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

## October drill cancelled

**By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

The Oct. 19-20, 2013 Unit Training Assembly for the 166th Airlift Wing is officially canceled.

Wing commander Col. Mike Feeley sent an Oct. 7, 2013 communication about the cancellation via a base-wide e-mail addressed to our “Delaware Air

National Guard Family.” He wrote, “Because of the lack of appropriated funds, we are unable to meet our lead time for required financial planning. I understand the disruption to your lives, and the considerable financial hardship this may cause you. Your continued dedication and sacrifice is greatly appreciated. Your commanders have been given extreme flexibility in rescheduling your training.”

As of Oct. 17, the October UTA has been rescheduled for Nov. 1, 2013 and Dec. 6, 2013, the Friday before each month’s normally scheduled UTA.

## Congress passes bill reopening federal government

**By Jim Garamone**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, 2013 – President Barack Obama signed legislation late yesterday night bringing federal employees back to work after Congress finally resolved the budget logjam that led to a 16-day shutdown.

Senate leaders championed bipartisan legislation to reopen the government and remove the threat of government default on its debts. All federal government employees – including some 4,000 Defense Department employees – will report to work today.

The legislation is a continuing resolution that will provide federal government spending at fiscal year 2013 levels. This keeps the sequester-level budget in effect.

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## Unit reaches 102 percent manning

**By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
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On Sept. 27, 2013 the wing achieved its recruiting goal by obtaining 102 percent unit manning on the last work day of the fiscal year.

In a message emailed to all unit members on Sept. 27, 166th Airlift Wing Commander Mike Feeley wrote, “Congratulations to all members of the Delaware Air National Guard. We have reached our goal of 102 percent manning by the end of this fiscal year. The hard work of everyone throughout the organization is greatly appreciated.”

This announcement came just three weeks after the wing achieved 100 percent unit manning, a milestone surpassing every previous high-water mark in unit manning since the Vietnam War era.



**Wing commander Col. Mike Feeley**

The multidisciplinary team named Operation Full Strength continues to meet weekly to plan, execute and evaluate initiatives to support recruiting. They welcome your ideas to help the cause of recruiting. Email your ideas to: [166aw.fullstrength@ang.af.mil](mailto:166aw.fullstrength@ang.af.mil).

# The DANG Truth

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# There is no shutdown to our hiring!

We still have great part-time jobs available for qualified members of the community from 17-39 years of age. Please call our recruiters at (302) 323-3444.

## Government shutdown updates:

Visit [nationalguard.mil](http://nationalguard.mil), [af.mil](http://af.mil), and [defense.gov](http://defense.gov).

## UTA schedule 2013-14

19-20 Oct 2013 <b>CANCELLED</b> *Rescheduled Oct. UTA dates	11-12 Jan 2014 01-02 Feb 2014 01-02 Mar 2014 05-06 Apr 2014 03-04 May 2014 07-08 Jun 2014 12-13 Jul 2014 02-03 Aug 2014 06-07 Sep 2014
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# Personnel actions Sept. 2013

## Enlistments:

Ade, Robert, Staff Sgt., 166th SFS  
Neisser, Joseph, Master Sgt., 166th AMXS  
Santana, Dayra, Senior Airman, 166th MDG

## Promotions:

### To MAJOR:

Ramirez, Jaime, 166th MXG  
Schoppert, Roy, 142nd AS

### To SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT:

Weber, Charles, 166th MXS

### To MASTER SERGEANT:

Clifton, Shawn, 166th MXS

### To STAFF SERGEANT:

Bey, Michael, 166th CES  
Merrylees, Andrew, 142nd AES

### To SENIOR AIRMAN:

Begany, Matthew, 166th SFS  
Leshner, Kamri, 166th FSS  
Muzzleman, Alicia, 166th LRS  
Seymour, Taylor, 166th MDG

### To AIRMAN 1st CLASS:

Rodriguez, Edwin, 166th LRS

### To AIRMAN:

Burgos, Jeremy, 166th CES

## Retirements:

Casey, Timothy, Lt. Col., 166th OSF  
Kemp, Yolanda, Tech. Sgt., 166th LRS

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### 166AW Air Force Public Web site:

[www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)

### 166AW Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing)

### DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting](http://www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting)

### Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:

[www.goang.com/de](http://www.goang.com/de)

### DE National Guard web site:

[www.DelawareNationalGuard.com](http://www.DelawareNationalGuard.com)

### DE National Guard Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard](http://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/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

### 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- Flight Nurse

### 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/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/). Career descriptions: [www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com).

## Coming events

**Oct. 25:** 18th Annual Retirees' Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Cavaliers Country Club. Cost: \$15.00 in advance (payment not accepted at door). RSVP by Oct. 18, 2013 to 302-323-3360.

