



# The **DANG TROTH**



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

## Families wish Airmen farewell

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## UTA events

### Nov. 6, Friday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Center
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, HQ, Bldg. 2600
- Immunizations, 8 a.m.-3:30 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.
- First Sergeants Council mtg., Noon-2 p.m., Bldg 2600, Riley Rm.
- Wing Staff mtg., 2 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.; UTA Concept mtg. and CIMB mtg. follow

### Nov. 7, Saturday:

- PT testing, 7:30 a.m., Base Fitness Center
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, HQ, Bldg. 2600
- Immunizations, 8 a.m. - Noon, Clinic
- 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 Rm.
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Finance Customer Service: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m, Bldg. 2600, Pay Section
- DNG College Fair, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 166AW HQ, Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm. Military education benefits, state/federal tuition programs, CLEP testing, CCAF. No preregistration required. Info: 302-323-3413.
- Chief's Council Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., CES Training Rm.
- FSS Change of command, 3:30 p.m., Loeffel Rm.

### Nov. 8, Sunday:

- PT testing, 7:30-9:30 a.m. & 9:30-11:30 a.m. Base Fitness Center
- Protestant Services, 7:30 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- Catholic Mass, 8:30 a.m., S.A.T., Bldg. 2815
- PERSCO training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Bldg 2600, Loeffel Rm.
- CBRNE Rodeo, 7:45a.m.-12:30p.m., Loeffel Rm.
- PME, CDC and ECI Testing: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., FSS, Bldg. 2600
- Newcomers Brief, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Bldg 2805, Cooper Rm.
- Restricted Area Badge photos, outprocessing, SFS, Bldg. 2703, 8-11:30 a.m./12:30-3:30 p.m.
- FSS Customer Service: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Finance customer service: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- CGOC meeting, 11 a.m.-Noon, CE Break Rm.
- Junior Enlisted Council open forum, Noon-12:55 p.m., Bldg. 2821, LRS Training Rm.
- Retreat, 3 p.m., Bldg 2600, Flag Pole

## Coming events

- November 7:** Fall College Fair
- November 7:** Dover Parade
- November 21:** Yellow Ribbon Pre-Deployment
- December 5:** Photos with Santa (time TBD)
- December 5:** Holiday Party
- December 10:** Holiday concert
- December 12:** DNG Children's Party (time TBD)
- December 19:** Sky-Zone deploy event
- January 9, 2016:** Senior Leaders Conference

### UTA schedule FY15-16

17-18 Oct 2015	09-10 Apr 2016
07-08 Nov 2015	14-15 May 2016
05-06 Dec 2015	04-05 Jun 2016
09-10 Jan 2016	09-10 Jul 2016
06-07 Feb 2016	06-07 Aug 2016
05-06 Mar 2016	10-11 Sep 2016

## Career News October 2015

(Effective Oct. 2015 unless otherwise noted)

### Appointed:

Every, Marion, Major, 166th MDG  
Ginsburg, Robert, Major, 166th MDG

### Enlistments:

Carruth, Richard, Staff Sgt.,  
166 LRS  
Hoy, Ryan, Tech. Sgt., 166 AW  
Kasprenski, Scott, Tech. Sgt.,  
142 AS  
Kirk, Barry, Staff Sgt., 142 AES  
McGoron, Joshua, Tech. Sgt.,  
142 AES  
Naldzin, Brian, Tech. Sgt., 166  
AMXS  
Schnelker, Cynthia, Chief  
Master Sgt., 166 MSG

### Promotions:

**To Lieutenant Colonel:**  
Urrutia, Lewis, 166 AW  
Taylor, Jefferson, 166 AW  
**To Major:**  
White, Christopher, 166 CES  
**To Captain:**  
Pepe, Christopher, 166 AW  
**To 1st Lieutenant:**  
Steinbrunner, Joel, 166 SFS

### Retirements:

Duffy, John, Senior Master Sgt.,  
166 AW (effective August, 2015)

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

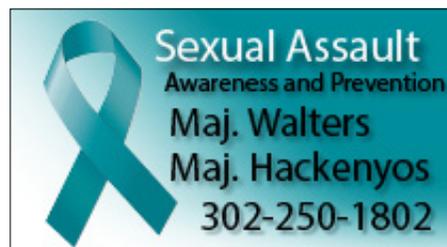
## Enlisted jobs

[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:

**Colonel Don Bevis, commander, 166th Airlift Wing, salutes his deploying Airmen alongside a son saluting his father goodbye on October 28. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood)**



# New state command chief

by **Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Ottinger**  
*Command Chief, Delaware ANG*

What a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve as your 13th State Command Chief Master Sergeant!

