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Where exigency meets urgency, the LRS ground transportation team is on point

By Mr. Mitch Topal, 166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NOTE: This is the third in a series of feature article about the 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS). Tasked with providing everything from paperclips to parachutes, fuels and CBRN gear; the mission of LRS is to provide responsive, reliable and sustainable logistics support anytime, anywhere.



Master Sergeant Nephtali Ortiz and Senior Airman Eric Steinbeiser, members of the 166th Logistics Readiness Squadron's ground transportation section in front of a wrecker – one of the numerous vehicles used in their mission set, 29-March-2021. The 166th LRS ground transportation team manages the logistics of moving equipment and personnel necessary to sustain the tactical airlift mission of the 166th Airlift Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Mr. Mitch Topal)

DELAWARE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del. -- Whether it's equipment, personnel, or hazardous materials, the Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) provides the logistics and vehicles to deliver anytime, anywhere. From huge C-130H2 aircraft tires to the smallest essential aircraft parts, the 166th LRS ground transportation team plays a vital role in our primary mission: keeping our tactical airlift capability at peak performance.

The two full-time and three guard status Airmen are trained on the use of an assortment of vehicles that include buses, wreckers, low-boys, and pick-ups. A typical active-duty base employs between 15 – 20 Airmen, so these dedicated men wear many hats.

"We deliver assets to different 'shops' all over the base. And we train on different vehicles as well. Anything with tires and a [steering] wheel we pret-

ty much touch," said Master Sgt. Nephtali Ortiz, Ground Transportation Superintendent.

Senior Airman Eric Steinbeiser, the Ground Transportation Specialist adds, "We also track basic inspections of vehicles, license validation, validation of training, and distribution of parts. We work pretty closely with the vehicle maintenance shop."

"The good thing is it gives us an opportunity to meet everyone and talk to everyone. If it weren't see *Transportation* on page 2

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for –those deliveries, I wouldn't have met him [SrA Steinbeiser]. I started asking around for anyone interested in filling the much-needed slot. Then from out of nowhere there he was,” said Ortiz.

The support provided by the transportation team is a critical part of mission success. Essential personnel, cargo and other high priority items like aircraft parts are what keep the wing's C-130H2s in the air. Unanticipated requests make their job unpredictable. And with unpredictability comes the challenge of satisfying numerous urgent taskings. As two-man shop, they need to be flexible and adaptable. As priorities change, the transportation team needs to adjust their schedules, equipment requirements, and if necessary, reach out to other units in Maryland or New Jersey as well as Dover AFB for specialized equipment or additional personnel. Their sweeps are usually twice a day – one morning and one afternoon. But when the unexpected happens, that could double.

“The beauty of our job is that it's so random and spur of the moment that we just have to be ready at a minute's notice. It's never the same thing every day. And now that we've picked up the POTUS mission, there's more interaction with USSS and agencies outside of the base including state and county law enforcement. It runs the gamut,” said Ortiz.

The future on the ground transportation section will bring many upgrades to both personnel, vehicles – even their office layout. SrA Eric Steinbeiser stated, “Like MSgt Ortiz said, I'll eventually step into his position. Also, many of our vehicles are of an older inventory, so it would be of great value to acquire some new vehicles such as a forklift, buses and some basic transportation vehicles like sedans that carry out the everyday mission. . .

“I've been working in transportation as a technician for about two years to support ground transportation during deployment and manning constraints before going to tech school. It was

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a lot to take in while learning the job at a tech school level, but a great opportunity regardless to be able to come back and use the knowledge and skills gained so that I can be more effective for my mission. I have come to understand that we cover about eight plus different positions within our shop. It's great that we're moving away from motor pool and coming back to the warehouse. I'll be stepping into a new office that will be more efficient, have more room for our传统als to come in, and give us an opportunity to set up an actual customer service area,” added Steinbrieser.

The operational cadence of any air base waxes and wanes with its mission requirements. For the 166th LRS ground transportation team, being flexible and fast to ensure the mission's success are all in a day's work.

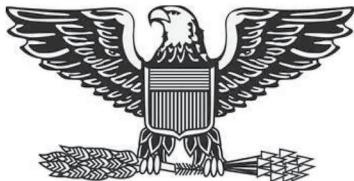
President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden's arrivals and departures from the Delaware Air National Guard Base, April, 2021

The Delaware National Guard received and sent off President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden during their recent trip to their home-state of Delaware this past weekend.