**Note:** Due to the government shutdown many events were cancelled. Some rescheduling may occur with the passage of the continuing resolution. Visit [delawarenationalguard.com/press/events](http://delawarenationalguard.com/press/events) for timely updates.

**Be Safe &  
Sound All  
Year Round**

# Help our 'War on Hunger' food drive for October



*(Photos and artwork courtesy of the Food Bank of Delaware)*

**By Chief Master Sgt. Henry Rome**  
*Wing Command Chief*

As the holidays approach we all try to reach out a lending hand to those in need.

Lately, we are all faced with tough issues that change and shape our lives.

I am reaching out to all, to ask for a simple donation of a canned or dry good item in support of the Delaware National Guard's War on Hunger program.

Please drop off an item -- canned good or dry good product -- in the shopping cart located in a designated place in your particular squadron. Or create a drop point of your own. I will be collecting items at the end of October.

Thank you for your support!



**From the Food Bank of Delaware, [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org):**

The Food Bank of Delaware provides emergency food for an estimated 241,600 different people annually.

About 17,500 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week.

Children under 18 years old comprise 44 percent of the members of households served by the Food Bank of Delaware.

# Authorized strength milestone reached



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

**Dominique DiMatteo, a 17-year-old high school senior cadet at the Delaware Military Academy in Wilmington, Del., and a resident of Newport, Del. is sworn into the Delaware Air National Guard on Sept. 6, 2013, by Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general for air, Delaware National Guard. DiMatteo's enlistment brings the authorized strength of the Delaware ANG to 100 percent, a recruiting milestone last reached during the Vietnam War era. After graduation from high school DiMatteo will attend Air Force Basic Training and technical school, and join the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, part of the 166th Airlift Wing. By coincidence the enlistment occurred on the 67th anniversary of the founding of the Delaware ANG.**

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The act will keep the government open through Jan. 15 and raises the debt limit through Feb. 7. The act contains a provision for a joint Senate-House committee to work on a budget recommendation for fiscal year 2014. Those recommendations are due Dec. 13.

The legislation includes the provision to pay all furloughed employees for the period of the lapse in appropriations. The act calls for those employees to be paid "as soon as practicable."

Even before the House of Representatives voted, President Obama signaled his intent to sign the bill. "We'll begin reopening our government immediately," he said in a White House appearance. "And we can begin to lift this cloud of uncertainty and unease from our businesses and from the American people."

Obama asked that all political officials take the lesson of the gridlock to heart and work together to solve the nation's problems.

"My hope and expectation is," Obama said, "everybody has learned that there is no reason why we can't work on the issues at hand, why we can't disagree between the parties while still being agreeable, and make sure that we're not inflicting harm on the American people when we do have disagreements."

"So hopefully that's a lesson that will be internalized, and not just by me, but also by Democrats and Republicans, not only the leaders, but also the rank-and-file," he said.

As he was leaving the Brady Press Room at the White House, a reporter asked the president if the shutdown might not be duplicated in January. "No," the president said and left.

Sylvia Matthews Burwell, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, said in a release federal employees "should expect to return to work in the morning."

For more information, go to the OPM web page at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).

## New dentist



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

**166th Medical Group  
Commander Lt. Col. Betsy LeFebvre with newly  
commissioned Maj. Todd Regnaert, a dentist in the  
166th MDG, Sept. 8, 2013.**

# Airmen of the Quarter named for 3rd quarter

Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Henry Rome reports on the people selected as Airmen of the Quarter, third quarter, FY 2013:

### Airman of the Qtr:

Airman 1st Class

**Julian Aristizabal**

166th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

### NCO of the Qtr:

Tech. Sgt.

**Bryan Florian**

142nd Aeromedical

Evacuation Squadron

### Senior NCO of the Qtr:

Master Sgt.

**Kemeshia Greene**

142nd Aeromedical

Evacuation Squadron



**Master Sgt. Jeffrey Longfellow, 166th Maintenance Squadron, competes in the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Sustainment Training Competition Sept. 8 in the M-9 weapon category (above) and Sept. 7 in the M-16 weapon category (below).**

*(U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff. Sgt. Andrew Horgan)*

# Shoot out

**By Staff. Sgt. Andrew Horgan**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

The Delaware National Guard held its 56<sup>th</sup> annual Adjutant General's Marksmanship Sustainment Training Exercise Sept. 7-8, 2013 at the River Road Training Site, New Castle, Del. Members from the Army and Air National Guard competed for top honors in three categories to enhance effectiveness in marksmanship and improve readiness.