I'd like to share with you my outlook as Delaware Air National Guard members. We are "twice the citizen", serving both our Nation and State as well as our communities in which we live.

We are asked to accomplish more, being ever-ready when called to duty while we work, live, and play in our respective hometowns. A daunting challenge in the best of times but with our current operations tempo requiring over one third of our wing to deploy, it demands a dedicated team to accomplish this mission.

Experienced and dedicated leaders, trusted mentors and fellow Wingmen working together to arm you with the tools you need to succeed.

Let's not forget the teammates, your family, who provide the additional support and encouragement absolutely essential to your service and reaching your career goals. Remember to thank them for their unwavering commitment. This path of service that we have all chosen, defending our State and Nation, requires a strong, unstoppable team with no less than 100



**State Command Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Ottinger**

percent determination to excellence in mission accomplishment. As part of this great team, my goal is to be your voice, to ensure that you have the tools you need to advance through your career and to promote the programs in place to recognize your achievements.

Each of you has a story. Each of you are Citizen Airmen, starting your journey in your military career, continuing to grow in your occupational development as supervisors or transitioning to broader leadership roles as top tier managers.

I have such admiration for your commitment and dedication to service at every level. I am proud to serve with all of you and will dedicate my efforts to serve you as your Command Chief!

166th Airlift Wing leadership

**Col. Don Bevis**

*Commander*

**Col. David Walker**

*Vice Commander*

**Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters**

*Wing Command Chief*

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## **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.

# Combined Federal Campaign update

by **Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Davis**  
Delaware Air National Guard HQ

The Combined Federal Campaign continues.

As of November 7, there are only 38 days remaining to donate! Pledging is open from September 1 through December 15.

The CFC is the largest and most successful workplace fundraising campaign in the world. During more than 50 years of operation, the CFC has raised \$7 billion to help neighbors in need around the corner, across the nation and throughout the world.

Your donation can be extremely important:

\$2 per week provides mosquito nets that can save the lives of eight children;

\$3 per week provides six months of counseling sessions for a family dealing with Alzheimer's;

\$5 per week provides temporary shelter for a family of four for three nights following a disaster;

\$10 per week provides breakfast for 10 children for the entire summer;

Each charity is screened by your federal peers to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements which include: a Health and Human Service impact statement, IRS determination letter, tax form 990 and certified audits. Annual audits ensure funds are distributed to the charities you have chosen.

There are now links on the 166th Airlift Wing SharePoint and the 166th AW Facebook page to make donating even easier:

- <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/166AW/Pages/default.aspx>

- <https://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing>

AGRs and Technicians: make your payroll contribution through MyPay today! Use DNGARMY, DNGAIR, or DNGCIV for your Command/Unit Name as appropriate. There is a button on the AF SharePoint home page for MyPay pledges. You can select a charity or charities from the same link or leave your donation undesignated.

Traditional (M-day) Soldiers and Airmen can make one-time online payments with a credit card by clicking "CFC Nexus" on the 166 AW SharePoint or Facebook pages, or handing cash/check to a CFC keyworker using the Cash/Check Donation paper Form.

The Delaware Air National Guard coordinator is Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Davis. The CFC Keyworkers (unit representatives) are as follows:

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|-----|--------------------------------|
| MSG | Tech. Sgt. Kelly Leone         |
| AW  | Capt. Susannah Tulloch         |
| AW  | Staff Sgt. Craig Deputy        |
| MXG | Chief Master Sgt. Henry Rome   |
| LRS | Senior Airman Kristen Bieniek  |
| MDG | Senior Airman Jennifer Jackson |
| OPS | Capt. Kieran Thorne            |

Please contact the keyworker in your unit for any questions or to seek assistance in donating.

Our goal this year is to donate \$35,000 between the Army and Air Force DENG. Again, there are only 38 days remaining to donate. Please take the time to make a difference by donating. Thank you.