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*Colonel Carla D. Riner
166th Airlift Wing
Commander*

*Requests the honor of your
presence at the
Change of Command Ceremony*

during which

*Colonel William R. Roche
will relinquish
command of the
166th Maintenance Group*

*to
Colonel Daniel J. Begin*

*on Saturday, the first of May
at ten thirty in the morning
at the Main Hangar, Bldg. 2902
New Castle County Airport, Delaware*

*For safety purposes due to COVID-19 the ceremony will be broadcasted live at the provided date and time on Facebook. No RSVP required. Link is provided below:
www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing*



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100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Earlier this month, the Delaware National Guard, Governor John Carney and many other organizations had the distinct honor of celebrating the 100th Birthday of a WWII Veteran, Antonetta Schumacher. During the COVID restrictions, Ms. Schumacher's family wanted to do something special for this strong WWII veteran.

Antonetta enlisted into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and was later attached to the Regular Army. She eventually attained the rank of Sergeant.

The happiest of birthdays to this amazing woman, and we were honored to celebrate with you!





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**Congratulations to the Air National Guard Winners
for the 2020 FSS A1 Awards. Best wishes to all as they
now compete at the Air Force level!**

Lieutenant General Norm Lezy Award:

Maj Andrew T. Wong, 166 FSS, Delaware Air National Guard
Force Support Reserve Component Company Grade Officer of the Year
(Installation Level):

Capt Lauren E. Mease, 166 FSS, Delaware Air National Guard



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**TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN...
AIRPOWER ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.**



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CHAT AND CHEW WITH COMMAND CHIEF ROBBIN MOORE



WHO:

YOU, ME, & THE 166 AW CARE TEAM: CHAPLAIN,
DPH, A&F READINESS, HRA, EO

WHAT:

LET'S CHAT... WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND
HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD
PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS - LET'S WORK IT
OUT

WHERE:

LOEFFEL ROOM, BLDG 2600

WHEN: SAT, 1 MAY 1130-1230
MON, 3 MAY 1130-1230



NEW CASTLE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Del. -- SMSgt. Lori Friess of the 166th Comptroller Flight receives the Meritorious Service Medal, a 166th Airlift Wing command chief coin, as well as a personalized wing command chief coin for excellence, 28-April-2021. SMSgt Friess will be retiring in June, 2021. (Air National Guard photos by Mr. Mitch Topal)



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6 Common Mistakes When Donning Chemical Protection Gear



Mask Carrier Case is left open.



Hood covering eye lens



Protective Footwear Covers and Protective Gloves are tucked into CPO clothing.

Suspenders were not pulled over shoulders and secured.



Waist elastic coat retention cord is not pulled through to the front and secured. Coat retention cord ends are not tied to prevent from coming undone.



CPO Coat Front Closure is not secured. Barrel lock is not snapped together.

Please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 323-3425 with any questions.



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Fitness and Diet

Fitness testing is just around the corner. It is key to our military community force readiness to have good health and peak physical fitness. One of the best ways to build stamina is to eat healthy nutritious foods that fuel our bodies accordingly. Several ways to develop healthy habits are to limit our sugar intake, lower our sodium intake, eat lean protein, or snack on fruits and vegetables just to name a few. Did you know shopping at your local farmers' market will provide you with fresher produce?



Kuder Journey is a no-cost, career and transition system, which is specifically designed for the US military, it is a comprehensive online resource to help service members plan for their future.

They will learn about their interests, skills, and work values and use those results to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information, and plan for their future suc-

cess. (<https://www.dantes.doded.mil/EducationPrograms/PrepForCollege/Kuder.html>) (<https://dantes.kuder.com/landing-page#>)

By eating healthy as adults we can share this lifestyle with our children as well, making sure they get the proper servings each day from each food group as recommended. This article was amazing to read and a reminder as well of healthy food habits to keep in mind. Enjoy! <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/health-wellness/healthy-living/fitness-nutrition-active-living/practicing-good-nutrition-boosts-personal-performance/>





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The importance of good communication

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Are you good at communication? How well do you know your audience? Does what you say get taken in the right context? Communication is often the weak link in an organization. It is ever changing and constantly needs to be evaluated. There are many factors that need to be taken into account when communicating. Who is my audience? What do I want to tell them? Are they interested in what I have to say?

