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COMMANDER'S PRIORITIES

Commanders should emphasize: DENG Force Development Opportunities, Fitness Assessments and the circulating schedule (diagnostic and official testing), and members needing access to MyFitness. **WING / MAJOR EVENTS**

6 August – Friday:

0800 – 1530, CATM M4 Training, CATM Training Classroom
0900-1200 & 1300- 1530, Clinic is open for Wing IMR Day for Immunizations and Labs
0900-1100, Operations PDF Line, Operations Theater
0900 – 1000, 9G Sync, Riley Room
1000-1200, Suicide Prevention Facilitator Training, Loeffel Room
1100-1200 First Sgts Council Meeting, Wing Exec Conference Room
1400-1500, CMSgts and First Sergeant's ALL CALL, Loeffel Room

7 August – Saturday:

0800-1500, Clinic is open for Physical Exams, Bloodwork, and Vaccines via Unit Scheduling
0800 – 1530, CATM M9 Training, CATM Training Classroom
0930-1100, ATAG Equity Seminar for Senior Leaders, JFHQ Multipurpose Room
1100-1130, TRIAD Meeting, JFHQ Multipurpose Room
1000-1100, Base Quarterly Training Meeting (4th Quarter FY21), EOC Conference Room
1100-1200, Suicide Prevention Facilitator Training, Loeffel Room
1130-1230, Chat and Chew, Pavilion (Piggy Park)
1300 - ANG CCM Town Hall
1300 - Chiefs Development Series- How to read your vMPF Record Review held in the DFAC
1300-1400, HRA Class Saturday, Blind Spots, Wing Executive Conference Room
1430-1530. SNCO Induction Ceremony, Loeffel Room
1530-1600, Promo. Ceremony for SMSgt Brian Keith, Loeffel Room
0800-1200, Expeditionary Skills Rodeo, Loeffel Room
0830-0930, Roman Catholic Mass, Bldg 2821, Meditation Room
0900-1100, COVID Clinic, MDG Clinic
1000-1100, Protestant Service, Bldg 2821, Meditation Room
1300 - 1400, Communications Through the Generations, Executive Conference Room

1300-1400, CGOC Meeting, Computer Café

1500-1600, CES Assumption of Command, CES Firehouse
1500-1600, Retirement Ceremony for SMSgt Lori Friess, Loeffel Room

ANCILLARY TRAINING

Annual SAPR training – POC: Stephanie Davis, 323-3504 or cell: 302 250-1802

PROMOTIONS

David Creppon to Capt	Raelyn M. Blevins to SSgt
Matthew Gerson to Capt	Callirissa C. Hamby to SSgt
Thorne Harkin to Capt	Timothy A. McCormick to SSgt
Samantha Power to Capt	Brody K. Stacknick to SSgt
Jeremiah Stamper to Capt	Hermina M. Straka to SSgt
Gerald Weaver DOR to Capt	Amaya R. Hudson to SrA
Briana Gibbs to TSgt	Max A. Gibson to SrA
Brandon A. Hines to TSgt	Lance P. Gilbert to SrA
Jeffrey K. Lee to TSgt	Shayliz Romero to A1C
Ryan S. Maxwell to TSgt	

RETIREMENTS

MSgt Brett Scheffler 166th MXS
TSgt Shawn Benton 166th MXS

DANG to celebrates its 75th Anniversary

By Mr. Mitch Topal, 166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs



NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del.- The Delaware Air National Guard is commemorating its 75th Anniversary.

In September 1946, at a ceremony that took place in the Wilmington Armory, formal recognition was given to Delaware's first Air National Guard unit, the 142nd Fighter Squadron.

The DANG's formative years spanned from 1946 to 1962. At first, the 142nd Fighter Squadron was established and pilots, many veterans of WWII, flew the F-47, F-51, F-84, F-94, T-33, and F-86 Sabre jets before receiving their C-97s and transitioning to the airlift mission. Mission parameters changed and evolved as the DANG grew from a fighter/interceptor squadron to group-status to pick up the strategic airlift mission during the early 1960s.

