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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 6 April   | TAG & ATAG-Army Change of Command |
| 7-8 April | Senior Leaders Symposium, JFHQ    |
| 3 June    | State of the State: ANGRC, JBA    |

## Always Ready, Always There... Best Care in the Air!

By Maj Kemeshia Greene, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

The men and women of the Delaware Air National Guard's 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES) live by a simple yet powerful motto: "Best Care in the Air." A review of their activities reveals a unit constantly in motion, responding to a diverse range of missions across the globe, from routine patient transfers to complex international operations and emergency responses.



Their core mission, aeromedical evacuation, is a lifeline for those in need. Over these four years, the 142nd AES executed numerous USTRANSCOM missions, transporting over 800 patients and attendants across the Indo-Pacific Command and within the Continental United States (CONUS). These missions, often conducted under challenging circumstances, require meticulous planning, highly specialized medical skills, and an unwavering commitment to patient care. The number of individuals transported speaks volumes about the squadron's dedication and professionalism.

Beyond routine patient transfers, the 142nd AES has been a key player in several significant military operations. From Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL in the Middle East to Operation DEEP FREEZE in the frigid expanse of Antarctica, the squadron's personnel have consistently answered the call to duty, providing critical medical support in some of...

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...the world's most austere environments. Their involvement in Operation ALLIES REFUGE and Operation ALLIES WELCOME highlights their commitment to humanitarian efforts, assisting with the relocation of vulnerable populations.

The 142nd AES also plays a vital role in domestic operations. Their response to the COVID-19 pandemic was particularly noteworthy. Deploying dozens of personnel throughout Delaware, they provided crucial support to state authorities during a time of unprecedented crisis. Their contributions extended beyond the state's borders, with personnel deployed to various locations across the CONUS to assist with pandemic relief efforts. Furthermore, the squadron provided support during the 2025 Presidential Inauguration in the Capitol District, demonstrating their ability to adapt to rapidly evolving situations.

The squadron's commitment to readiness is evident in their participation in numerous exercises, including Sentry South, Patriot South, and the upcoming Ultimate Caduceus 2025 exercise. These exercises allow personnel to hone their skills, test their capabilities, and ensure they are prepared for any contingency.

In a recent collaboration that underscored the importance of community engagement and mentorship, the 142nd AES partnered with the University of Delaware's ROTC nursing program for a unique training experience. In February, four aspiring nurses and two of their instructors joined the 142nd AES for a

local training flight, offering a firsthand glimpse into the intricacies of in-flight medical care.

This experience, highlighted in the University of Delaware's online newspaper, UDaily, went beyond observation. The students actively participated in simulated medical scenarios, working alongside the squadron's experienced flight nurses and aeromedical technicians. This hands-on approach allowed them to apply their classroom knowledge in a dynamic, real-world setting, reinforcing their understanding of patient care in a challenging environment. The flight provided a platform for in-depth discussions about the diverse roles within an aeromedical transport team. Students gained valuable insights into the specific responsibilities and collaborative efforts required to deliver effective medical care during flight, from initial patient assessment and stabilization to ongoing monitoring and treatment. This exposure to the practical application of their future profession proved invaluable.

The 142nd AES emphasized the importance of this partnership, extending an open invitation for the students to return for future flights. This ongoing collaboration fosters a strong connection between the squadron and the next generation of military nurses, creating a valuable pipeline for future talent and strengthening the bond between the Delaware Air National Guard and the local community. The experience not only provided the students with practical knowledge but also instilled a deeper appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the 142nd AES. This experience serves as a shining example of how collaboration can enhance both academic learning and real-world operational readiness.

The 142nd AES's record over the past several years paints a picture of a highly skilled, adaptable, and dedicated unit. Their consistent involvement in a wide array of missions, both at home and abroad, underscores their vital role in ensuring the health and safety of service members and civilians alike. They truly embody their motto: "Best Care in the Air."







## AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

### Technical Sergeant Christopher Kang

*166th Comptroller Flight, Financial Services Supervisor*

I joined the Active Duty Air Force in 2010, initially aiming to pursue a career in either finance or contracting. However, during Basic Military Training, I was assigned to the Services career field. I had a fulfilling career, starting as a Food Service Apprentice at Ramstein Air Force Base, then progressing to a Missile Chef at Malmstrom AFB, and later becoming a Base Mortuary Technician at Joint Base McGuire.

In 2016, I met the Services Flight Superintendent of the 108 Force Support Squadron, NJ ANG, who was also a previous 108 Comptroller Flight supervisor.

Inspired by conversations, I decided to Palace Chase to cross-train into Financial Services. Senior Master Sgt. McGrath became my first Guard supervisor in 2017, and he is once again to be my supervisor today with the 166 CPTF. I greatly value the relationships I've built throughout my military career.

The constant moving—three PCS assignments and three deployments—over the course of just under seven years on Active Duty was challenging. I truly appreciate the opportunity

to continue serving in the military while remaining close to my hometown of Montgomery County, PA.



I envision myself continuing to grow both professionally and personally. I aim to take on more leadership roles, leveraging my experience and skills to contribute to my unit's success and mentor younger service members. Upon retiring from the military, I plan to transition into a career as a federal technician in finance.

Outside of work, I stay busy as a father to two young daughters and a full-time graduate student. I am currently pursuing my second master's degree using the GI Bill, having used Federal Tuition Assistance for both my undergraduate and initial master's programs.

There are several programs available to help you pursue higher education. These include Full-Timer Tuition Assistance, DSG Tuition Assistance, Chapter 30 GI Bill, Chapter 33 GI Bill, Chapter 1606 GI Bill, and State Public Colleges Tuition Reimbursement. It's important to familiarize yourself with these benefits and choose the one that best suits your situation.








