



The DANG TRUTH



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



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UTA events

Feb. 28, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Wm. Penn H.S.
- Immunizations, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Clinic

March 1, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Wm. Penn H.S.
- Immunizations, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic
- The Delaware Air National Guard "Year 2013" Enlisted Recognition Banquet. Cocktails at 5 p.m. Program commences at 6 p.m. UTA Excusals Approved at SQ/CC Level if mission permits. Where: The Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club, 507 Thompson Station Road, Newark, DE 19711.

March 2, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Wm. Penn H.S.
- Immunizations, 8-10 a.m., Clinic
- Promotion ceremony, Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Davis, 3:30 p.m., Loeffel Rm., HQ.

Immunize

(the flu vaccine is in)



Coming events

March 4, 2014: 31st Annual Delaware National Guard Prayer Breakfast, Cavaliers Country Club, 100 Addison Drive, Newark, DE. Doors open 6:45 a.m. Breakfast at 7 a.m.

April 12: Delaware National Guard Children's Spring Egg Hunt, Noon-2 p.m. Registration Deadline: April 8. 198th Readiness Center, 1401 Newport Gap Pike Wilmington, DE 19804. Ages: 12 and under. Free; includes lunch. Bring a canned food item to help with DNG's War on Hunger! Register online (www.jointservicessupport.org). Mail registration to: Child and Youth Program Coordinator Patricia Crilley, Smyrna Readiness Center 103 Artisan Dr., Smyrna, DE 19977. Registrations may also be emailed to patricia.a.crilley.ctr@mail.mil.

UTA schedule 2013-14

01-02 Mar 2014	02-03 Aug 2014
05-06 Apr 2014	06-07 Sep 2014
03-04 May 2014	*Note the revised June UTA dates
*21-22 Jun 2014	
12-13 Jul 2014	

Career News Feb. 2014

Enlistments:

Chapman, Alonzo, Staff Sgt., 166 AW
 Clark-Scott, A'sha, Airman, 166 MDG
 Dela Cruz, Eloisa, Senior Airman, 166 LRS
 Ewaka, Derek, Senior Airman, 166 LRS
 Hicks, Kevin, Senior Airman, 166 MXS
 Hines, Brandon, Airman 1st Class, 142 AS
 Horsley, Melissa, Staff Sgt., 166 MDG
 Johnson, Torre, Airman Basic, 166 LRS
 Marinnie, Derrick, Airman 1st Class, 166 MXS
 Merkel, Joseph, Airman 1st Class, 166 MXS
 Walsh, Thomas, Staff Sgt., 166 MDG
 Wiest, Wiliam, Staff Sgt., 166 FSS

Promotions:

To Captain:

Barrett, Richard, NWS
 Franchino, Vincent, 142 AS
 Steiner, Timothy, 166 MXS
 Stevens, Cassandra, NWS

To Master Sergeant:

Cameron, Heather, 166 LRS
 Dellavella, Michael, 166 FSS
 Granby, Eric, 142 AES

To Technical Sergeant:

Edwards, Dequoia, 166 CPTF
 Mower, Stephen, 166 AW

To Staff Sergeant:

Overton, Desmond, HQ DE ANG

To Senior Airman:

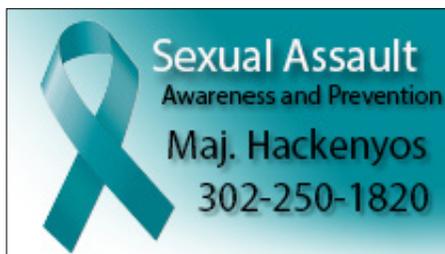
Richardson, Kimya, 166 MDG

Retirements:

Arrington, George, Tech. Sgt., 166 CFT
 Simmons, Richard, Col., 166 OSS

Operation Full Strength

Operation Full Strength meets 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.