Lt. General Clarence E. "Ed" Atkinson, was instrumental in leading the unit's 1962-63 trans-

formation from a fighter squadron to a transport group, and its transition from the F-86 Sabres to the C-97 transports. Under his leadership, the unit reached C-1 status in record time and was awarded the Spaatz Trophy for its flawless mission conversion. And in September 1965, only three years after receiving the C-97s, the Delaware Air National Guard was awarded the McCallister Trophy as the Air National Guard Outstanding Transport Unit.

The C-97 was proving that it had the ability to carry large cargo loads over great distances, and in 1962, the Delaware Air National Guard flew its first trans-Atlantic mission to Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany.

From 1964-1974 the Delaware Air National Guard's massive C-97 airlifters brought materiel and supplies to the Vietnam theater, including Da Nang. During Atkinson's tenure as air commander of the 166th Military Airlift Group the

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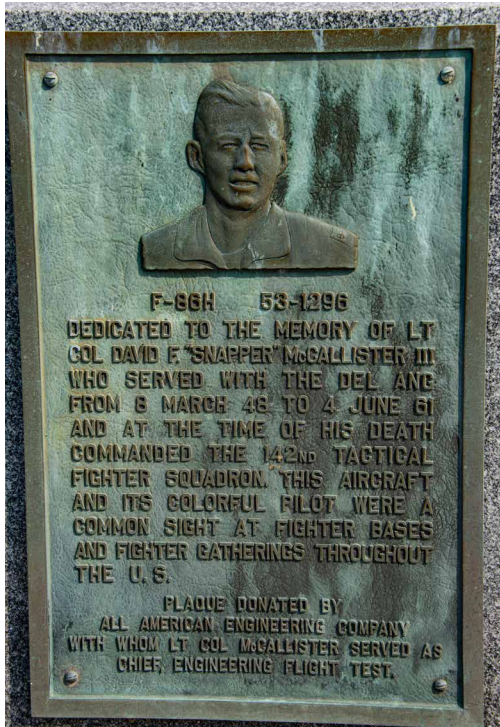
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...And *that's* the DANG Truth!



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Bronze plaque adjacent to the wing's F-86 "gate guardian" in honor of Col. David "Snapper" McCallister III, one of DANG's original members. McCallister set a world record flying his F-86 Sabre on a cross-country race. He was killed in a crash of his T-33 training jet in June, 1961.

unit voluntarily flew an estimated 60% of the missions to Vietnam it would otherwise have flown had it been activated. Atkinson later became Adjutant General for Delaware.

One of the DANG's more notable missions was to transport entertainers who performed for U.S. troops stationed at bases far away from home. In December of 1963, DANG C-97s and their crews airlifted comedian Bob Hope's Christmas tour to bases in the Mediterranean region.

Effective January 1, 1966, Dr. Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force, announced that the Military Air Transport Service would be redesignated as the Military Airlift Command. In addition to the name change the DANG was renamed the 166th Military Airlift Group.

In April of that year, the unit was awarded the Outstanding Unit Trophy by the Air Force Association based on our impressive achievements and safety record.

And on June 16, 1966 another unit, 166th

Communications Flight, was added to the Delaware Air National Guard.

The 1960s was a tumultuous decade. Demonstrations against the Vietnam War, and the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King sparked civil unrest that led to all out riots in the streets of Wilmington, DE.

On April 9, 1968, the Delaware Air National Guard was called to state duty to quell civil disturbance and violence in the city of Wilmington, Delaware. The unit was released from state duty after several weeks. However, many individuals remained on state duty through January.

In November the 166th Civil Engineering Flight organized as a separate unit in the Delaware Air National Guard.

On May 12, 1971 the Delaware ANG changed its name from the 166th Military Airlift Group to the 166th Tactical Airlift Group and replaced its C-97s with C-130A "Hercules" prop-jet cargo plane, and began transition from the Military Airlift Command to the Tactical Airlift Command.

In September 1972 Colonel William F. Hutchison, Jr. was named Commander of the 166th Tactical Airlift Group, a position he held for 11 years.

On February 10, 1973 Staff Sergeant Linda VanVechten was the first enlisted female to enlist in the Delaware Air National Guard, blazing the trail for other talented women to follow.

In March 1972, Captain Carolyn R. Doolittle became the first female to command a unit in the Delaware Air National Guard when she was appointed acting commander of the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight.

