exchanges of practices are afforded when partners from each organization meet together.

The linkage of both groups for this trip was made possible through the efforts of Lt. Col. Jason Brugman, Delaware State Partnership Program Director; Col. Claudia Carrizales, chief military liaison, U.S. Embassy Trinidad and Tobago, and Airmen from Air Force South.

As part of the DNG, the 166th Airlift Wing was represented in the following areas: aviation safety, civil engineering, security forces, and public affairs.

This year the 166th Airlift Wing C-130H aircraft provided transport of personnel to and from Trinidad, and included crew members, loadmasters, and flight engineers.

The SMEE involved DNG avia-



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

CHAGUARAMAS, Trinidad- Tech Sgt. Michael McKeon, fire team leader, 166th Security Forces Squadron, oversees training progression for room clearance procedures as members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserve practice techniques on Aug. 10, 2016.

DNG makes headlines cont.

tors, while the SCOUT included civil engineers, medics, security forces/military police, and public affairs working with TTDF members in three locations of Trinidad.

In Blanchisseuse, Trinidad, DNG and TTDF civil engineers renovated classrooms within the Blanchisseuse Government Primary School. Renovations included ceiling installation, the installation of PVC that replaced deteriorating galvanized piping to improving quality and sufficiency of water, and improvements to electrical systems which improved the reliability and safety of power in the facility.

This project was coordinated through the U.S. Embassy to Trinidad and Tobago under Ambassador John L. Estrada and with the full support of United States Southern Command. Estrada and TTDF leadership were present at the school renovation site to see the progress made by DNG and TTDF civil engineer members. Work completed by both groups as a team made news headlines in RTT and in the U.S. The contributions of both groups allowed them to exchange best practices while providing an upgraded facility, not only for students and faculty, but to the surrounding community who use the primary school as a designated disaster relief site in times of national or regional emergency.

Master Sgt. Sean Cline, logistics management specialist, 166th Civil Engineering Squadron, participated in this school renovation project. "With limited supplies and manpower, the installation of the school's drop ceiling, and the installation of new plumbing was completed in a timely manner. Working hand in hand with them helped to establish a

strong social bond between us, and we look forward to providing support to TTDF for future projects," said Cline.

In Chaguaramas, Trinidad, at the TTDF Reserve Base, members of the 166th Security Forces Squadron and the 153rd Police Company participated in training with TTDF Reserve members doing room clearance practices, followed by an exercise on routine traffic stops.

After participating in training, 166th Airlift Wing Security Forces members and 153rd Police Company members were able to reflect on this experience.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Jackowski, security forces specialist, 166 Security Forces Squadron, said "Speaking of our joint operations and working with a foreign military group; it was good to see how the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force operates. There were no barriers in our interactions; they are quick learners; and very high speed."

"The most enjoyable part of this experience was training and working hand and hand with our Trinidad counterparts. Being able to show them our best practices, while pulling from their knowledge was rewarding," said Master Sgt. Timothy Luko, chief of information protection, 166th Security Forces Squadron.

In Piarco, Trinidad, the site of the TTDF Air Guard Base, is the location where pilots, navigators, and additional air crew members from the DNG and TTDF participated in an aviation SMEE. A discussion about flight safety information and techniques took place. Members of the 166th Operations Group shared common procedures, and provided a tour of a C-130H air-

craft to TTDF Air Guard members. Afterwards, a tour of a TTDF Air Guard Base hangar was given to allow DNG personnel the opportunity to see specific aircraft and helicopters housed there.

The Delaware SPP continues to thrive as the enthusiasm amongst DNG and TTDF members grows with each group mission accomplished. The combination of events was mutually beneficial for all parties involved, and excitement continues to grow for future exchanges.

Jackowski stated, "The experience was great, the Trinidad and Defence Force members were very hospitable. They took care of us, treated us like family, and we want to go back and interact with them for more in depth training."

"Overall, we had a successful exchange; surpassed the borders of conducting training and made new contacts, friends, and partners," Luko stated.

Lt Col Brugman attributed the success of the mission to the professionalism, preparedness, and willingness of the Airmen, Soldiers, and Sailors of the Defence Force and the Delaware National Guard in making the ambitious schedule of events work.

"This was the definition of a joint venture. The support from all sides was impressive and with the results of this effort, we're setting the stage for a new series of engagements that will advance the security cooperation goals of our state, our partner, and our nation," said Brugman.

Beat the Flu

by Capt. Jodie Cantey
166th Medical Group

As the summer season comes to an end, we will be welcoming not only cool weather and beautiful foliage but it is also the onset of influenza (flu) season.

To help you prepare for the upcoming flu season, here are six frequently asked questions about the flu, along with the answers.