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

DE ANG Retention:
 (302) 323-3413

166AW Air Force Public Web site:
www.166aw.af.mil

166AW Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing

166AW YouTube page:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9Ckpf-CbsXENAO>

DE Air Guard Recruiting Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/DEAirGuardRecruiting

Go ANG Delaware Recruiting page:
www.goang.com/de

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

142nd Airlift Squadron:
 - GMO Flight Surgeon

166th Medical Group:
 - Aerospace Medical Specialist, Bioenvironmental Engineer, Family Physician, Flight Surgeon, Internist.

Enlisted jobs

Visit:

www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/

For career descriptions: www.goang.com.

CHILD CARE

All Delaware National Guard members can obtain low-cost (\$10/weekend maximum), high-quality and state licensed drill weekend child care in Newark, Del., just 10 miles southwest of the New Castle Air National Guard Base. Tender Loving Kare Child Care & Learning Center (TLK) is located off state routes 896 and 40, at 22 Peoples Plaza Shopping Center, Newark (Glasgow), Del., 19702. Register by calling Jill Foster, assistant director, TLK, directly at (302) 836-1411. Website: www.tenderlovingkare.com.



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Students and Delaware Tech instructor Dr. Chris Pollock are recognized by Lt. Col. Pat Pollock (right), deputy commander, 166th Maintenance Group and partnership coordinator, Feb. 6, 2014.

Education partners celebrate success

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

On Feb. 6 the Delaware Air National Guard recognized the successful efforts between Delaware Technical Community College and the Delaware ANG to create on-site classes at the New Castle ANG Base. Classes start when the duty day ends, making it convenient for Airmen to make progress towards a Community College of the Air Force associate in applied science degree.

Following a successful pilot in the fall of 2013 with 23 Airmen enrolled in an oral communications course, Delaware Tech is now adding a second course (psychology) for the spring semester, with about 40 Airmen expected to be enrolled.

“We’re happy to have built this educational partnership with Del-

aware Tech, an established and accredited local college, and we plan to continue it because it gives us the local resources and support we need to better develop our most important resource, our Airmen,” said Col. Mike Feeley, wing commander.

Delaware Tech President Dr. Orlando J. George, Jr. and other representatives of the college to include course instructor Dr. Chris Pollock, as well as Delaware National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, other senior leaders of the Delaware National Guard, and several students were present.

Delaware Technical Community College is fully accredited by the Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

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In Memoriam: Col. Dave Byerly

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Airmen of the award winning 166th Maintenance Group in the main hangar on Feb. 20, 2014.

Maintainers excel

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

The 166th Maintenance Group received the Lieutenant General Clarence E. Atkinson, Jr. Award for Unit Excellence during the Delaware National Guard's annual Senior Leaders' Conference on January 11, 2014.

The award citation noted exceptionally outstanding achievement from Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014 when the group effectively organized, trained, equipped, and maintained combat-ready forces for rapid deployment in support of overseas contingency

operations to include Operation Enduring Freedom, and deployed volunteer Airmen to the Middle East.

Additionally, unit members supported the 56th presidential inauguration and scores of missions in direct support of the vice president.

The group has an authorized strength of 240 Airmen, and excelled in recruiting and retention. Reenlisting 100 percent of its first term Airmen is one reason the unit is manned at 106.7 percent.

Their training program resulted in a perfect pass rate for people enrolled in

5- and 7-skill level upgrade training.

Operationally, the group deployed 47 personnel and three aircraft in support of OEF on a 120-day deployment and supported over 950 sorties, 1,600 hours of flight time, moved 10,200 passengers and 3,744 tons of cargo for an overall 98 percent logistics departure reliability rate.

Also, the group exceeded the overall mission capability rate (MCR) average for the entire Air National Guard during the last Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotations, achieving a 99 percent MCR, exceeding CENTAF standards by 16 percent.

Youth v. ‘Nature’s Fury’ in FIRST LEGO League Championship

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

On Saturday, February 15, the Delaware Air National Guard’s main aircraft hangar at the New Castle ANG Base was the venue for the day-long 2013-2014 First State Robotics, Inc. ‘FIRST’ LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Championship Tournament and Junior FLL Expo, open to the public.