From February 6, 1978 through February 9, 1978 selected individuals from the Delaware Air National Guard were placed on state duty during a snow storm. These members assisted in removing snow from highways, transporting patients and staff to the local hospitals, and manning telephone lines for emergencies.

From 1978 through 1985, the DANG honed its skills at tactical airlift, performing air drops, aeromedical training flights and downrange training with other air mobility units.

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On October 16, 1985, the Delaware Air National Guard began replacing its aging, antiquated C-130A's with the delivery of a brand new factory fresh C-130H.

More than 1,000 men and women of the 166th AW support, maintain and fly the C-130H2 model Hercules transport. This venerable aircraft is used in a variety of roles to include airlift and airdrop of people, equipment and supplies, and aeromedical evacuation of people. Our particular aircraft have seen duty in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm inside Iraq and in nearby nations in Southwest Asia, in Operation Just Cause in Panama, in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia, in Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn inside Iraq and in nearby nations in Southwest Asia, in Operation Enduring Freedom inside Afghanistan and in nearby nations in Southwest Asia, in a host of other countries around the world, as well as in several U.S. states performing humanitarian relief and natural disaster response missions. It is a great aircraft with a great mission.

The Delaware ANG is much more than just its aircraft. It is people performing every vital role that the Air Force, the nation and our state may need during a time of crisis. During our anniversary, we invite you to learn more about the Delaware ANG, its history, its people and its opportunities.



Col. David "Snapper" McCallister's F-86 named "Cindee Lind 9th" is undergoing restoration in advance of the DANG's 75th Anniversary. McCallister piloted a similar aircraft during his July 1956 fighter record by flying his F-86 Sabre jet 1,922 miles in three hours, 30 minutes, to win the Earl T. Ricks Memorial Trophy. McCallister's strategy was to use a single wing-mounted auxiliary fuel tank to make his plane lighter and faster. And though he had to make an additional refueling stop, the increased speed more than made up for it.



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DANG takes delivery of its first C-130H2.5

By Mr. Bernie Kale, Director of Public Affairs, Delaware National Guard. Public Affairs

NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del. -- The Delaware Air National Guard took delivery today of a new Herc - a C-130H 2.5. The newer models will be the beginning of the phase-out of the older models, many date to the 1980's. The H2.5 has newer avionics, an upgraded airframe and more powerful engines.

Thank you to the Kentucky National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing - Kentucky Air National Guard for sending them our way!



A C-130H2.5 aircraft lands at New Castle Air National Guard Base on 16-July-2021. These upgraded aircraft will replace the 166th Airlift Wing's fleet of aging C-130H2s. This particular aircraft was transferred from the Kentucky Air National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Mr. Mitch Topal)



Airmen of the 166th Airlift Wing participate in a ceremony welcoming the first of the wing's new C-130H2.5s on 16-July-2021. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Mr. Mitch Topal)



166th Airlift Wing Commander Colonel Carla D. Riner prepares for an interview by Delaware National Guard Public Affairs on 16-July-2021. Col. Riner, a C-130 as well as a commercial airline pilot, spoke about the upgraded aircraft and the future of the wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Mr. Mitch Topal)

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Introducing DANG's new HRA

MSgt Faith Fleischman selected as new Human Resource Advisor



MSgt Faith Fleischman, 166th Airlift Wing Human Resource Advisor

Hello 166th Airlift Wing!

My name is MSgt Faith Fleischman and I'm honored to have been selected as our wing's new Human Resource Advisor (HRA). The HRA program was instituted to serve the interests of all members in the Air National Guard, with a focus on diversity, inclusion, equity, and professional development.

I have served in the National Guard for more than 19 years, with the past five years here in the DANG. My military career began in the Texas Army National Guard, where I held various positions such as Accounting Specialist, Assistant Comptroller, and Financial Manager. Prior to the HRA position, I was selected as a First Sergeant with the DANG and served in this assignment for 4 years and then as an Operations Manager, all in the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron.

On the civilian side, I hold a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Accounting. I have been employed in the Defense Industry since 2007 as a project manager and financial systems consultant, working on major projects with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy.

I'm looking forward to leveraging my management experience, along with my leadership skills and educational background to further advance our greatest resource, people – with the HRA program initiatives in mind. This includes enhancing our current leaders' skill-sets, developing future leaders, and assisting all Airmen in growing and developing their people (aka soft) skills.

