



# The DANG TRUTH



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



*Dignified Transfer divert exercise*

# UTA events

## April 10, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Immunizations, 2-3 p.m., Clinic
- Restricted Area Badge photos, outprocessing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Finance Customer service: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Bldg. 2600/Pay Section.
- Gas mask fit testing by appt. only, 323-3449/326.

## April 11, Saturday:

- Operation Cyclone (exercise), 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Restricted area badge photos, outprocessing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Commander support staff training, 8-9 a.m., HQ, Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Room
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, HQ, Bldg. 2600
- Finance Customer service: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Pay Section
- Company Grade Officer Council mtg., 1-1:30 p.m., CATM. POC 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood, 323-3369
- Chief's Council mtg., Noon-1 p.m., CES Training Rm.
- Promotion ceremony, Senior Master Sgt. Bostian, 3:30 p.m., HQ, Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.
- Junior Enlisted Council Bowling, 6-8 p.m.

## April 12, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Area
- Protestant Services, 7 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- Catholic Mass, 8 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- Restricted Area Badge photos, outprocessing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Immunizations, Physicals, Bldg. 2801, Clinic, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Finance customer service: 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Weapons Training, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Commander's call, all in place at 10:40 a.m., flight line, for six-ship formation departure
- Six-ship formation flight, 11 a.m. departure
- Junior Enlisted Council meeting, Noon-12:55 p.m., Bldg. 2821, LRS Training Room
- Retirement ceremony, 3 p.m., Chief Master Sgt. Frank Knotts, HQ DE ANG, Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.

# Coming events

- April 18:** Spring Children's Party, Noon-2 p.m., 1401 Newport Gap Pike, Wilm., DE. Food/child activities.
- April 23:** Take your child to work day, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 166th AW, DE ANG, Guard (members only)
- May 2:** 166th Airlift Wing Change of Command, 1:30 p.m., DE ANG main hangar, Bldg. 2902.
- May 13:** Kiwanis Luncheon
- May 16:** DE NG All-Ranks Military Ball, Dover

## UTA schedule FY15

11-12 Apr 2015	11-12 Jul 2015
02-03 May 2015	01-02 Aug 2015
06-07 Jun 2015	12-13 Sep 2015

# Career News

## March 2015

(Unless otherwise noted, personnel actions are effective March 2015)

## Appointed:

None this period.

## Enlistments:

None this period.

## Promotions:

### To Captain:

Dean, Jonathan, 166 FSS

### To Chief Master Sergeant:

Bostian, Thomas, 166 MXS

### To Senior Master Sergeant

Daniels, Shannon, 166 LRS

### To Master Sergeant:

Bennett, Kenneth, 166 FSS

Sutton, Christopher, 166 AMXS

### To Technical Sergeant:

Moore, Shennette, 166 LRS

Keller, Barbara, 166 CFT

Taylor, Shaun, 166 MXS

### To Staff Sergeant:

Joyce, Christopher, 166 MXS

Thomas, Mark, 166 LRS

### To Senior Airman:

Steffy, Shannon, 142 AES

Moore, Drew, 142 AES

### To Airman:

Morrow, Nathan, 166 AW

## Retirements:

Crowley, John, Senior Master Sgt., 166 OSS

Ely, Timothy, Lt. Col., 142 AS

Meredith, Robin, Tech. Sgt., 166 AW

Shermer, Bradley, Master Sgt., DE ANG HQ

Torre, Jason, Tech. Sgt., 166 LRS

Walsh-Shell, Kathleen, Senior Master Sgt., 166 MDG

Wickham, Sonia, Tech. Sgt., 166 MXS

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

166AW Facebook page:

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

166AW YouTube page:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBthSguwq9CkpF-CbsXENAQ)

166AW DVIDS page:

[www.dvidshub.net/unit/166AW-DANG](http://www.dvidshub.net/unit/166AW-DANG)

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 traditional positions; no closeout dates apply unless indicated:

142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron:

- Flight Nurse

166th Medical Group:

- Aerospace Medical Specialist

- Bioenvironmental Engineer

- Family Physician

- Internist

## Officer jobs

[www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

## Enlisted jobs

[www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_enlisted/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/join/air/air_enlisted/)

For career descriptions: [www.goang.com](http://www.goang.com).

