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Tech. Sgt. Nicole Brenneman, fuels specialist with the 193rd Special Operations Wing, fuels vehicles belonging to victims of Hurricane Sandy at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Photo by Tech Sgt. Culeen Shaffer)



State Command Chief Perspective

By Chief Master Sgt. Victor H. Guerra
State Command Chief

We have another changing of the guard. I'm sure most of you had heard earlier this year that Maj. Gen. Stephen Sischo announced his plans to retire in December as the Deputy Adjutant General - Air and Commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Recently, Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig, The Adjutant General of Pennsylvania and Commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard, announced that he had selected Col. Anthony Carrelli, Commander of the 171st Air Refueling Wing at Pittsburgh International Airport, as Major General Sischo's successor.

General Sischo served as the Deputy Adjutant General - Air and Commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard since November 2006. He previously had served as Commander of both the 111th Fighter Wing at then Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove (now Horsham Air Guard Station) and the 193rd Special Operations Wing at Harrisburg International Airport. I've enjoyed getting to know and

working with General Sischo over this past year and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank General Sischo for his nearly 33 years of service to the United States Air Force, the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I wish him and Mrs. Sischo godspeed in their future endeavors.

While Colonel Carrelli most recently has been the Commander of the 171st Air Refueling Wing, previously he was also Commander of the 111th Fighter Wing. He's a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has a Master's Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Colonel Carrelli is a Command Pilot with more than 4,500 flight hours in KC-135, A/OA-10, T-37 and AT/T-38 aircraft. He also has a background in aircraft maintenance.

I met Colonel Carrelli several years ago when he was at the 111th but got to know him better after he became Commander of the 171st. I look forward to getting to know him even better and working with him as he takes the Pennsylvania Air National Guard forward, and continues to build on the foundation that General Sischo and the others before him have laid.

I'd like to thank General Sischo again for his dedication, leadership and service to the Airmen of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. And congratulations to Colonel Carrelli as he takes the stick and guides us into the future.

Have a story to tell or a job vacancy? Contact the Public Affairs Office and share the news! Scope advertising works for you to get the word out!

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Promotion to Master Sergeant

Shaw C. Lewis 193 SOS

Promoted to Technical Sergeant

Andrew J. Hoke 193 SOAMXS
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 Michael C. Dawson 193 SOSFS
 Christopher J. Burns 193 SOSFS

Promoted to Staff Sergeant

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 Christian L. Dolbin Headquarters

Promoted to Senior Airman

Andrew L. Jakubik 193 SOMXS
 Nicole M. Gentzel 193 SOS
 Jared K. Williams 193 SOS

Promoted to Airman First Class

Shana A. Ginter 193 SOW



News In Brief

2013 Scholarships for military children

Applications for the 2013 Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available in Dec. at commissaries worldwide. Scholarship awards will be based on funds available, but the scholarship program awards at least \$1,500 at each commissary.

To apply for a scholarship, the student must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 -- or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university -- of a service member on active duty, reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2013 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants must submit an essay; the essay topic is available at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 22, 2013.

You can also find more information at <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

'Airman' magazine enters digital era

A year after publishing the final print edition of Airman magazine, the Air Force is unveiling a new digital version of the service's official magazine specifically geared for tablet devices.

"Built specifically for Apple and Android tablet users, this new format gives readers all the in-depth feature stories and spectacular photos they've come to expect from Airman magazine and adds layers of multimedia content and interactivity only available through new publishing techniques," said Preston Keres, Airman editor-in-chief. "We are very excited to release this first new issue, and begin a new era for telling the Airman's story."

In addition to stunning photography, compelling copy, great video, interactive content and design, Keres said the staff is proud that they are able to bring back the monthly publishing schedule.

Airman tells the story of the United States Air Force through images and written stories about the people, missions and equipment that define the nation's youngest service.

For information about the tablet edition of Airman, visit the website at <http://airman.dodlive.mil/>.



Neighbors helping neighbors: 193rd distributes fuel in wake of Hurricane Sandy

Story by Senior Airman Claire Behney

Public Affairs Specialist

Members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing responded in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The massive “super-storm” wreaked havoc on the east coast and disrupted the supply chain of gasoline throughout New York City. As of Nov. 9, the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimated that 28 percent of gas stations across the New York City metropolitan area were without gasoline.

Airmen of the 193rd teamed up with National Guard units from seven different states to form a “super-team” in response to the gasoline shortage in New York City. With ongoing twenty-four hour operations at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y., more than 24,567 gallons of fuel have been distributed in support of the humanitarian mission.

“It means a lot to see these folks here helping us out, it’s really a great thing,” said Ricky Roy, resident and employee of Queens, N.Y. “It’s nice to come here and feel safe when there are fights breaking out in the City over gas.”

With approximately 1,900 gallons of fuel being pumped an hour, the recipients are nothing short of gratuitous.

“I haven’t encountered anyone who hasn’t rolled down their window to say ‘thank you,’ or tell me we’re a godsend and such a blessing,” said Tech. Sgt. Nicole Brenneman, 193rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, fuels specialist. “They’re all just so appreciative and it feels great to be helping them get to work and allowing them to live their lives.”

Sergeant Brenneman has been at Floyd Bennett Field since Nov. 5, working 12 hours a day.

The Pennsylvania Air Guard sent a fleet of nine C300 fuel trucks to Floyd Bennett Field, all of which had to be customized for this mission.

“We had to specially modify the truck hose nozzles because they are designed for refueling heavy equipment and supplying jet fuel,” said Sergeant Brenneman. “The jet fuel was removed from the trucks and stored and replaced with unleaded.”