MSgt Fleischman can be reached at 302-323-7348 or by email at faith.fleischman@us.af.mil.

Welcome DANG's new wing first shirt

MSgt Carrie Dupuie is selected as the Wing First Sergeant



MSgt Carrie Dupuie, 166th Airlift Wing First Sergeant

MSgt Carrie Dupuie has been selected as the Wing First Sergeant. Her extensive knowledge will enable her to excel in her new role.

MSgt Dupuie started her journey as an Additional Duty First Sergeant for the Airlift Wing, where she assisted the Wing while the First Sergeant was deployed. She was then selected for a First Sergeant position.

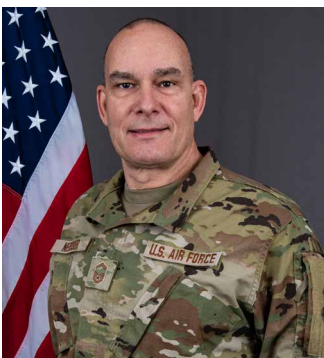
MSgt Dupuie has held the following positions as a First Sergeant: LRS, MXG and MXS (serving both MXS and AMXS). MSgt Dupuie looks forward to continuing to serve in this time-honored position, serving the members of the 166th Airlift Wing.

MSgt Carrie Dupuie can be reached at 302-323-7385 or by email at carrie.dupuie@us.af.mil.



Why am I not getting promoted?

SMSgt Joe Neisser, 166th Airlift Wing Human Resource Advisor



SMSgt Joe Neisser,
HRA 166th Airlift Wing

Have you found yourself asking this question?

Within the National Guard, promotions through Staff Sergeant (E5) are controlled at the unit level. While it may seem that they are automatic, they in fact are not.

Questions concerning promotions should first start as a conversation with your chain of command regarding requirements and expectations. The requirements are easy and in AFI 36-2502.

Before promotion is considered, Airmen should have conversations regarding expectations and job performance. These should be documented in the form of an ACA and EPR. Feedback is an ongoing process that is used to set and track performance against expectations. Used properly, these tools will give Airmen a clear understanding of where they stand in regards to promotions and performance expectations.

So, if you find yourself asking the question, “Why am I not getting promoted?”, schedule some time with your supervisor to ensure requirements and expectations are met.



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CHAT AND CHEW WITH COMMAND CHIEF ROBBIN MOORE

WHO:

YOU, ME, & THE 166 AW CARE TEAM: CHAPLAIN, DPH, A&F READINESS, HRA, EO

WHAT:

LET'S CHAT... WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND
HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD
PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS - LET'S WORK IT OUT

WHERE:

PIGGY PARK PAVILION

WHEN: SAT, 7 AUG 1130-1230



**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!
LEARN HOW TO READ YOUR vMPF RECORD REVIEW**

WHAT: Chiefs Enlisted Development Series
"Understanding your vMPF/Record Review"

WHEN: Sat, Aug RSD 1300-1400

WHERE: DFAC

WHO: YOU!

WHAT TO BRING: A copy of your vMPF a pen or pencil, and a note pad





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SECO Partnership with Udemy:

The Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program has partnered with Udemy, the world's largest education site, to bring a self-paced online learning platform to military spouses. Whether looking to enhance current skills, learn new ones or stay up to date on industry trends, Udemy provides spouses with access to more than 5,000 high-quality courses ranging from human resources and marketing to leadership, information technology, and entrepreneurship. SECO career coaches will also provide ongoing support and information to help achieve education and career goals. Military spouses will now have access to this free on-demand career development membership through June 29, 2022. To learn more on this article, check out our link: <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/udemy-free-online-courses>

Coping With a Long-Distance Marriage:

Millions of happily married people live in separate locations because of work demands. This is a widespread scenario for military families due to temporary duty assignments, deployments, and relocations. According to experts, these are large numbers, but long absences can add stress to a marriage. Those with successful relationships will tell you that

it takes planning, trust, communication, and commitment to make things work. For military spouses, tips to "make things work" include keeping busy. To do this, reconnect with yourself and your children, take a class, volunteer or go out with friends. To build trust, have a clear understanding of separation, meaning, is it a job assignment of limited duration or an open-ended lifestyle experiment? Make sure you and your partner know the limit of each other's patience. Reach out to each other by communicating over text, face time, phone calls, emails, photos, videos, or letters. Also, don't allow everyday issues to pile up. For example, if there is a problem with a child, pick up the phone and have a conversation if possible.

