

The DANG TRUTH

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



POTUS arrives at New Castle

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U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Michaels

UTA events

August 1, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Armed Forces Reserve Center ribbon cutting ceremony, 9:30 a.m., 250 Airport Road, New Castle, Delaware 19720

August 2, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clinic
- Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Main Hangar
- Retreat, 3 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600, Flagpole
- Retirement, 3:30 p.m., Master Sgt. Bob Stone, 166 AW, Loeffel Room, Bldg. 2600

August 3, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Protestant Services, 7:45 a.m., Bldg 2815, SAT
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2815, SAT
- School supply distribution, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm. Back-to-School Brigade sponsored. Members can pick up supplies for their children; bring list from school. Details: Airman & Family Readiness Center Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AirmanFamilyReadiness166thAirliftWing/>. Questions or wish to volunteer? Contact 1st Lt. Mease, A&FR Prog. Mgr., (302) 323-3327.
- Immunizations, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., Clinic
- Retreat, 3 p.m., MDG, Bldg. 2600, Flagpole

Coming events

Aug. 22-25: NGAUS Conference, Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 1: Suspense Date for Colonel S.B.I. Duncan Leadership Award for FY2014, awarded to one ANG member and one ARNG member annually. Eligibility: All traditional enlisted members in the grades of E-1 through E-6, who have been a member of the Delaware Air National Guard during the previous FY. For further information please contact Chief Master Sgt. Ottinger, (302)-326-7877 or Chief Master Sgt. Knotts, (302)-326-7855, Joint Force HQ, Delaware Air National Guard.

Nov. 15: 166 CES Pre-Deployment Yellow Ribbon event

Dec. 6: Wing Christmas Party

Jan. 10: DNG Senior Leaders Conference

On the cover: The President of the United States (POTUS) arrives at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. on July 17, 2014. Following President Barack Obama down the stairs from Air Force One are U.S. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and U.S. Rep. John C. Carney, Jr. (D-Del.).

UTA schedule FY14-15

02-03 Aug 2014	07-08 Mar 2015
06-07 Sep 2014	11-12 Apr 2015
18-19 Oct 2014	02-03 May 2015
01-02 Nov 2014	06-07 Jun 2015
06-07 Dec 2014	11-12 Jul 2015
10-11 Jan 2015	01-02 Aug 2015
07-08 Feb 2015	12-13 Sep 2015

Career News July 2014

(Unless otherwise noted, personnel actions are effective July 2014)

Appointed:

Bevis, Donald, Col., 166 AW
Dieffenbach, Scott, Capt., 166 AW
Gosting, Stacie, 2nd Lt. 166 MDG
Hardenstine, Lindsey, 2nd Lt., 142 AES
Hoffmann, Deborah, Capt., 142 AES

Enlistments:

Rogers, Dilynn, Staff Sgt., 166 MDG

Promotions:

To Lieutenant Colonel:

Carbonell, Joed, 166 AW
Robinson, Lynn, 166 AW

To Major:

Huber, Robert, 166 AW
Schlegel, Jonathan, 166 AW

To Captain:

Galvin, Timothy, 166 MDG (effective May 2014)
Pierre, David, 166 MDG, (effective June 2013)

To Master Sergeant:

Barnes, Barbara, 166 LRS
Levy, Jesse, 166 OG

To Technical Sergeant:

Johnson, Edwin, 166 MXS
Rodriguez, Benyette, 166 OSS
Young, Henry, 166 LRS

To Staff Sergeant:

Mahoney, Zachary, 166 MXS

To Senior Airman:

Aristizabal, Julian, 166 AMXS
Laborde, Laishawn, 166 SFS
Schropp, Benjamin, 166 AMXS
Watson, Melinda, 166 MXS

To Airman:

Chavis, Robert, 166 FSS
Jones, Gavin, 166 CES

DE ANG Recruiting:

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-CbsXENAAQ>

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

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

For career descriptions: www.goang.com.



Retirements:

Binder, Philip, Master Sgt., 166 MSG

Burton, Johnnie, Lt. Col., 166 AW
Currier, Mark, Senior Master Sgt., 166 LRS

Lamoreux, Bradley, Staff Sgt., 166 MXS

Quinn, Donald, Lt. Col., 166 CPFT

Mission first, people always

By Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters
Wing command chief

I am truly humbled and proud to serve as your wing command chief and look forward to serving with you all.

I'll be honest. There were plenty of times during my career I did not see myself staying in, much less attaining such rank and position. As most can attest, a career in the Guard is a bumpy one. There were ups and downs; I had my fair share of issues, both personally and professionally, that called into question whether I would stay.

But the resilience to keep serving came from my comrades in the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, good leaders and mentors, and my strong belief in the value of our mission.

As command chief, my goals are to ensure that everyone in the 166th Airlift Wing receives that same aid during their career highs and lows. Hopefully, the following initiatives will help.

