



# The DANG TROTH



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

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# UTA events

## Friday, Oct. 21:

- 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, 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., 9:30 a.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.
- Chief's Council Meeting, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., OPS Theater.

## Saturday, Oct. 22:

- PT testing, 7:30 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.
- Profession of Arms Center of Influence Training, Bldg 2600, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 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.-3:30 p.m., Clinic

## Sunday, Oct. 23:

- 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
- 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: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Profession of Arms Center of Influence Training, Bldg 2600, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# Coming Events

- 5 Nov. - Bring a friend to drill day
- 6 Nov. - Welcome Home Ceremony
- 18-20 Nov. - Yellow Ribbon Event
- 3 Dec. - Pictures w/ Santa, 12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- 3 Dec. - Holiday Party, 5:30- 10:30 p.m.

**October is Energy Action Month**  
**Please do your part to conserve energy!**



# UTA schedule FY2017

- Oct. 22-23, 2016
- Nov. 5-6, 2016
- Dec. 3-4, 2016

# Career News

## September 2016

### Appointed:

None

### Promotions:

#### To Master Sergeant:

Jason W. Fletcher, 166 MDG  
 Christopher J. Menapace, 142 AS  
 Donald S. Merritt Jr., 166 MXS

#### To Senior Airman:

Kevin B. Warrick, 166 LRS

#### Enlistments:

Abrego Laurencio, SSgt, 166 MXS  
 Hsu Wesley, A1C, 166 MXS  
 Jennifer Wilson, MSgt, 142 AES

#### Retirements:

Senior MSgt George Walton, 166 CFT  
 Master Sgt Bryan Altivater, 166 AW  
 Chief Master Sgt Charles White, 166 MXS



#### 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.*

# DE ANG Recruiting

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

# DE ANG Retention

(302) 323-3413

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:

**Staff Sgt. Rahim Banks, 166th Security Forces Squadron, left, maintains control of a suspect, played by Master Sgt. Richard Diegal, 166th Airlift Wing. Tech. Sgt. William Foster, weapons instructor, 166th Security Forces Squadron, watches over during an active shooter exercise on October 13, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Gwendolyn Blakley)**



### Airman's Attic

**Open to all members of the Delaware National Guard and their families.**

**Building 2716**

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 302-323-3548

# Commander's Message

by **Colonel Robert E. Culcasi**  
*Commander, 166th Airlift Wing*

It is my distinct honor to represent the men and women of the 166th Airlift Wing as the Wing Commander. Moving forward, my focus will be on "People, Mission and Teamwork."

We need to take care of our Airmen and get them the resources and training to accomplish the mission. All of you have and continue to execute our mission in a superb manner. For that you can take great pride in your record of excellence. We cannot execute our mission or take care of or people without exceptional teamwork. Whether it's during a deployed operations or trying to provide our team with the best support for training at home. So I'll pass on a short story for your consideration.

In 1994, I was assigned to the 52nd Airlift Squadron at Moody AFB, GA. We were activated under the 347th Wing which was primarily a fighter wing at the time. When I first got to my new unit it only had one maintenance trailer, one operations trailer and one aircraft. We were going to have to build the unit from the ground up. As a young Captain, I didn't know anything about how to create a budget, manage a flying hour program, develop a training plan or anything of the kind. It was frustrating and demotivating to work long hours and at the end of the day I felt like I had nothing to show for all of my work. On top of it all, my boss, the Lieutenant Colonel Operations Offi-



**Col. Robert E. Culcasi**

cer, was not interested in how we weren't familiar with the process or didn't have experience with that area of running a flying squadron. He was relentless! It seemed to all of us that he was telling us to do things that were well ahead of our rank and experience and we were being pushed to our breaking point.

One afternoon, we were sitting around in the squadron at the end of the duty day complaining about our situation. Someone asked the group, "Why do you guys even come to work?" "Why not just take leave and let someone else deal with this stuff?" Valid questions certainly when everyone seemed to be having the same experience. After a moment, someone spoke up and offered a simple reason why they still came to work each day. They said, "I come here and do the job because I don't want anyone on my team to carry my weight or take care of things that I'm supposed to be responsible for." That conversation has stuck with me over the years and I feel the same way about it that he did then.

## The DANG Truth

166th Airlift Wing leadership

**Colonel Robert E. Culcasi**

*Commander*

**Colonel David Walker**

*Vice Commander*

**Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters**

*Wing Command Chief*

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I come to work to support my team and my teammates. If everyone does their part, then the team functions effectively.

Our individual pieces need to fit together and even overlap slightly to allow the whole team to function efficiently and effectively. Even superstars need the support of their teammates, right? So I call on each of you to support your team, take care of our Airmen, support our mission and continue to build our strengths through teamwork.

# Security Forces executes active shooter exercise

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

An active shooter exercise was conducted by the Delaware Air National Guard on October 13, 2016.