Up to 400 young people participated from Del., Pa., N.J., Md. and Va. This included 32 FLL teams of middle school-aged youth with eight to 10 people per team, and 26 Jr. FLL teams of elementary school-aged youth with about six people per team. In some cases multiple teams came from a single school or organization. FLL teams have advanced from qualifiers held over the past two months.

The acronym ‘FIRST’ means *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*, and was founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology.

After Delaware National Guard offices were closed mid-week due to a snowstorm, 166th Civil Engineer Squadron crews removed snow from Wednesday through the morning of the event to enable the competition to proceed.

Maintainers removed a C-130 undergoing maintenance from the main hangar to allow large bleachers and tables to be installed for the competition.

The wing’s point person in the event planning process, Lt. Col. Brad Sams,



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Airman 1st Class Aaron Legar, 166th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, assists a youth who is controlling an EOD robot during the FIRST LEGO League Championships Feb. 15, 2014.

wrote afterwards to the Guard personnel involved, “It was a tremendous success. You all safely parked just under 500 vehicles, presented a terrific impression of the DNG mission sets, and maintained the perfect environment for well over 1,000 citizens from five states to enjoy themselves. You did the work to give the DNG an opportunity to again serve our community and show all that ‘The world needs what the Guard is!’ With so many moving parts over the past eight months of planning, I am very proud to say I serve with all of you.”

The FLL challenge this year was Nature’s Fury. FLL teams used their wits with LEGO bricks and robotics to handle simulated natural disasters such as an earthquake, flood, hurricane, storm, tsunami, wildfire, volcanic eruption, tornado or cyclone, and avalanche or landslide. One scenario

involved a natural disaster affecting a runway and an aircraft.

According to FLL, the teams discovered what can be done when intense natural events meet the places people live, work, and play.

Junior FLL is focused on building an interest in science and engineering in young children around the world. In this year’s challenge, Disaster Blaster, the youth explored how to prepare for, be safe during, and recover from a natural disaster. They shared what they learned by building a model with a simple machine, and creating a *Show-Me-Poster*.

Delaware Air Guard troops including firefighters, security forces, explosive ordnance disposal and communica-

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tions specialists displayed military technology and robotics and spoke with adults and youth at the day-long event. A firefighting vehicle was on hand as well as a C-130 aircraft static display, open for visitors to tour the cargo bay and flight deck. Aircrew from the 142nd Airlift Squadron and 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron spoke with visitors about their mission and equipment.

U.S. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and Delaware ANG Assistant Adjutant General for Air Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons attended. Each thanked the organizers and teams, and spoke of the key role played by the Delaware Air Guard and the National Guard as a whole in assisting fellow citizens during natural disasters. Wing Commander Col. Mike Feeley, other senior military leaders, elected officials and corporate leaders also attended.

Lou Rosanio, First State FLL Director and an engineer at the DuPont Stine-Haskell Research Center in Newark, Del., said, "The competition showcases all the best of LEGO bricks and robotics and the excitement of kids applying STEM - science, technology, engineering and math - wrapped up in an atmosphere of science and the NCAA Basketball Finals, with high energy music in the background.



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Above: The tables are set for the FIRST LEGO League robotics competition in the main hangar.

Below, left: Capt. Anne Cloud, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, places a headset on a boy as he tours a C-130 static display.

"One of the goals of the competition is to help facilitate kids going from users of robotics, to designers of robotics."

Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, said, "The themes of 'Nature's Fury' and 'Disaster Blaster' in this year's competition perfectly fit the National Guard, because on any day our Airmen and Soldiers may be called to duty to help citizens of our state, nation or world respond when a natural disaster threatens. We are also a technology-intensive organization, so we appreciate the kinds of problem-solving that these youth will engage in while facing a simulated natural disaster."

The FLL mission is to inspire youngsters around the world to use their creativity and engage in hands-on and minds-on activities. For more information, visit www.usfirst.org.