## On the cover:

**Master Sgt. Joy Meek, a deployed broadcaster to Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations, measures distances for setup during a dignified transfer divert exercise March 19, 2015, at New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. The ANG base is AFMAO's alternate location for dignified transfers should one need to be conducted due to inclement weather during runway construction at Dover Air Force Base, Del. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jared Duhon)**

Commander's corner

# Wing on the rise

By Col. Mike Feeley  
Wing commander

I have had the privilege and honor to serve as your wing commander for almost three years. It has been the most rewarding, and humbling, period of my military life. I have seen our Airmen consistently rise and meet the challenges of this dynamic world environment. We are not where we need to be, nor are we close to meeting an "end state," but our future is bright.

The most important resource we have is our people. We are fortunate in that our surrounding demographics supports a wide range of sought-after talent. The population we draw from is highly educated and diverse. It has a strong background in the technical skills required to succeed in our various career fields. There is also a strong desire on our community's part to support our military missions. This relationship has been cultivated through a robust recruiting process, aimed at educating our community about who we are and how we are a part of this community. The results are evident in our manning end strength, which is well over 100 percent.

Our relationship with our elected representatives, at all levels, is also exceptionally good. Because of Delaware's unique size, we have been able to nurture those relationships, with willingness on both sides to foster increased knowledge and understanding. We are a nation of "We the People..." and no military entity has a constitutionally mandated existence like our Guard. We understand that we serve at the pleasure of our civilian leadership, and that leadership is responsible for ensuring that we are capable enough, and resourced well enough, to accomplish both our federal



Colonel Mike Feeley

and state missions. Our elected representatives, continually educated by many of you, have consistently fought to maintain our relevancy.

Our strategically beneficial location, close to our National Capital Region, also plays an important part in our future. Our many federal taskings supporting national logistic efforts is made possible by our location. Our history with the Banner Express missions is but one example.

The challenges we are facing are many. The changes in what is expected of us will continue to cause difficulties for many. Deployments are not going to go away, nor will the increase in physical standards. We are a changing force, required to change because of a changing world. Having said all of this, there is no better organization to accept this challenge than our Guard. We are composed of what makes America great: her people. I couldn't be prouder than to have served alongside of you in our wing and will always consider you as My Guard Family.

## 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.

## Wing Vision Statement:

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

## The DANG Truth

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# Base receives GTC rebate

**By 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

The Delaware Air National Guard received \$12,400 in rebates for keeping their Government Travel Card quarterly balance under two percent for the last two quarters.

The base is currently at a zero percent delinquency rate and if we continue to remain under the GTC two percent quarterly target, the unit will continue to receive quarterly rebates.

“We want to invest the money back into our base and would like feedback from our Airmen on how we should spend it,” said Col. Don Bevis, vice commander. “All Airmen are encour-

aged to submit ideas to their section resource advisor.”

Resource advisors will submit ideas up their chain of command for review.

A recent wing emphasis has kept the GTC delinquency rate low.

“Commanders are holding their Airmen accountable for charges that they accrued on their GTC and the base commander is holding all group commanders responsible,” said Lt. Col. Elias Danucalov, base comptroller. “Commanders were provided guidance and resources needed to assist their Airmen in taking action to make on-time payments to avoid delinquencies.”

Commanders and first sergeants have a delinquency severity checklist

they follow to help guide them when a member is delinquent in paying their credit card bill.

Actions are in place if Airmen become overdue on their GTC and financial counseling is available through our Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Your GTC requires that all outstanding, undisputed charges be paid by the specified due date on the billing statement. The travel card vendor has the right to suspend card privileges for card holders due to non-payment.

“We want our Airmen to be successful, and they need to file their travel vouchers within five working days after returning from a deployment or technical school,” said Danucalov.