The goal of the exercise was to test the capabilities of the 166th Airlift Wing in the event of an active shooter on base. Response of the 166th Security Forces Squadron was a key focus of the exercise.

The entire exercise took place internally. All response of outside forces such as law enforcement was simu-

lated. Elevation in security posture such as the usage of barriers, increased mobile patrol activity, usage of public address systems, and establishment of perimeter control was accomplished and preceded by the words “Exercise, Exercise, Exercise.”

Security Force members and exercise actors utilized unreal, rubber M-4 rifles and M-9 pistols, that were blue in color. Two simulated events took place simultaneously which involved active shooters located at multiple locations on base.

In addition, security force units and wing organizations accom-

plished protocol to inform base personnel of events taking place. The 166th Airlift Wing Inspection Team including inspectors from multiple units observed the reaction of base personnel to the threat. Wearing brightly colored safety vests, inspectors reviewed the progression of the exercise from start to finish.

Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Krams, inspector general, 166th Airlift Wing commented, “The rapid response of base personnel and security forces members was impressive. We were able to conclude the exercise more

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*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Horgan*

**Senior Airman Alvin H. Hall IV, 166th Security Forces Squadron, continues looking for a second shooter during an active shooter exercise, October 13, 2016.**



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

**Members of the 166 Security Forces Squadron gather to discuss response of forces following the conclusion of a simulated active shooter event that took place on October 13, 2016.**

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quickly than anticipated as a result of the swift response of all participants.” “They did a great job pushing the adversaries away from the building, being tactical, and cornering the suspects,” said Master Sgt. Daniel Koenigsmann, wing inspection team, 166th Airlift Wing.

In addition, 166th Security Forces Squadron leadership provided feedback on the response of members.

“One thing that I liked about their response is that everyone took charge, regardless of rank, from the Senior Airmen to the higher ranking responders. In this situation nothing is strictly textbook. They did a great job of taking charge,” said Master Sgt. Timothy Luko, chief of information protection, 166th Security Forces Squadron.

When security forces members were asked how this exercise tested their capabilities they described the serious nature of an active shooter threat. “It is important that our response is executed quickly and efficiently,” said Master Sgt. William McKaskle, training manager, 166th Security Forces Squadron.

“We applied our textbook tactics in taking the suspect into custody,” said Staff Sgt. Rahim Banks, force protection mission assurance, 166th Security Forces Squadron.

1st Lt. Joel Steinbrunner, anti-terrorism officer, 166th Security Forces Squadron, stated, “This is one of the most likely events that the Delaware Air National Guard could face. We take this threat, and our response of forces very seriously.”



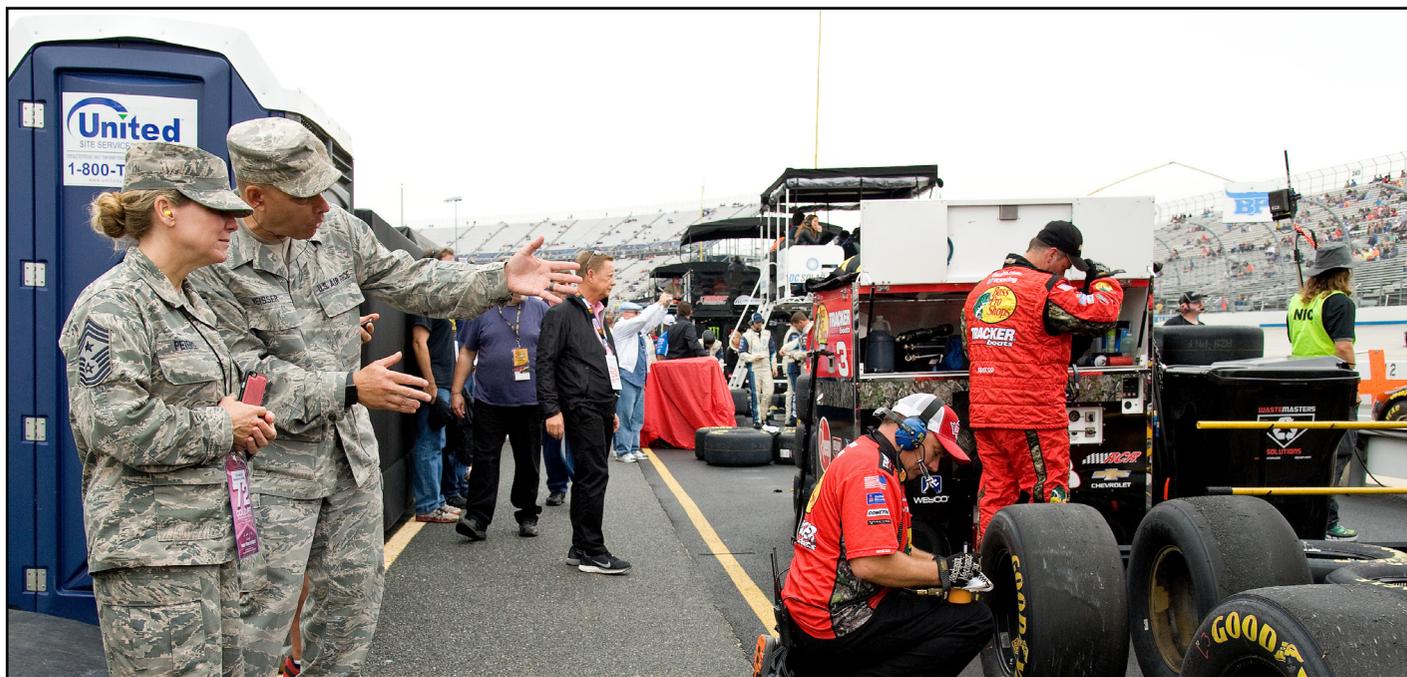
*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Horgan*  
**Airman 1st Class Jade Rosenblum, portrayed an armed assailant.**