1. When does influenza season officially begin?

The exact time when influenza season starts can vary from year to year however, cases of influenza tend to increase during the month of October. Flu season can last through the month of May.

2. What exactly is influenza?

Influenza, more commonly known as flu, is a highly contagious respiratory viral illness. This virus infects the nasal passages, throat and lungs of the person affected. Depending on how healthy an individual is, the severity can range from mild to severe. Unfortunately, the elderly, children, pregnant women and individuals with weakened immune systems and/or chronic medical illnesses are more at risk for experiencing the more severe symptoms of the illness.

3. What symptoms should I look out for?

Individuals who are infected with the influenza virus may experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever/Chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose

- Body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Vomiting/diarrhea (more with children)

4. How does the flu virus spread?

The flu virus spreads primarily through droplets made when infected individuals cough, sneeze or speak. These droplets can potentially make their way into the mouths and nasal passages of nearby people. A person may also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then proceeds to touch their own mouth or nose.

5. Is there any medication I can take for treatment?

If you are not at risk for developing severe complications of the flu, you will need to drink plenty of fluids (water preferably), take Tylenol/Motrin as needed for fever and pain, get plenty of uninterrupted rest, stay at home until fever free for 24 hours, and wash hands often. If you are at high risk for developing severe flu symptoms, your doctor may prescribe antiviral medication to help lessen the severity of the illness. The most common antiviral medication prescribed for influenza is oseltamivir or Tamiflu®.

6. What should I do to help prevent getting infected by the influenza virus?

The first step to take is to get your influenza vaccine. We can either receive it through the Immunizations Clinic on Base or through our primary care doctor, pharmacy, or employer.

Influenza vaccines are usually available in your local pharmacies or doctor's office as soon as September and early October. As far as the vaccine be-

ing available on Base, we will let the base populace know when they will be able to receive the vaccine; anticipate October or November UTA.

In addition to receiving the vaccine, you can help prevent the spread of the flu virus by performing hand hygiene either with hand sanitizer or soap and water. Also, make sure to not have close contact with individuals who are actively coughing and sneezing. If you are infected with the virus, it is also important to wear a mask if you need to leave your home.

For additional information about the upcoming influenza season, make sure to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website via www.cdc.gov/flu.



Cyber-Comm Exercise

by **Tech. Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley**
Wing Public Affairs

A Cyber- Communications Exercise was held from Sept. 14-15 2016.

The DNG Joint Operations Center and the 166th Airlift Wing Communications Flight worked with National Capital Region agencies during this two day communication exercise.

Strengthening interagency partnerships, and improving response to hazardous emergencies were key focal points during this exercise. The effort of all participants was provided with the goal of saving lives and mitigating human suffering in the occurrence of a catastrophic event.

The main exercise scenario involved National Guard units within the Fed-

eral Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region III testing communication plans during the 58th Presidential Inauguration.

Joint operation and tactical operation centers were stood up to communicate with a joint operation center in the District of Columbia.

Two table exercises took place on both days of the exercise. On day one, participants responded to a simulated cyber communications scenario affecting civilian authorities and the FEMA, Region III.

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Spruill, superintendent, 166th Communications Flight, described one important task completed during the exercise, "We are testing each different communication mode to ensure that we can communicate with the joint operations center effectively."

On day two, the focus of the exercise involved a heightened tactical response of communications participants, and included exercise activities at the Delaware National Guard Training Site in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

A major benefit to this communications exercise is the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC).

"The JISCC has a domestic operations tactical communication capability used as a command and control system during emergency situations in the state, said Maj. Michael Blair, commander, 166th Communications Flight.

The JISCC allows diverse local, state, and federal agencies the capability to share information, and communications between agencies.



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

NEW CASTLE, Del. - Members of the 166th Communications Flight review checklist items and test communication with exercise participants in the District of Columbia, on Sept. 14, 2016.

New 166AW Commander

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

Colonel Don R. Bevis relinquished command of the 166th Airlift Wing to Colonel Robert E. Culcasi on August 6, 2016.

As commander Col. Culcasi will be responsible for leading more than 1,200 people, overseeing base property and assets and controlling an annual budget exceeding \$50 million.

Colonel Culcasi began his military career and received his Bachelor degree in Science in Aeronautical Studies in 1989.

He is a command pilot with over 6,400 flight hours, including 269 combat hours, in addition to combat and humanitarian relief support.

Prior assignments include, Operations Group commander, 142d Airlift Squadron commander, Director of Operations and numerous command positions.

He has over 11 years in the Delaware Air National Guard and over 26 years total service.

He has participated in Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, RESTORE HOPE, NOBLE EAGLE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM. Col Culcasi is married with three children.



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