**Pledge online using myPay.**

**THANK YOU!**

How to make your CFC pledge online using myPay:

1. Login to myPay. Select "Combined Federal Campaign CFC"
- 2a. **Civilian/Marines:** Select "Add New Contribution"
- 2b. **Active Duty Army/Navy/Air Force:** Select "Add New Contribution", enter & confirm Campaign Code 0405
3. Follow the prompts to complete your payroll pledge
4. Under "Personal Information Authorized Release" type information EXACTLY as listed above for Command/Unit Name
5. Review, confirm, and submit your CFC contribution

Thank you for your generous support to the great work of CFC-approved organizations.

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[www.cbafc.org](http://www.cbafc.org)

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Combined Federal Campaign

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[www.cbafc.org](http://www.cbafc.org)

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2. Click on PLEDGE NOW CFC Nexus
3. Returning online donors LOGIN; First time online donors REGISTER
4. REMINDER: If your agency uses EEX for the campaign, you may only pledge with credit card on CFC Nexus
5. Follow the prompts to complete your one-time credit card donation
6. **THANK YOU** for your generous support to the great work of CFC-approved organizations!

# Aeromedical training room dedicated to unit Airman

by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood  
Wing Public Affairs

Family, friends and coworkers filled the room at a dedication ceremony held October 17 to honor the memory of Staff Sgt. Joannmarie A. Kurcan.

The 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard dedicated their training room in her memory.

“We chose that room because it represented togetherness and that the room was an epicenter for training, briefings and assemblies,” said 1st Lt. Timothy Stoeckle, senior health technician.

Kurcan was known for bringing togetherness through her cooking and would regularly bring in dishes to share with coworkers.

Master Sgt. Michael Fernandez, Kurcan’s fiancé, and their daughter Sophia were presented the Delaware ANG Distinguished Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, a shadow box, a chief master sergeant coin from 166th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Shaune Peters, and a hand made quilt from Staff Sgt. Leslie Hamill. The quilt featured silk screen pictures reveling Kurcan’s life.

Kurcan passed away July 28, 2015 in a car accident. She and Fernandez were to be married the following month.

Kurcan served in the Delaware ANG for over nine years and was a health services management specialist. She did a tour in Afghanistan from November 2009 to January 2010 as an air crew flight equipment specialist.



U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. John Michaels  
Staff Sgt. Leslie Hamill, aeromedical evacuation technician, and Col. Michelle Kirwan, commander, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, present Master Sgt. Michael Fernandez and daughter Sophia (right) with a memory quilt.



Sophia and her father, Master Sgt. Michael Fernandez, cut the ribbon to the 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron training room dedicated in Joann’s memory, as Col. Michelle Kirwan, 142nd AES commander, looks on.



*U.S. Air National Guard photos by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood*

Families and Airmen watch as C-130H's with their loved ones aboard prepare to take off.

# Families give farewell to Airmen



An aircrew member says goodbye to his spouse before deploying for 120 days.

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

Over 100 Airmen from the Delaware Air National Guard departed aboard four C-130H aircraft on October 26 and October 28 to Southwest Asia.

The deploying Airmen from the 166th Airlift Wing's operations and maintenance groups will be supporting Operation Freedom Sentinel and deploy for up to 120 days.

About half of the Airmen and two of the four C-130H aircraft departed on October 26, and the other half departed on October 28.

Family members, friends and coworkers came out to give support to their deploying loved ones.

**See Farewell, pg. 7**

**Farewell, cont. from pg. 6**

Family members can keep up to date with 166th Airlift Wing events through our Facebook page, website, YouTube and phone application.

If you need assistance accessing any of these products contact our public affairs office at 302-323-3369 or 302-323-3408.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Key Volunteer Program through the Airman and Family Readiness office, contact 1st Lt. Lauren Mease at 302-323-3327.



*U.S. Air National Guard photos by 1st Lt. Valerie Harwood*  
**Aircrew walk toward their C-130H to begin their overseas deployment.**



**Bank of America representatives hold signs on October 28 to thank our deploying Airmen for their service.**



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

**Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard, conducts the state command chief change of authority ceremony, giving authority to Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Ottinger, center. Authority changed from prior State Command Chief Chief Master Sgt. Steven Stinsky, right.**

# State command chief change of authority

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

Chief Master Sgt. Patricia A. Ottinger accepted the role of Delaware Air National Guard State Command Chief from Chief Master Sgt. Steven Stinsky on October 17.