I want to enhance communication up and down the chain of command, from the commander to the student flight. Making sure everyone knows and understands the commander's vision gives purpose and direction to our training. Making sure the commander

hears and understands the concerns of our Airmen creates a more efficient force and retains valued Airmen.

I want to redefine leaders' roles and qualities. Part of this will be developing mentors in our units, and you can't be an effective mentor if you aren't a qualified leader. Another part of this is making sure we promote Airmen others want to emulate and follow, not just those who have been around the longest.

I want to strengthen our force development. This means ensuring Airmen are getting both general and specialized training opportunities off base. This will broaden our knowledge, create well-rounded technical experts, and get us in line with our sister states. Training with other wings and focusing on force development brings new perspectives and ways of doing business.

Most importantly, as command chief I want to see people energized about our mission and caring about the people that do that mission. We have an awesome responsibility to our community and nation. Teamwork includes taking care of one another and seeing the value in each person and how they get the job done.

I look forward to working with you as part of the greatest team in the world.



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166th Airlift Wing

Mission Statement:

The mission of the 166th Airlift Wing is to provide tactical airlift and airdrop of troops, cargo and passengers using C-130 aircraft, plus aeromedical evacuation, civil engineer and network warfare functions.

Vision Statement:

To be ready, relevant, and reliable Airmen who are highly trained and motivated to aid the state and nation.



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Ross)

Technical Sgt. Joel Miller, 166th Maintenance Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard, shakes hands with President Barack Obama on July 17 at the New Castle ANG Base, Del.

President Obama visits

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
Wing Public Affairs

NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Delaware – U.S. President Barack Obama came to the home of the 166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard aboard Air Force One on July 17, en route to the Port of Wilmington, Delaware to announce a new initiative to increase private sector investment in our nation's infrastructure.

Arriving with the president were U.S. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and U.S. Rep. John C. Carney, Jr. (D-Del.).

Technical Sgt. Jim Burns, a crew chief in the 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was the first Airman to approach Air Force One after landing. Burns placed chocks under the front wheel of the Boeing 757 aircraft. "As

easy as it is, you do not want to make the slightest error," said Burns. "My job was to chalk the aircraft to make sure it is stabilized, and then signal to the White House communications staff to give the all clear so they could connect two hard land lines to Air Force One."

President Obama was greeted by Delaware National Guard Assistant Adjutant General for Air Brig. Gen. Carol A. Timmons, 166th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Michael J. Feeley, Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden and his wife Hallie Biden, City of New Castle Mayor Donald A. Reese and New Castle County Executive Thomas P. Gordon.

Next, a crowd of a several dozen Airmen and Soldiers of the Delaware National Guard and additional invited civilian guests were able to meet the

president up close. This was the first time that a group of unit Airmen has had the chance to meet a president at our air base in seven-and-a-half-years since President George W. Bush came here Jan. 24, 2007.

It was the first opportunity for many of the people present to meet any president, including several Airmen who shook hands with President Obama.

Technical Sgt. Joel Miller, 166th Maintenance Squadron, said, "It was definitely a big experience that you only see on T.V. He's the commander in chief, and it was definitely a monumental experience." Miller said the president told him, "Thank you for your service," and that Miller replied, "Thank you, Mr. President."

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Senior Airman Tabitha Parag, 166th Maintenance Operations Flight, described her experience. She said, "It makes you feel pride and patriotism. All of that comes over you when you get to meet a president face-to-face." Parag attended the 2009 and 2013 inaugurations of President Obama in Washington, D.C. while on an inauguration duty detail with the Delaware National Guard.

Second Lt. Valerie Harwood, 166th Airlift Wing, along with a nearby Airman, plus a civilian guest and the president laughed as they talked about his flight. She thanked him for coming and taking the time to meet them.

The president had similar words with other troops, telling them, "I appreciate your service," and, "Thank you for what you do," exchanging pleasantries and smiles with people. One guest who had met the president before was Reverend Christopher Bullock, New Castle County Council President, and the two enjoyed a brief talk about their prior meeting.

After receiving official notice of the visit a week ahead of time, preparations began during the July 12-13 Unit Training Assembly, and the wing did not lose a beat as it kicked into high gear to host the president.

According to Maj. Corey Walters, wing executive officer, practically each shop was tasked for some level of support, or their Airmen were individually tasked to assist other shops. "Everybody came together," said Walters.

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Ceselsky, airfield management superintendent, 166th Operations Support Squadron, coordinated support from base units and various civilian agencies.

Ceselsky said the Wilmington Federal Aviation Administration Tower and Delaware River and Bay Authority Airport Operations were instrumental in making the presidential visit run smoothly, and that Dover Air Force Base provided the backup stair truck and two Airmen.

The 166th Communications Flight ensured communication support before and during the visit, with Master Sgt. Robert White and Staff Sgt. Husler filling that role.