# Post-deployment event benefits Airmen



*(U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood)*

**Ms. Jennifer Pipino assists Airmen and their families in a resume building workshop.**

**By 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

Forty-five Airmen and their families attended the wing's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Post-Deployment event from March 20-22 at the Sheraton Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland, to

benefit Airmen who recently returned home from Southwest Asia, Germany and various U.S. locations.

The event, meals and on-site child care providers were free of charge for all returning Airmen and their families.

This event provided a variety of classes to assist Airmen and their fami-

lies with resources and skills needed to help support returning Airmen into transitioning back into their daily lives.

Some classes provided were Four Lenses Training, Military OneSource, yoga, Take Control of Your Finances, Resume Workshop, and Parent/Grandparents of Service Member Focus Group.

“The topics discussed helped me to understand what issues that my son may encounter. I now know how I can help him and what resources are available,” said Mrs. Mercedes Petty, mother of Senior Airman Durrelle Petty, 166th Civil Engineer Squadron who recently returned home. “I thank everyone for helping my son to become a well-rounded individual. It is truly a family that cares about each other.”

Mrs. Kristi Walters, air wing integrator, coordinated the event. She said, “I am pleased with all the feedback I received from Airmen and base leadership who attended and it will be used to improve upcoming events.”

For upcoming Yellow Ribbon events, contact Mrs. Walters at 302-530-3596.

# 166<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

**Do you have a high school aged sophomore or older child who is considering (or should be considering) their future?**

**Share what you love about the DE Air National Guard and introduce them to what the DE ANG has to offer!**

**Date: Thursday,  
23 Apr 2015**

**Time: 0730-1500\***



**A full schedule of events will be planned to introduce them to various jobs/functions around the base (Lunch provided).**

**RETURN THIS FORM TO MSGT FERNANDEZ BY 16 APRIL 2015  
(Interoffice Mail – Base Training - Bldg 2600)**

Name/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Name(s) and Age:


Questions can be directed to SMSgt Spruill (x401) or your Operation Full Strength Representative.

\*The annotated times are the times of the program not the duty day times\*

# Runways may change, but dignity remains



(U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jared Duhon)

**Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations conducts a dignified transfer divert exercise March 19, 2015, at New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. AFMAO included every detail of a DT for the exercise, including a simulated family, to ensure the same dignity, honor and respect is carried out away from home station at Dover Air Force Base, Del.**

**by Veronica Aceveda**  
*512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations conducted a dignified transfer divert exercise March 19 in collaboration with the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle Air National Guard Base, Delaware.

The mission involved up to 60 total force members executing a contingency DT plan at another location.

“We hope this is something we will not have to do, but it’s something we must be prepared to do,” said Capt. Matthew Frebert, the exercise DT officer in charge during the carry team’s in brief at New Castle.

Cory Larsen, AFMAO’s chief of operations, later explained the importance of the drill.

“In the event there’s some type of weather issue or another situation which precludes an aircraft from landing at Dover (AFB) due to the runway construction, the aircraft can be diverted to New Castle,” he said. “Today, we’re transporting all our capabilities here to see how it works - including a simulated family in a surrey, driven by Dover’s (Logistics Readiness Squadron).”

Three months of planning led up to this dry run, but initial dialogue regarding an alternate DT location began last summer, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Celesky, New Castle

ANG’s airfield manager and the 166th AW’s liaison for the exercise.

His team of guardsmen assisted with various aspects of the exercise’s sequence of events as well as other logistical considerations such as staging areas for the families, distinguished visitors and parking plans.

“The Delaware Air National Guard is very proud to assist our Dover Air Force Base partners with this noble mission,” said Col. Donald R. Bevis, 166th AW vice commander. “It is imperative that the families of the fallen are supported to the best of our capabilities. It is our honor to assist in keeping this critically important mission in the great state of Delaware.”

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The coalition team involved in conducting the divert dignified transfer for the exercise included civilians and active, reserve and guard service members from the Air Force, Army and Air National Guard.