## #166AW30DaysOfSAAPM

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), observed in April, aims to raise awareness about sexual assault, educate the public on prevention, and support survivors, fostering a culture of consent and respect. The month provides an opportunity to educate members of 166th AW and the public on sexual violence prevention strategies, promoting responsible behaviors and bystander intervention skills. SAAPM also emphasizes the importance of supporting survivors of sexual assault, offering resources and creating a safe space for them to seek help and healing. SAAPM aims to cultivate a culture where consent is respected, boundaries are honored, and everyone feels safe and valued. The theme of Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2025 is “STEP FORWARD. Prevent. Report. Advocate.”



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <br>6<br>Chalk the Walk @ Piggy Park Stop by Piggy Park (1000-1300) as we use chalk to create art on sidewalk expressing our support for prevention. | <br>7<br>SAPR Trivia Visit DENG SAPR Facebook answer a trivia question for a chance to win a prize | 1<br>Start-up Day & Spread The Word Encourage your family and friends to “like” us on Facebook<br>166AW GATE         | 2<br>Paint The Town Teal Post a picture of a banner, teal ribbon tied to a tree, or other observances for SAAPM         | 3<br>SAPR Proclamation Visit 166AWSAPR office (Bldg 2800) between 10-1 and sign our Proclamation  | 4<br>FOLLOW FRIDAY Follow the DENG FB SAPR page and get information on SAPR related topics  | 5<br>SAPR SWAG Post or share a photo of your favorite piece(s) of SAPR SWAG you own or stop by SAPR to grab some |
| 13<br>The Invisible War Watch the film “The Invisible War” then post/share your favorite quote   | 14<br>SAPR Trivia Visit DENG SAPR Facebook answer a trivia question for a chance to win a prize   | 8<br>TEAL Tuesday Post a selfie or group photo wearing TEAL in support of SAAPM                                      | 9<br>SAPR History Post or share your most memorable moment in SAPR History<br>Advocacy Day @ Legislative Hall           | 10<br>Pop Culture Post or share your favorite positive examples of consent from pop culture.  | 11<br>BELIEVE It’s Black & White Post or share a picture showing the importance of building a Culture of Consent is “Black & White” | 12<br>Self-Care Saturday Post or share ideas of self-care routines you use                                       |
| 20<br>SAAPM Trivia Post or share a picture of a decorated Easter Egg in support of SAAPM   | 21<br>SAPR Trivia Visit DENG SAPR Facebook answer a trivia question for a chance to win a prize   | 15<br>“All Things TEAL” Tuesday Post a photo of ANY item in the color of TEAL in support of SAAPM<br>Taco Tues @JFHQ | 16<br>#WhyIAdvocate Post / submit a photo holding a sign of why YOU advocate w/#  | 17<br>The Real Teal Post or share a picture that supports the importance of “Start by Believing” or “I Believe you”   | 18<br>SAAPM Reflection Share your feelings about SAAPM and share them in a creative and unique way.                                 | 19<br>SAAPM Snack Time Post a photo spelling out S-A-A-P-M using your favorite snack foods                       |
| 27<br>Words of Thanks Share your appreciation for the Helping Agencies supporting victims of Sexual Assault  | 28<br>SAPR Trivia Visit DENG SAPR Facebook answer a trivia question for a chance to win a prize   | 22<br>SAPR TEAL Tuesday Post a selfie or group photo wearing a SAPR T-shirt or Hoodie                                | 23<br>I Stand With You! Share a message of support to Survivors of Sexual Violence                                      | 24<br>Community Day Post or share a photo of you taking part in a community event in support of sexual assault  | 25<br>Spell it out: SAAPM Use objects to form the word S-A-A-P-M & Post or share a photo  | 26<br>Friends of SAPR Post a photo of a pet or animal that can offer emotional support                           |
|  |   | 29<br>TEAL-to-Toe Tuesday Post a selfie or group photo wearing teal shoes & socks.                                   | 30<br>DENIM DAY Post a selfie or group photo wearing jeans in honor of Denim Day, taking a stand against victim blaming | April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, reminding us all to<br><b>Listen to survivors.</b><br><b>Believe survivors.</b><br><b>Support survivors.</b><br> |   |  |



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March 2025\_Town Hall Q & A



## *Promotions & Retirements*

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### **Promotions**

Samuel Farley to Airman 1st Class

Tyrance Moore to Senior Airman

Khalil Nelson to Senior Airman

Chance Turane to Senior Airman

Robert Bailor III to Staff Sgt.

Abbey Weible to Staff Sgt.

Oluwarotimi Akojie to Technical Sgt.

Santiago Ospina Diaz to Technical Sgt.

Jason Tartaglia to Technical Sgt.

Alvin Hall to Master Sgt.

Erik Wertman to Senior Master Sgt.

Sean Lind to Chief Master Sgt.

Carrie Dupuie to Chief Master Sgt.

### **Retirements**

Chief Master Sgt. Chad Snader, 166th SFS

Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Bostian, 166th MXG







## OPERATION FULL STRENGTH

### PRESENCE & PUBLICITY

- PURPOSEFUL MESSAGING
- EFFECTIVE MARKETING
- INCREASED VISIBILITY

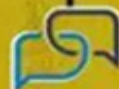


### PARTNERSHIPS

- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- TARGETED PARTNERS
- SUSTAINABLE RELATIONSHIPS

### COMPETITIVE POSITIONING

- IMPROVE BENEFITS
- COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES



### PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

- VACANCY MANAGEMENT
- RETENTION EFFORTS
- NEW MEMBER INTEGRATION



### REFERRALS

- IMPROVED INCENTIVES
- INCREASE LEAD GENERATION

END STRENGTH  
GOAL

95% +



HAVE AN IDEA?  
SEND IT OVER!