You must understand your audience to communicate in a way that is relatable. Other than at schools and some organizations, you are not likely to speak to one like-minded group at a time.

Take the Air Force for example. We are often comprised of four to five generations of individuals striving to achieve common goals. Many times senior leaders and Airman do not agree on the same solutions for a given challenge. The root cause of this is generational communication. As the gap between generations increases, so does the tension and understanding of the path to accomplish the mission.

During June UTA I will be teaching a class on generational communication and feedback. Please ask your supervisor for permission if you are interested in this engaging small group training.



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GUS' DE NG CANINE THERAPY DOG, RETIREMENT GATHERING *04 JUNE 2021, 1600* PIGGY PARK (RAIN OR SHINE) *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

Gus would like to thank each and everyone one of you for your pats, biscuits, Facebook following, and fist bumps. He will miss you. He has logged over 1200 hours of work and enjoyed it all.

**Remember, Resiliency is HC,
Happy Corgi!!!**



FROM THE BASE CHAPLAIN CORPS THE FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE: **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - MAY 2021 RSD**

**ALL SERVICES IN MEDITATION ROOM, BLDG 2821, SUPPLY BLDG
1600 (SATURDAY) - ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**

0900-1000 (SUNDAY) - PERSONAL MEDITATION, PRAYER, OR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

1100 – 1130 (SUNDAY) PROTESTANT SERVICE

OTHER QUESTIONS CALL CHAPLAIN DUTY PHONE: 302-463-6883





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It is Air Force policy to place a high value on the rights of Air Force members to observe the tenets of their respective religions or to observe no religion at all.

The Air Force has a compelling government interest in mission accomplishment and will take this into account when considering Air Force members' requests for accommodation of religious practices. This interest includes military readiness, unit cohesion, good order and discipline, or public health and safety for both the individual and unit levels.

- The Air Force expects commanders and supervisors to permit individual expressions of sincerely held beliefs (conscience, moral principles, or religious).
- The Air Force will consider Air Force members' requests for religious accommodations from military policy, practice, or duty.
- Commanders, Chaplain Corps personnel, medical providers, judge advocates, and other subject matter experts work as a team, as applicable, to determine the effect the request for accommodation of religious practices would have on the specific military policy, practice, or duty.
- An Airman's expression of sincerely held beliefs may not be used as the basis for any adverse personnel action, discrimination, or denial of promotion; and in so far as practicable, may not be used as a basis



for making schooling, training, or assignment decisions.

- The Air Force will inform Airmen of approved requests for accommodation of religious practices, to include specific elements of the approval.
- Air Force policy does not preclude disciplinary or administrative action when an Airman requesting religious accommodation engages in conduct prohibited by Title 10 United States Code Chapter 47, Uniform Code of Military Justice, including actions and speech that threaten good order and discipline.
- The Air Force will allow qualified individuals intending to enter service to submit a pre-accession request for religious accommodation exception to policy for dress and personal appearance standards and receive a decision before entry.



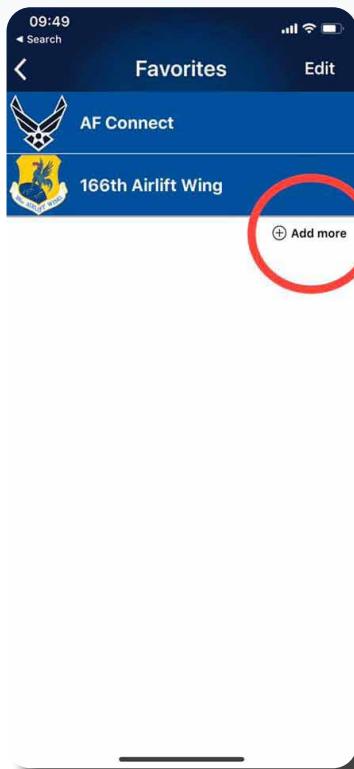
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WITH THE AIR FORCE CONNECT APP*



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