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New Castle ANG Base, Delaware

Airmen, Soldiers unite to support Del. citizens

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

A late season storm is not what Delaware citizens or anyone living along the East Coast wanted or needed, nor what anyone had in mind for a Halloween surprise, but **Hurricane Sandy** captured the attention of all Delawareans and millions more people along the East Coast just before the last weekend in October.

As is typically the case when lives and/or property are threatened locally, skilled and ready troops of the Delaware National Guard were again called upon to assist our fellow citizens in a time of need, and unit members responded.

Approximately 500 Delaware National Guard troops, comprised primarily of Soldiers along with a couple dozen Airmen, combined to form task forces to meet our governor's needs as directed in all three counties to assist before, during and after Hurricane Sandy made landfall on Monday Oct. 29.

Nearly 1,300 troops, a combination of about 1,000 Soldiers and 300 Airmen, were available if needed by the governor.

Wing Commander Col. Mike Feeley called the base Crisis Action Team together for several meetings on Friday, then activated the base Incident Command Center to be run 24/7 through Wednesday Oct. 31, coordinating all activities through the Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Joint Operations Center, which in turn coordinated with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency to follow the di-



(Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

Airman 1st Class Vincent Docchio and Staff Sgt. David Eastburn, from the 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, prepare C-130 tail number 01057 for evacuation on Friday, Oct. 26. Wing Airmen enabled three unit aircraft to be flown to Michigan on Oct. 28 to keep the aircraft out of harm's way.

rection of Del. Governor Jack Markell.

To preserve the wing's aircraft from storm damage and so they could be available for potential post-hurricane relief missions, three aircrews evacuated three of our unit C-130H transport aircraft to the Air National Guard Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Mich., on Sunday, Oct. 28, with two aircrews plus crew chiefs and maintenance specialists remaining at Alpena for quick response. They returned to the New Castle ANG Base on Oct. 31, but not called to duty.

Eighteen of our Airmen were needed to provide trained medical providers and

backup equipment at two of the seven shelters set up by the State Division of Public Health. A total of 17 Airmen from the 166th Medical Group and one Airman from the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron deployed on Sunday Oct. 28 in teams of nine people each, one to William Penn H.S. and one to Cape Henlopen H.S. in Sussex Co. The Cape team returned Tuesday afternoon Oct. 30, and the William Penn team returned Wed. morning Oct. 31. About 18 patients needed medical assistance in the shelters where many more people came to seek refuge.

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Nov. UTA events

Nov. 2, Friday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.
 (arrive at 0715; all participants must be in a military status approved by their unit and schedule test through Unit Fitness Monitor)

Nov. 3, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.
 - **Protestant Services:** 0745-0800, Bldg. 2815, SAT Hangar (Small Air Terminal)
 - **Catholic Mass:** 0830-0930, Bldg. 2815, SAT Hangar
 - **Retirement Ceremony:** 1530, Loeffel Rm., Bldg. 2600, Master Sgt. Gerald Miller

Nov. 4, Sunday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.

Coming events

Nov. 11: 166th Airlift Wing C-130 aircraft flyover shortly before 11:00. a.m. at annual Veterans Day ceremony, Delaware Memorial Bridge Plaza, New Castle. Sponsored by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

UTA schedule 2012-13

03-04 Nov 2012	02-03 Mar 2013
01-02 Dec 2012	06-07 Apr 2013
12-13 Jan 2013	04-05 May 2013
02-03 Feb 2013	01-02 Jun 2013

Personnel actions Oct. 2012

Enlistments:

STAFF SERGEANT:

Pagliari, Mark, 166th AW
 Canady, Mikhiel, 166th MXS

SENIOR AIRMAN:

Robbins, Joshua, 166th CES

AIRMAN BASIC:

Fleming, Robert, 166th MOF

Promotions:

To SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT:

Williams, James, 166th LRS

To MASTER SERGEANT:

Betterson, Keith, 166th MXS
 Pyle, Brian, 166th MXS

To SENIOR AIRMAN:

Buscemi, Kevin, 166th SFS

To AIRMAN 1st CLASS:

Kreiser, Kalin, 166th SFS

Retirements:

Colajezzi, Steven, Tech. Sgt., 142nd AS
 Conners, Stephen, Tech. Sgt., 142nd AS
 Groff, Jonathan, Col., 166th AW
 Stiff, Dennis, Chief Master Sgt., 166th CFT

DE ANG Recruiting:

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

DE ANG Retention:

(302) 323-3413

Web Resources:

166AW Air Force Public Web site:

www.166aw.ang.af.mil

166AW Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing

DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting

Public web site, DE National Guard:

www.DelawareNationalGuard.com

DNG Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard

Medical field job openings

Hiring for officers in these fields: multiple traditional positions; no closeout dates to apply unless indicated:

142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- **Flight Nurse**

142nd Airlift Squadron:

- **GMO Flight Surgeon**

166th Medical Group:

- **Emergency Services Physicians**

- **Internist**

- **Operating Room Nurse**

- **Orthopedic Surgeon**

- **Physician Assistant**

- **Surgeon**

- **Aerospace Medical Specialist**

- **Anesthesiologist**

Officer postings: http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/

Enlisted jobs

We're hiring for over two dozen enlisted job specialties: www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/.

For detailed recruiting information go to: **www.goang.com** (browse by state, unit or category, with full career descriptions)

Wing personnel obtain good results in 2012 ESOHCAMP

By Lt. Col. Arne Kolbjornsen
Wing Safety OIC

The wing had our Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment from October 15-19, and fared well.

The 2012 ESOHCAMP assessment was a successful event on many levels.

Although it's never comfortable to have your shortcomings highlighted,

Mr. Keith Harris, the National Guard Bureau ESHOCAMP Team Chief, remarked that the wing has a strong Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health program and the team discovered no significant findings.

Highlights from the assessment include the Environmental Office, led by Lt. Jaymes Ellers, 166th Civil Engineer Squadron. The assessment team observed a 30 percent reduction in the number of findings from the last assess-

ment. This is a remarkable achievement in light of the more than 200 protocols observed and the short time Lt. Ellers has been assigned to the base Environmental office.

Finally, the 166th Security Forces Squadron received a "Best Practice" for their weapons clearing barrel poster, which describes the many types of weapons in use by the 166th SFS and the unique clearing steps required of each weapon.

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

To: All Delaware National Guard personnel

Subject: Hurricane Operations

To All Who Helped Mitigate the Effects of the Recent Hurricane:

I want to thank you for unselfishly volunteering to serve our state by providing assistance to those in Delaware affected by Hurricane Sandy. Your response to the call to duty speaks volumes about your character and reinforces our Guard's value and the spirit of the minuteman aiding our citizens and communities. Your efforts gave us a visibility and relevance, and enhanced our value to the citizens of the First State.

Governor Markell also wanted me to express his personal appreciation for your efforts on behalf of our state and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Francis D. Vavala
Major General
The Adjutant General, Delaware



(Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

Lieutenant Col. Sheila Carter was sprayed down with water, then provided a blanket and flowers in a surprise career celebration by unit members after her fini-flight on October 22, a cross-country training mission.

Aeromedical flight nurse gets soaked, her career applauded after fini-flight

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Lieutenant Col. Shelia Carter, a flight nurse in the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard, was given a surprise “fini flight” water spraydown when about 50 members of her unit returned from a training mission on October 22.

166th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mike Feeley, 166th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Richard Simmons, 142nd AES Commander Lt. Col. Michelle Kirwan and other base members congratulated her, and witnessed

the aviation tradition of “hosing” Col. Carter down on the ramp with water as she departed the C-17 aircraft following a cross-country mission to Key West, the last skill- and team-building mission before unit members deploy for several months in late December to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Carter first joined the Army in 1972, where she was initially a corpsman and then a military policeman. She left the Army in 1977. In 1979, Col. Carter joined the Air Force Reserves at March Air Force Base, Calif. as an operating room technician. During Operation Desert Storm she received her

commission as a nurse. She left the Reserves in 1994, but was interested in pursuing her nursing career in a different manner. She then joined the Delaware Air National Guard, and became a flight nurse in the 142nd AES.

Her career saw numerous overseas deployments, and culminated in a training mission with her fellow Airmen who, along with former unit members, have been providing the “Best Care in the Air,” the aptly named unit motto, since the unit was formed 50 years ago as the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, bringing America’s wounded heroes home from distant battlefields.