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



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

Major Anthony Carunchio, 142nd Airlift Squadron, is greeted by Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard, followed by Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Delaware National Guard and 166th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mike Feeley on July 7, 2013 after deplaning from the 166th AW C-130. The last two groups of Airmen serving overseas came home on July 7th and 9th.

Rotations end, troops return

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

About 70 Airmen of the Delaware Air National Guard came home to the New Castle ANG Base on Sunday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 9, for a joyful reunion with over a hundred loved ones.

They completed deployments that began in late February to Southwest Asia combat zones where they served under the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Airmen are the last group of a contingent of about 100 unit Airmen who served up to 120 days under U.S. Air

Force Central Command, operating their aircraft in several nations in the region.

The returning 166th Airlift Wing Airmen included C-130 aircrew and crews who maintained the aircraft.

In early May two previous groups of fellow unit Airmen arrived home after serving in the same location in SWA.

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July UTA events

July 12, Friday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S. (arrive at 0715; all participants must be in a military status approved by their unit; schedule prior to test date through Unit Fitness Monitor; must wear only the Air Force PT Uniform)
- **SAPR Stand Down**:** 0800-1000/1030, Loeffel Room (MDG, MSG, AW, NWS) & Operations Group Theater (MXG & OPS)

July 13, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.
- **SAPR Stand Down**:** 0800-1000/1030, and 1200-1400/1430, Loeffel Room (MDG, MSG, AW, NWS) & Operations Group Theater (MXG & OPS)

Members must attend one (1) SAPR Stand-Down Training Session ONLY

July 14, Sunday:

- **PT Testing:** 0730-0930, Wm. Penn H.S.
- **Protestant Services:** 0745-0800, Bldg. 2815, SAT (Small Air Terminal) Hangar
- **Catholic Mass:** 0830-0930, Bldg. 2815, Small Air Terminal Hangar

UTA schedule 2013

13-14 Jul 2013	19-20 Oct 2013
03-04 Aug 2013	02-03 Nov 2013
07-08 Sep 2013	07-08 Dec 2013

Note -- Sept. 7-13: Home Station ORE

Personnel actions June 2013

Enlistments:

Baker, Melissa, Master Sgt., 166 MDG
 Horta-Hernandez, Juan, Senior Airman, 166 MDG
 Loving, Aaron, Staff Sgt., 166 LRS

Promotions:

To LIEUTENANT COLONEL:

Gaines, Elaine, 142 AES

To MAJOR:

Carter, Jemmell, 166 LRS
 Derriso, Matthew, 166 NWS

To SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Houston, Troy, 166 NWS

To MASTER SERGEANT:

Gazarra, David, 166 CES
 Swartz, Kyle, 166 MDG
 Vanderwerff, Lucas, 166 MXS

To STAFF SERGEANT:

Ferguson, Bradley, 166 CFT

To SENIOR AIRMAN:

Kirkland, Meagan, 142 AS
 Magobet, Michael, 142 AS
 White-Kelly, Weslyn, 166 AW

Retirements:

Bauer, Stephen, Master Sgt., 166 FSS
 Effting, Michael, Master Sgt., 166 MXS
 Piccione, Daniel, Master Sgt., 166 LRS
 Webb, Robert, Senior Master Sgt., 166 NWS
 Zanetti, Michael, Lt. Col., 142 AS

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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

DE National Guard web site:

www.DelawareNationalGuard.com

DE National Guard Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard

Medical openings

Hiring for officers in traditional positions; no closeout dates apply unless indicated: www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/

142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- Flight Nurse, Medical Service Corps Officer

142nd Airlift Squadron:

- GMO Flight Surgeon

166th Medical Group:

- Aerospace Medical Specialist, Dentist,
 Family Physician, Flight Surgeon,
 Internist, Medical Service Corps Officer,
 Physician Assistant, Surgeon

Enlisted jobs

Visit: www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/. Career descriptions: www.goang.com.

Coming events

July 14: Deadline for 2014 Delaware ANG Honoree Program submissions. POC is Chief Master Sgt. Frank Knotts, (302) 323-3419.

July 14: Quarterly Recognition submissions due by COB. POC: Wing Command Chief Rome, x577.