“This exercise represents the benefits of maintaining close operational ties with our Total Force partners both here at Dover and at New Castle,” said Col. Daniel F. Merry, AFMAO commander. “We will build upon the lessons learned and relationship forged from this event, so we can continue to successfully accomplish our ‘No Fail’ mission of taking care of the fallen and their families.”

In addition to the essential participants of a dignified transfer, AFMAO’s exercise team also included several subject matter experts from their respective fields to ensure every detail was covered at the alternate location, approximately 45 minutes north of Dover.

These members included a 436th AW protocol specialist, a contracted military family life counselor and five-time AFMAO deployer Senior Airman Omar Hall, who has served as a carry team member more than 100 times.

Near the flightline, where the fabricated DT was scheduled to take place, Hall provided some coaching to first-time AFMAO deployer Senior Airman Marcus Wesley, who has served as a carry team member three times. Both Hall and Wesley are reservists deployed from the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron.

Another AFMAO reservist on site for the exercise was Senior Airman James Arredon deployed from Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey. His charge for the operation was as a marshaler, assisting the driver of the families of the fallen in parking their vehicle.

“It’s not the most glamorous job, but I’m proud to do it,” he said. “And, I would volunteer for it every time.”

While most of AFMAO’s members are in tune with the dignified transfer mission, the mock DT served as a first-time experience for most of the guardsmen involved with the exercise.

“I felt very honored to be part of such a professional and sacred event in which loved ones and family members are cared for and for those who have fallen,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Susannah Tulloch, 166th AW chaplain. “Participating in this exercise was extremely helpful in understanding how AFMAO leadership sees the importance and weightiness of their mission and the role of the chaplain.”

In addition to the chaplains on site for the exercise, AFMAO members from its departures, dress and restoration and public affairs sections fulfilled their roles associated with a DT.

There are a lot of moving pieces,” said Frebert. “So, it’s important to test our abilities to ensure we carry out the same dignity, honor and respect no matter where we may be diverted to.”



**An Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations carry team loads an empty transfer case during a dignified transfer divert exercise March 19, 2015 at New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del. Carry teams were able to familiarize themselves with executing their duties on a different flightline as part of the exercise.**

# Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part

By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey  
Wing Public Affairs

This month the wing is participating in efforts that are national in scope to eliminate sexual assault.

April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month by both civilian and military communities. According to the Department of Defense, DoD observes SAAPM by focusing on creating the appropriate culture to eliminate sexual assault and requiring a personal commitment from all Service members.

We all have a part in combating sexual assault and SAAPM offers an opportunity to focus attention on our individual roles.

“Our wing makes sure everyone knows sexual assault reporting procedures, which we communicate in face-to-face meetings. We also make the necessary resources available 24/7 to help victims, whether for themselves or someone they know,” said Lt. Col. Mark Heck, the wing’s primary Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. Heck is assisted by Capt. Maureen Mulrooney, the wing’s alternate SARC.

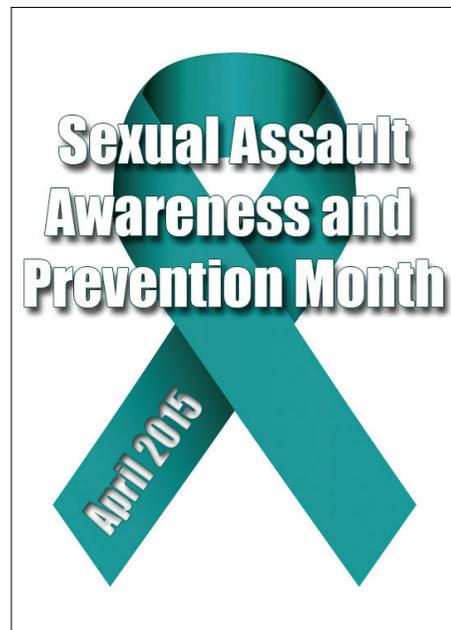
President Barack Obama, in the presidential proclamation announcing the National SAAPM Month 2015, said, in part:

“Nearly one in five women in America has been a victim of rape or attempted rape. Every year, too many women and too many men are sexually assaulted and abused. This is an affront to

our basic decency and humanity, and it must end. Sexual assault harms our communities, weakens the foundation of our Nation, and hurts those we love most. For survivors, the awful pain can take years to heal -- sometimes it never does. When an individual’s possibilities are limited by the scars of violence and abuse, our country is deprived of enormous potential. Sexual assault takes a collective toll on all of us, and it is everyone’s responsibility not only to speak out, but also to take action against this injustice.

“Thanks to the work of advocates, community leaders, public servants, and courageous survivors who shared their stories, our Nation has come an incredibly long way. But from schools to military bases and throughout all communities in America, we must do more to end the crime of sexual assault.

“It’s on parents and caregivers to teach their children to respect and value others. It’s on teammates, classmates, and colleagues to recognize sexual misconduct and intervene to stop it. It’s on all of us to work for the change we need to shift the attitudes and behaviors that allow sexual assault to go unnoticed, unreported, and unpunished. During National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, let us commit to being part of the solution and rededicate ourselves to creating a so-



(U.S. Air Force graphic by Airman 1st Class Zade C. Vadnais)

ciety where violence is not tolerated, survivors are supported, and all people are able to pursue their fullest measure of happiness without fear of abuse or assault.”

The 2015 SAAPM theme is: “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part.”

**Eliminate Sexual Assault:** Every Service member, at every level in our military, must know, understand, and adhere to Service values and standards of behavior in order to eliminate sexual assault, and other inappropriate behavior.

**Know Your Part:** Each member of our DoD community has a unique role in preventing and responding to sexual assault. We must recognize our part

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in stopping this crime starting with our own awareness and knowing when and where to intervene.

**Do Your Part:** We have to act. If we see a crime or inappropriate behavior unfolding, we need to step in to prevent it. We each need to add our voice to the call to end this crime.

Data from the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention Response Fact Sheet published April, 2015:

- The percentage of victims choosing to report the crime increased in FY14, while a scientific survey indicated the estimated prevalence of sexual assault decreased since FY12
- Despite these and other signs of progress, sexual assault remains an

underreported crime in the military. Therefore, the DoD continues its efforts to prevent sexual assault and support victims who make the difficult decision to report

- Estimates indicate in FY14 DoD receives a report from 1 in 4 victims of sexual assault – up from 1 in 10 in FY12, indicating greater confidence in reporting
- 6,131 reports of sexual assault against service members were received in FY14 – Reporting in FY13 and FY14 was well over 50 percent higher than in FY12
  - Women reported at about a 40 percent rate, up from an estimated 21 percent in FY12
  - Men reported at about a 10 percent rate, up from an estimated 3 percent in FY12

• DoD authorities considered 2,419 military subjects for possible action in FY 2014:

- Nearly three-quarters received some form of disciplinary action for a sexual assault charge or for any other offense for which there was evidence.
- The other quarter of military subjects could not be disciplined because the evidence did not support action (25 percent) or because a review by legal and command authorities determined the allegations were unfounded (2 percent).

The DoD Sexual Assault and Prevention program is prevention focused with a commitment to victim assistance.

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## Resources to help victims of sexual assault

**166th Airlift Wing 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Hotline** – (302) 250-1802

**166th AW SARC web page** – <http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil/units/sarc.asp>

**Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters SARC number** – (302) 326-SARC (7272)

**Delaware National Guard Sexual Assault and Harassment Prevention web page** – <http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/familyreadiness/prevention.cfm>

**DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office** – <http://sapr.mil/index.php>

**DoD Safe Helpline** – 1-877-995-5247 (Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community)

**Air Force SAPR website** – <http://www.sexualassaultpreventionresponse.af.mil/index.asp>

**National Domestic Violence Helpline** – 1-800-799-SAFE

**Military OneSource** – [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