# Mass enlistment at Citizen Soldier



*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Horgan*

Lieutenant Gen. William J. Bender, chief information officer, SECAF and Major Gen. Francis D. Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, swear in over 20 new members of the U.S. Air Force and National Guard Soldiers and Airmen during opening ceremonies of the “Citizen Soldier 400” on October 2, 2016. In addition to the mass enlistment, 26 Airmen from the 166th Airlift Wing volunteered to represent the Del. ANG for opening ceremonies at the Dover International Speedway.



*U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik*

Master Sgt. Joseph Neisser, 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, explains pit crew duties to Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters, 166th AW command chief, prior to the start of the NASCAR Xfinity Series Drive Sober 200 race.

# DANG honors General Schneider

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

Retirees from the Delaware National Guard were present for the 21st Annual Retiree breakfast on September 23, 2016.

This year the event was held at the Cavalier Country Club. Each year this event provides the opportunity for current and former members of the DNG to reconnect, socialize, and discuss current topics.

Leadership from the DNG was present for the breakfast. This year the ceremony was opened up with a greeting from Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard. Colonel Rob Culcasi, commander, 166th Airlift Wing, highlighted the achievements of the Delaware Air National Guard with a “year in review” presentation that showcased major events of the 2016 fiscal year.

Brigadier Gen. (ret) Virginia A. Schneider, was honored during this year’s breakfast. She was presented with a plaque by Gen. Vavala and Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general- Air, Delaware National Guard. She also addressed the audience with a speech, and described her time as a leader in the DANG.

Following the breakfast, members of the 166th Airlift Wing watched the unveiling of a new aircraft stencil and updated sign displaying Schneider’s name as honoree.

Schneider served in the Delaware Air National Guard for over 27 years. Her career started in 1982 when she joined the DANG as an Aeromedical Evacuation Flight Nurse in the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.



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

**Gen. (ret.) Virginia Schneider and Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general- Air, Delaware National Guard unveiled the new stencil on Sept. 23, 2016.**

Schneider served in several positions which included the roles of officer in charge of aeromedical evacuation crew ground training, staff development and standardization and evaluation flight nurse, and 142nd AES Commander.

Under her tutelage, the 142nd AES received numerous accolades such as: Air National Guard Squadron of the Year in the year 2001; received an excellent during the 2002 Inspection General Exercise and the 2004 Health Services Inspection; and the Air Force

Outstanding Unit Award in the year 2004. Friends, colleagues, co-workers, family members, and current and former leadership of the 166th Airlift Wing, 142nd AES, and 166th Operations Group were present to congratulate Gen. (ret) Schneider on being the “2017 Delaware Air National Guard Honoree.”

Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters, command chief master sergeant, 166th Airlift Wing, shared a few special moments with Schneider during this day.

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Shirt, a position in which she served under the command of Schneider.

“Brigadier General Schneider is a leader that has left lessons behind for the DANG that will last a lifetime.

Through her vision, she taught us how to build highly effective teams by holding us accountable and inspiring us to be loyal to our organization and Air Force core values.

She believed that high expectations equaled high morale, and this philosophy has put the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron on the map as being known as the best Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.



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

**Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters presents a Wing coin to Gen.(ret.) Virginia Schneider as a token of appreciation for her service.**

# Recruiting Milestones!

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

Rashad Brown enlisted into the Delaware Air National Guard on August 6, 2016. Brown joined the 166th Security Forces Squadron. He cited the “Oath of Enlistment” with Lieutenant Col. Bradley Sams with his family and friends present.

This enlistment marked a major milestone for Staff Sgt. Desmond Overton, 166th Airlift Wing recruiter and Lt. Col. Sams.

On this occasion the 150th enlistment accession was completed for Overton and the 100th administration of the “Oath of Enlistment” was completed for Sams.



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

**Staff Sergeant Desmond Overton, new security forces recruit Rashad Brown and Lt. Col. Brad Sams during Brown’s enlistment on August 6, 2016.**