The event was organized by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Longfellow, 166<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron and Del. ANG marksmanship coordinator, who was also the range supervisor for the Air Force Excellence in Competition match. He competed with M-16 and M-9 weapons, earning third place in individual pistol, third place in individual combined shooting and a spot on the "Governor's Top Twenty" shooters with Master Sgt. Robert Andrews, 166<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron. Contact Longfellow about participating or volunteering next year.



# Adopting the ‘MICT’; transitioning to a new inspection paradigm

**By Staff. Sgt. Nathan Bright**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

“Mick-Tee.”

If you haven’t heard it around the office or shop recently, you will soon. The Air Force is transitioning from Operational Readiness and Unit Compliance Inspections to a new way of validating the readiness of its wings. It is a drastic change in how units will be inspected, but not in how they go about doing their mission.

The Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT) is a vital component of accomplishing and verifying unit readiness and performing self-assessment. MICT is a web-based program accessed through the Air Force Portal that includes a series of checklists a unit will use to report readiness. The checklists will include the unit’s functional areas, safety and administrative baseline tasks. It will allow leaders at multiple levels to assess where their units stand in terms of training, compliance, and performance.

“MICT will not cause us to do anything different militarily. We will continue to properly do the tasks we have always accomplished,” said Col. Michael Feeley, 166<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander. “This is just a new tool we will use to grade ourselves.”

Like any checklist, tasks will be evaluated by answering yes, no,

or not applicable. But that is only part of the story. Any “yes” answers must be adequately supported with documentation that will be electronically uploaded into the program .

“No”, or non-compliant answers will require assigning a point of contact, a get-well date, and justification for non-compliance.

But “no” answers are not a reflection on a unit’s leadership. They are used to see what deficiencies a unit has and provide a path to correction.

Not making progress toward compliance or having a history of non-compliance could reflect poorly. Another feature of MICT is that it archives checklists, allowing leaders and inspectors to track performance over time.

The MICT self-assessment and inspection is half of the foundation of the Commander’s Inspection Program. The other half will be wing Inspector General personnel who will conduct unit inspections as directed by the commander.

In essence, MICT translates statements from various Air Force Instructions into questions. “The MICT checklists ask you, ‘Are you doing business according to AFIs?’” says Maj. Lynn Robinson, who is serving as the MICT program manager for the wing.

After conducting a previously scheduled operational readiness ex-

ercise, the wing began its transition to the new self-inspection model by focusing on MICT during annual training in September.

That training was focused on self-assessment program managers in units or shops, “anyone that has a guidon,” said Feeley. These managers will ensure units have the current checklists, assign assessors for specific checklist items, ensure items are documented correctly, and follow-up on the management of deficiency corrections.

The MICT helps program managers and leaders improve readiness and ensure compliance to AFIs by identifying deficiencies, then providing a place for answering why they exist, a course of action to correct, and a suspense date for correcting them.

The goal of the new Commander’s Inspection Program is to get away from an inspection model that created the potential for units to do business one way, then do it another way for inspections, and afterwards go back to old bad habits.

Under the new system Air Mobility Command Inspector General members will inspect a unit virtually, using MICT, on any given day on any given month of any given year. The goal is to ensure units are doing business every day the way the Air Force wants it to be done, not just in time for an inspection.

# Air Guard flight nurse inducted into Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
*Wing Public Affairs*

The induction of the first flight nurse and the first member of the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame will occur Oct. 19, 2013. Recently retired Maj. Rogelio Rodriguez, Jr., will be inducted along with five other members of the Delaware aviation community during the DAHF annual honors banquet Saturday, Oct. 19, at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall in Newark, Del.

According to a DAHF news release (website: [www.dahf.org](http://www.dahf.org)), Maj. Rogelio Rodriguez, Jr., a resident of Bear, Del. and an aeromedical evacuation flight nurse in the Delaware Air National Guard, logged over 150 combat missions and almost 700 combat flying hours transporting over 2,000 wounded to needed medical care during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He has 25 years of military service, 14 years as a nurse.

## Nine previous DAHF inductees from the Delaware Air Guard:

**2002:** Brig. Gen. William W. Spruance (1916-2011)

**2003:** Master Sgt. John G. Hite (1914-2008)

**2004:** Retired Maj. Gen. Clarence E. (Ed) Atkinson

**2007:** Retired Brig. Gen. William F. Hutchinson, Col. Carol Anne Timmons

**2009:** Retired Lt. Col. James M. Kohler



*(U.S. Air National Guard photo courtesy of Maj. Rogelio Rodriguez)*

**Major Rogelio Rodriguez, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, aboard an aeromedical evacuation flight Aug. 27, 2008.**

**2011:** Lt. Col. David F. McCallister (1920-1961)

**2012:** Brig. Gen. Ernest G. Talbert, Lt. Col. Tenney H. Wheatley