July 14: Bring a Friend to Drill Day, New Castle ANG Base, 0800-1200. Designed to introduce potential recruits to the organization. POC is Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis, (302) 323-3359.

Sept. 7-13: Home Station Operational Readiness Exercise involving roughly 350 people from the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle ANG Base.

**Don't prevent your own promotion:
 Complete your PME!**

Act before August 1, 2013 to transfer education benefits to avoid added service commitment

By Master Sgt. Robert Csizmadia
State Education Program Manager

All of our Guard members, especially our traditionals, need to know about the eligibility requirements and changes regarding transferring Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and required service obligations attached to this transfer of benefit.

An important change is that members who are close to 20 years of service or more than 20 years of service may transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a spouse or dependents while incurring a less than a four year additional service commitment.

However, as of August 1, 2013 all transfers will incur a four year additional service commitment. Details here: http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/transfer_of_benefits.html.



For more information:

Contact: Master Sgt. Robert Csizmadia
Delaware National Guard State
Education Program Manager, (302) 326-7012

Application and eligibility details are at this website:

http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/transfer_of_benefits.html.



(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)



RETURN SURPRISE: Senior Airman Tyree Davis, 166th Operations Support Squadron, proposes to Senior Airman Jasmine Rosario, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, on July 9, 2013 upon returning home with his unit after they completed their mission at the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia. Fellow members back home helped Davis coordinate details to successfully pull off the moment.

Operation Full Strength wants recruiting ideas

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

Do you have a good idea to help the unit's ongoing effort to gain new recruits and raise our overall manning levels? If so, pass those ideas on!

The Operation Full Strength team, tasked with putting good recruiting ideas into practice, has a new email address to accept your suggestions.

Write down a few thoughts and share your interesting idea with the overall team. The collective members of the team, drawn from unit superintendents, meet weekly to hash out the submissions.

Maybe you have a brand new proposal -- either a quick and easy method to gain recruits, or some idea that is more complex. Or perhaps you recall a suc-

cessful idea used at another base which you think could be adapted here. Go in any direction you wish -- attracting recruits from members with prior military service experience, attracting high school-age youth, attracting people to a specific career field or something entirely different.

Your ideas are welcome whether you are a full-time or traditional member, a recent enlistee or a seasoned pro with decades of service.

To find the email address, in Microsoft Outlook select "166 AW/OFS Operation Full Strength." To email the team directly, send email to 166aw.fullstrength@ang.af.mil.

Operation Full Strength team members:

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Collier,
166th Medical Group

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Currier, 166th
Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Davis, HQ,
DE ANG

Master Sgt. Tanya Harris, HQ, DE
ANG

Master Sgt. Daniel Koenigsmann,
166th Network Warfare Squadron

Capt. Maureen Mulrooney, 166th Air-
lift Wing

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Murphy,
142nd Airlift Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Wilson Birney,
166th Maintenance Squadron

Speak up if interested in free child care on drill weekends

By Maj. Jason Brugman
*Commander, 166th Force Support
Squadron*

The National Guard Bureau currently has a program in place to provide free Child Care Services to our Airmen on drill weekends. The 166th Force Support Squadron will manage this

program and I am soliciting your assistance in polling your personnel for interest in participating in this system.

Please have your interested Airmen send an email to Airman 1st Class Gabrielle Rieker using the subject "Child Care," or call her at 323-3424. Based on the number of responses she receives in

the coming weeks, the 166th FSS will work to emplace a robust and safe system to improve quality of life and recruitment/retention objectives for our most valuable asset, our Airmen.

I am grateful for your attention and consideration in getting this important message out to the troops.

Air Guard submissions under review for DNG History Book

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

Wing HQ personnel are reviewing submissions made for the Delaware National Guard History book project, covering the period from the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, to the end of 2012.

The submission deadline for Air Guard content was July 8, 2013.

If any unit needs to polish up their material with final review/editing or make vital last minute additions, now is the time to do so. Please finish up by the end of the July UTA.

The project relies upon units to supply their own material and tell their own story. No one knows better than the uniformed members of a specific unit the importance and uniqueness of their missions, or know which ones ought to be highlighted for posterity.