The First State FLL has grown from

a six team event in its inaugural year of 2001 to over 150 teams a year, with multiple events in Del., eastern Pa. and southern N.J. Since 2001 over 15,000 students have been involved. For more information, visit www.fsrobotics.org.

According to their website, FIRST LEGO League is designed to provide middle school children with an age-appropriate version of the FIRST experience. While the core activity is technological innovation, FIRST is a multidisciplinary activity. In addition to exposing young people to the possibilities of science, technology, and engineering, FIRST promotes community service, good sportsmanship, and "gracious professionalism," which means treating even opponents with respect and taking responsibility for improving one's community and introducing others to the value of science, technology, and engineering. For more information, visit <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>.

Loss of a fellow Airman, leader

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

Our wing personnel were shocked and saddened to hear from senior officers on Tuesday Feb. 4 that Col. Dave Byerly, our wing vice commander, had passed away.

Colonel Byerly died of natural causes on Feb. 4 while preparing to leave his home in Kennett Square, Pa. to travel to the New Castle Air National Guard Base on the first workday after our Feb. 1-2 Unit Training Assembly.

Delaware Air Guard Airmen had just seen a vigorous officer during that weekend drill who began Saturday's roll-call by helping to promote a staff sergeant to technical sergeant.

Days earlier Col. Byerly had joined other senior leaders of the Delaware National Guard on our flight line to welcome home soldiers of the 198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Delaware Army National Guard, after their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

And recently Col. Byerly, along with Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general-air, Delaware National Guard, and Col. Feeley, wing commander, briefed U.S. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) on our C-130 mission.

Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, in a message to "my Delaware National Guard family," said, "It is with a great deal of sorrow that I join all members of the Delaware National Guard in expressing our condolences and sincere sympathy on the sudden and unexpected passing of one of our beloved leaders, a mentor, advisor, colleague, friend, and vice commander of

our 166th Airlift Wing, Col. James D. (Dave) Byerly.

"He lived his life dedicated to our 166th Airlift Wing. He will be remembered for his care and concern for those in our Air National Guard. Col. Byerly was a patriotic American Airman and leader who served his country, state, and community willingly and without reservation. His death is a loss to all of us in the Delaware National Guard, and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jess and the rest of his family."

On the day of the tragic news, Col. Mike Feeley wrote, "It is with the deepest regrets that I must inform you of the death this morning of Col. James (Dave) Byerly. Words cannot express the scope of the loss to our Guard family. Our sincerest sympathies and prayers go out to Dave's family. We are better people, and a better organization, for having shared Dave in our lives."

Colonel Byerly began his 27-year military career as a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He earned his pilot wings in 1987 and served on active duty for eight years. His first assignment was in 1988 as a C-130E co-pilot at Clark Air Base, the Philippines, followed by tours at Howard Air Base, Panama and Yokota Air Base, Japan.

From 1994 to 2007 he served in the Air Force Reserve, accepting positions of increasing leadership in operations at the 327th Airlift Squadron, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

He came to our base in New Castle in 2007 as director of operations, 142nd Airlift Squadron, and was promoted to squadron commander in 2009. He



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Colonel James (Dave) Byerly

became the commander of the 166th Operations Group in 2012.

A command pilot with over 5,200 flight hours, including combat hours in Operations Just Cause, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, he flew the C-130 aircraft throughout his career from the C-130E to H models and had served as an expeditionary squadron commander on two occasions.

In 1997 Col. Byerly graduated from Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, N.J. with a Juris Doctor degree. He had a full-time civilian career as practicing attorney with Campbell Trial Lawyers for 15 years before retiring in December 2012 to accept his current position as vice commander, 166th Airlift Wing. He was promoted to colonel on Jan. 1, 2013.

At the family's request a memorial service was held at Delaware ANG headquarters on Feb. 7, where Gen. Vavala gave the eulogy. Col. Byerly is survived by his wife, Jessica, his son and daughter, two step-children, a brother and sister and their families.