When communicating, don't read between the lines, as everyone has a different communication style. Have a plan for time differences, additional phone costs, and access to a computer with email, video conferencing, and instant messaging. Additionally, plan for reunions. Allow for a period of adjustment. It may be awkward at first as each of you has developed routines. To learn more on this topic and resources, check our link at: <https://www.militaryonesourceconnect.org/achievesolutions/en/militaryonesource/Content.do?contentId=2623>



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The Chaplain's Corner

August 7-8 RSD

Chaplain (Lt Col) Anthony Giamello

Upcoming Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday 8 Aug at 0830	Catholic Mass	Meditation Room Bldg 2821
Sunday 8 Aug at 1000	Protestant Service	Meditation Room Bldg 2821
Sunday 8 Aug at 1100	Meditation room available for private prayer	Meditation Room Bldg 2821

Upcoming Holy Days

DATE	HOLY DAY	RELIGION
10 Aug	Hijiri – Beginning of the New Year	Islamic Begins sun down on 9 Aug
15 Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Roman Catholic/ Orthodox
16 Sept	Yom Kippur	Jewish

Have you ever fought a dragon? If you answered no, author Eugene Peterson disagrees with you. He writes, life is filled with dragons: life threatening health crisis, the sudden job loss, the failed marriage, the estranged prodigal child. These “dragons” are supersized dangers and frailties of life that we’re inadequate to fight alone. What dragons are you facing? You don’t have to deal with them alone. The 166th Chaplain Corps is here to assist in any way!





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Stay connected during the coronavirus crisis
WITH THE AIR FORCE CONNECT APP

Team DANG,

Have you downloaded the AF Connect app from the App Store or Google Play yet?

The need for up-to-date information in an instant is imperative during this time of constant change and frequent updates.

This app will keep you up-to-date with push notifications as well as accurate and timely information at the touch of a button.

Click the following links to download on your respective device and see the following screenshots on how to add the 166th Airlift Wing's tab as a favorite.

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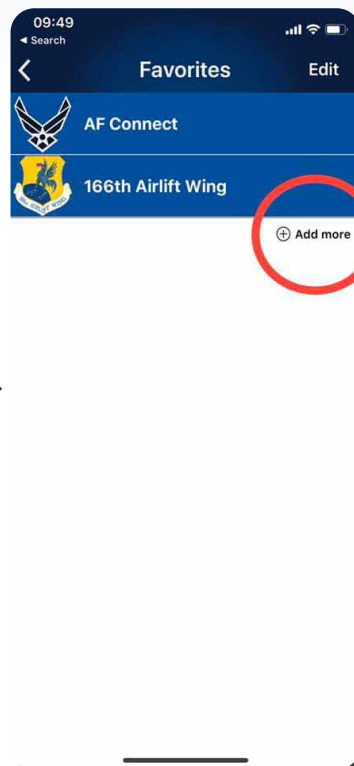
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Google Play (Android Devices):

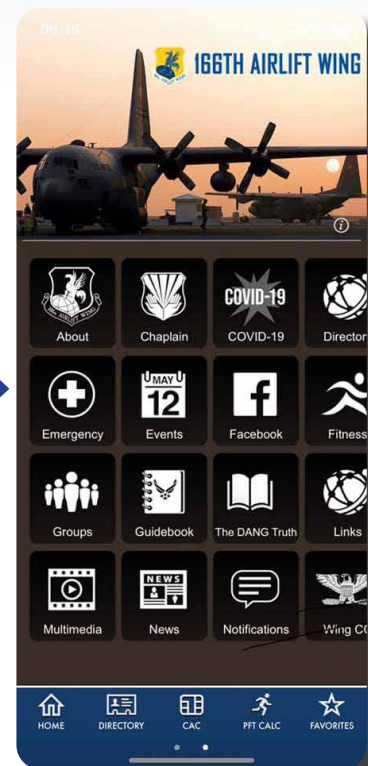
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Airlift Wing"



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