The project is intended to give a fair shake to each unit in the Delaware Guard — Army and Air — and is coordinated by a task force at Joint Force Headquarters, Delaware National Guard.

The endeavor will result in a book of about 180 pages dedicated to Delaware Guard history. The welcome mat was put out for each section, flight, squad-

ron and group in the wing to submit their unit contributions. Wing staff offices and Delaware Air Guard HQ will also be asked for input.

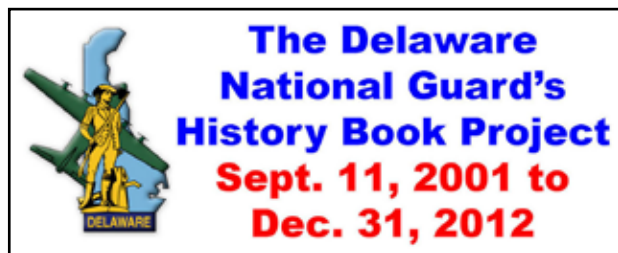
Your point of contact is your unit public affairs representative. Your unit com-

mander or first sergeant can direct you to him/her, or whomever the unit appointed as the project POC. Squadrons were asked to contribute an average of one page per year of content (text and high-resolution photos, with subjects/event/location/date identified in writing).

Our Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, wants the story told of the evolutionary growth and development of the Guard from a strategic reserve to an operational asset in the post- 9/11 era.

Colonel Mike Feeley, commander of the 166th Airlift Wing, said, “Each wing unit will contribute to this great opportunity to tell our history. Have some fun, seize the moment, and make it worthwhile.”

The project advisor and editor-in-chief is retired Brig. Gen. (Del.) Ken Wiggins. He has researched and written several books on Delaware Guard history.



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey)

Master Sgt. Mike Caldwell, left, and Airman 1st Class John Kalidas, from the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron, next to the refurbished sign they've just installed at the intersection of Spruance and Park Drives on July 9, 2013. Work on the sign was completed by the 166th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Section. A project team in the sheet metal shop (which handles work such as corrosion, painting and aircraft skin repair), led by Tech. Sgt. Harry Delawder, sanded, repainted and restencilled the older sign. The section has a second shop, metals tech, which handles work such as welding and lathe-turned or milled metal.

Over 80 civilians coming to “Bring a Friend to Drill Day” on Sunday, July 14

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

Over 80 civilians from many walks of life will get a view of military life in the Delaware Air National Guard as guests of current members during the unit’s first “Bring a Friend to Drill Day” on July 14.

The event’s purpose is to expose military eligible civilians to the many career opportunities available in the Delaware Air Guard.

For half of a day on Sunday during a weekend military drill, the civilian guests will tour a C-130 aircraft, hangars and shop areas, watch Airmen per-

form a variety of jobs, and hear subject matter experts talk about their part-time military experience. The guests will be exposed to Airmen who have successfully obtained a higher education, completed Air Force technical schools, and gained promotions. Their visit will conclude with a bar-b-cue lunch in an outdoor picnic area.

“Most of the attendees signed up are young adults, in the age range of 18 to their late 20s, so we expect a lot of questions about how they can gain a college education, get trained, and navigate military careers,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis, recruiting and retention superintendent of the Delaware ANG.

“We want people in our community to know that they can serve locally while pursuing their civilian dreams.”

The “friends” attending the half-day event are sponsored by family members, neighbors or friends who presently serve in the Delaware Air Guard. Registration for this event is closed, as pre-registration ended last month.

Community members who wish to learn about opportunities in the Delaware Air Guard should call the recruiting office at (302) 323-3444, or visit: www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting, www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing, www.166aw.ang.af.mil, or www.goang.com/DE.



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Staff Sgt. Alex Sagar, 166th Security Forces Squadron, adjusts night vision goggles on a young lady visiting the New Castle Air National Guard Base on June 19, 2013. The girl is from the Aviation Career Education program’s Project Aerospace, based in Dover, Del. and affiliated with Delaware State University. That same day Army Junior ROTC students from across Delaware also visited the base. Static displays of aircraft with all sorts of equipment and technology were positioned for easy access by the young people in each group, with experienced Airmen on hand to explain to the youth the jobs they perform and how they use the equipment.