As the state command chief, Ottinger will represent the enlisted force. She reports directly to the adjutant general on all enlisted issues, to include professional military education, enlisted promotions, mentorship, morale, family and community relations, as well as esprit de corps.

Ottinger was previously the chief, military personnel manager for head-

quarters, Delaware ANG. She served as an advisor to Delaware National Guard senior leadership on all personnel issues impacting the Delaware ANG. As the personnel representative and liaison for Joint Force Headquarters, Chief Ottinger worked closely with Army counterparts on joint/state missions and was responsible for the overall force management of the enlisted and officer force of the entire Delaware ANG.

Ottinger entered the Air Force in 1982 and served as a ground radio maintenance specialist. She has been stationed in Osan Air Base, Korea, Prum Air Station, Germany, and Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. She has participated in multiple exercises to include

Cope Jade, Road Runner '87 and Operation Red Flag. Ottinger served for over 19 years as a reservist with the 913th Airlift Wing in the personnel career field.

During her tenure, she became the full time wing career advisor and acting military personnel superintendent until her transfer to the 514th AW in 2007. She served as the military personnel superintendent to a 3,000 person wing for seven months until she was selected to be the military personnel superintendent for the 166th AW.

Ottinger assumed the position of Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Chief, military personnel manager in 2013.



*U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Alonzo Chapman*

Major Gen. Frank Vavala, adjutant general, Delaware National Guard (third from left), Brig. Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general-air (second from right, front row), and Col. Don Bevis, wing commander (left) stand with Community College of the Air Force graduates from the 166th Airlift Wing and Wilmington University staff on October 17.

# Ten graduate with CCAF degree

**by Senior Master Sgt. Keith Zulkowski**  
*Force Support Development Superintendent, 166th Force Support Squadron*

Ten wing members graduated from the Fall 2015 class of the Community College of the Air Force on October 17.

The Community College of the Air Force was conceived in the early 1970s as a means of gaining accreditation and recognition for Air Force training. Led by Lt. Gen. George Simler, commander of Air Training Command, Air Force visionaries recognized the need to enhance the skills of noncommissioned officers as technicians, leaders, and citizens.

In November 1971, Gen John D. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, approved the establishment of the Community College of the Air Force. The Secretary of the Air Force approved the activation plan and the college was established April 1, 1972 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

With more than 305,000 registered students, the college is the largest multi-campus community college in the world. Its affiliated schools are located in 36 states, and 8 foreign locations.

For more CCAF information contact base education at 323-3412.

## CCAF Fall Class of 2015

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|--|---|
| Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Walsh, 166th AMXS | Technical Sgt. Joseph Sparacio, 166th CES |
| Master Sgt. Jeffrey Longfellow, 166th MXS    | Staff Sgt. William Paskey, 166th LRS      |
| Master Sgt. Daniel Pinkowski, 166th MXS      | Staff Sgt. Allen Shanley, 166th AW        |
| Master Sgt. Rusty White, 142nd AES           | Staff Sgt. Desmond Overton, HQ, DE ANG    |
| Technical Sgt. Latroy Mitchell, 166th OSS    | Senior Airman Kent Baez, 166th AW         |



U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Alonzo Chapman

**Brigadier Gen. Carol Timmons, assistant adjutant general-air, Delaware National Guard, presented Tech. Sgt. Aaron Weber the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement (not involving participation in aerial flight) to the United States while engaged in action against an enemy of the U.S. from January 20, 2012 to July 20, 2012.**

# Airman receives Bronze Star

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

Technical Sergeant Aaron M. Weber was presented the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement (not involving participation in aerial flight) to the United States while engaged in action against an enemy of the U.S. from January 20 to July 20, 2012.

The ceremony was held at 166th Airlift Wing Headquarters on October 16.

Weber, a Delaware native, resides in New Castle, Del. and is a 2003 graduate from Delcastle Technical High School.

Weber enlisted in the Delaware Air National Guard in April 2004 and is

currently assigned to the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He graduated from the Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal Apprentice course in June, 2006 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Weber has three combat deployments as an EOD technician in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan. In 2008 and in 2010 he deployed as a team member, and again in 2012 as a team leader.

He also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009 to Misawa AFB, Japan.



**Brigadier Gen. Carol Timmons pins the Bronze Star Medal on Tech. Sgt. Aaron Weber.**