Airmen from the Small Air Terminal, 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron operated stair trucks for the president, White House staff and other personnel to deplane and board. Master Sgt. Jeff Coale and Tech. Sgt. Henry Young performed this duty, with Tech. Sgt. Angela Giroud assisting. Other LRS Airmen from motor vehicle operations and maintenance assisted in various support roles, including Master Sgt. James Mailley, 166th LRS, who built stairs for the raised press box.

166th Security Forces Squadron defenders performed additional perimeter checks and other force protection duties before and during the president's visit.

Five members of the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight searched vehicles, equipment and materials on scene as a precautionary measure, and 166th CES provided grounds maintenance and base clean up.

The 166th CES base fire department was on hand to assist in any emergency, with Master Sergeants Martin Krasavage and Clifford Snyder and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Castner leading the detail. The wing received additional equipment from the 175th Wing, Maryland ANG at Martin State Airport, Md. and

the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, with each unit providing a Striker P-19 fire fighting vehicle. The 436th also provided assistance from their fire chief, base civil engineer and LRS commander.

The Wilmington Manor Fire Company and New Castle County Emergency Management Services paramedics also provided people and equipment.

The 153rd Military Police Company, Delaware Army National Guard helped with force protection by providing several Soldiers and Humvees.

Civilian police agency support for the presidential mission came from DRBA Police, Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police and City of Wilmington Police.

A number of Airmen were called to assist the wing Airman and Family Readiness office by arranging holding areas for the press, escorts, visitors and distinguished visitors and by assisting personnel with their needs. A&FR Program Manager 1st Lt. Lauren Mease said, "I had a great team of supportive Airman to help execute our tasks. We put a lot of work into every detail of the process and knew what we were providing was very important because it would represent the Delaware Air National Guard to our guests."

This was President Obama's second visit to Delaware aboard Air Force One.

The president first came to the New Castle ANG Base aboard Air Force One Jan. 12, 2010 with First Lady Michelle Obama to attend the funeral of Vice President Joe Biden's mother in Wilmington.



Wingman Day camaraderie

The wing's base-wide Wingman Day and Safety Stand Down with a theme of 'Mission focus for mishap prevention' was held Sunday, July 13. Hands-on activities were the norm from hoop throws and football tosses to a display of new and vintage motorcycles with a safe riding briefing. Airmen participated in activities where teamwork and collaboration were key. Airmen moved through hula-hoops as their group locked hands, or had to maintain group balance while perched on a small square, or worked together to move with speed and unity of effort using wood squares as stepping stones.



U.S. Air National Guard story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey

New name, same goal

Delaware National Guard will save thousands of dollars next year

By 2nd Lt. Valerie Harwood
Wing Public Affairs

Camp Colwell is now known as the Children of the Delaware National Guard Camp Colwell. The camp is no longer an entity of the National Guard and has become a 501c3 tax exempt nonprofit organization licensed through the State of Delaware.

According to the Delaware National Guard State Family Program Director, retired Chief Master Sgt. Dawn Peet, "By becoming a 501c3 non-profit camp we are saving the Delaware National Guard \$42,000 to \$45,000 a year to run the seven day camp. No federal dollars will be used to run our camp, only donations. The Delaware National Guard will provide support and logistics."

The Children of the Delaware National Guard Camp Colwell is now run by a five-member board of directors, led by board president retired Master Sgt. Ernie Colwell.

The camp is the namesake of Colwell, who started it 14 years ago. His mission was to provide Delaware National Guard youth a quality summer camp and foster a sense of well-being while forming bonds with other military kids.

Children of different ages, communities and backgrounds come together to understand why their parents serve in the Guard. Building camaraderie and having fun through structured activities is what Camp Colwell provides for Delaware National Guard youth.

The one week camp held every July at the Bethany Beach Training Site can



U.S. Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Valerie Harwood

Tennis is one structured activity the campers enjoyed on July 24.

provide for up to 80 campers ages 9-12, and 50 Junior Counselors ages 13-16.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Slicer, camp volunteer, said, "I love being with the kids and giving back to the kids. The most rewarding thing is when the kids remember you the next year. It's a great camp for our Guard kids because they learn camaraderie and make great friends."

Campers are kept busy with a regimented schedule that includes team building and life skills. Campers are able to experience military activities that their own parents have experienced such as marching in formations, having platoon leaders, and working in teams on obstacle courses.

The campers' schedules also include field trips to the Delaware State Fair, the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base, and other local attractions.

In addition to military style activities, campers also receive computer time, do arts and crafts, and scale a rock climbing wall. Camper Ashley Gott, 10, daughter of Staff Sgt. Ed Gott, said, "This is my third year at camp. I came to camp to have fun and I enjoy the activities."

The camp is open to the dependent children of the Delaware Army and Air National Guard at the cost of \$50 per camper and \$75 per junior counselor. There is no cost for children of deployed parents.

Donations can be mailed to Children of the Delaware National Guard Camp Colwell c/o Mr. Ernie Colwell, 7 Weatherford Court, New Castle, DE 19720.

To learn more about the camp go through youth services on <http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/familyreadiness/youth>.