Unleaded and diesel fuel is currently being supplied to all officially plated vehicles; public school busses; access-a-ride; approved essential city employees; nurses with badges; doctors; hearses with official plates; food carts; New York City Housing Authority; American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Animal care and control; American Red Cross; Federal Emergency Management Agency electricians and inspectors; ambulettes; and during the night shift, city taxis.

There are three different checkpoints at Floyd Bennett Field for drivers to filter through to ensure they are qualified to receive fuel, explained Eric Richardson, assistant chief fleet management officer, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

Once the drivers get through the checkpoints they are directed to one of the 11 unleaded fuel trucks or one of the four diesel fuel trucks to have their gas tank filled.

“We don’t want the individuals working the pumps to have to worry about who is allowed to get gas,” said Mr. Richardson. “If the vehicle gets to them, it gets filled.”

The Airmen of the 193rd spent a total of 10 days at Floyd Bennett Field utilizing the Wing’s assets to help support the people of New York City, from Nov. 5 to 15.



Tech. Sgt. Nicole Brenneman, fuels specialist with the 193rd Special Operations Wing, fuels vehicles at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Photo by Senior Airman Claire Behney)

Members of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard worked twelve-hour shifts with other National Guard units from seven states to distribute fuel at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. to victims of Hurricane Sandy. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer)





OPSEC thought of the month: How to Pick a Password

Quiz: Which is a stronger password?

- H7%do\$!
- MyLazyDogRex

Answer: "MyLazyDogRex." Shocked? Well, a modern brute-force password cracker – a software program that cycles through every possible combination of characters – could crack the eight-character string of gibberish in less than four hours. The 12-character plain-English phrase would take 317 years.

That's why security pros urge people to focus on length, not complexity, when choosing online passwords. So think of a phrase when you set your next password. Once you get beyond eight or nine characters – especially if you add special characters, upper and lowercase letters, and numbers – a password becomes extremely difficult to break, "says Nick Percoco, the head of security firm Trustwave's SpiderLabs research team. Source: USAA Magazine Fall 2012.

Congratulations to the winners for the 2012 Outstanding Airman of the Year!

Airman:

Senior Airman James Moyer

Non-commissioned Officer:

Staff Sgt. Daniel Nicholson

Senior Non-commissioned Officer:

Senior Master Sgt. David Barton

First Sergeant:

Master Sgt. Christopher Santay

Company Grade Officer:

1st Lt. Bruce Champion

Honor Guard:

Master Sgt. Chip Koons

CCAF...How to get your Degree!

Your Community College of the Air Force Associates Degree may be more easily attainable than you may think and completing it will continue to benefit you throughout your professional life. All enlisted and prior enlisted officers of less than six years are afforded the chance to earn a CCAF Associates Degree in their applicable 5-level Air Force Skill Code.

On the left side of your Air Force Portal screen select AFVEC-AF Virtual Ed Center and then under Self Service on the right, of your screen, you may review your Progress Report, Request Transcripts, Apply for Tuition Assistance and Request (unofficial and official) Transcripts for you or the school of your choice. In your Progress Report you'll find a 64 credit program making up your CCAF and what is complete and what is needed to complete your degree. Most members will need to complete some or all of the General Education (15 total credits/five courses) required for CCAF program. There are options of CLEP and DANTES programs to complete your General Education requirements. As well as transferring previously completed courses and taking new courses at accredited colleges and universities.

Information Pamphlets are available in the Force Development Office and throughout the Wing. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Antonio Powell or Master Sgt. Cheri Geib, Force Development, at 717-948-2284 or 717-948-2286 with any questions.

Nose art sneak peak

Staff Sgt. Matthew Hess and Staff Sgt. Alan Wilson, 193rd Special Operations Aircraft Structural Maintenance, adheres nose art created by Tech. Sgt. Dawn Hoffman, 553rd Air Force Band, to the EC-130J aircraft, Middletown, Pa. on Dec. 3. Earlier this year, a Wing-wide nose art contest offered 193rd SOW members an opportunity to submit nose art illustrations. Seven illustrations were selected for display on Wing aircraft. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mariko Bender)





End of year message

Commentary by Brig. Gen. Gerald Otterbein
193rd Special Operations Wing Commander

As we prepare to put 2012 behind us, now is the perfect opportunity to reflect on all the great accomplishments by the Airmen of the 193rd Special Operations Wing.

We probably set a record for the most inspections ever given to a wing in a single year. After nearly a year of preparation and evaluation, Air Station

3 garnered a rating of Excellent overall for the Air Force Special Operations Command Operational Readiness Inspection. This grade reflects the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our Airmen. It also shows the Air Force that Air Station 3, is more than ready to perform the Commando Solo and Special Operation Forces mobility missions anywhere in the world. The 193rd Special Operations Medical Group showcased their talents by receiving a Satisfactory during the difficult Health Services Inspection. Likewise, the 271st Combat

Communications Squadron also passed a challenging combination Operational Readiness Inspection and Unit Compliance Inspection with a grade of Satisfactory. I am very proud of the exceptional performance displayed by the men and women of the 271st CBCS, and the 193rd SOMG and all participants in the ORI.

Coming up this month, the 148th Air Support Operations Squadron, 201st Red Horse Squadron and Detachment 1 will all be going through a UCI. I am fully confident that the Air Combat Command inspectors will once again find our squadrons fully in compliance with all Air Force and Air National Guard regulations.

In addition to a year filled with inspections, our Wing was asked to provide volunteers to support Hurricane Sandy relief. My heartfelt appreciation and admiration goes out to all the Airmen who provided countless hours of home-station support to this domestic emergency as well as those that responded directly to the affected area. As you stepped up to perform your traditional state mission, you made a real difference in mitigating the hardships experienced by our fellow Pennsylvanians

and Americans in neighboring states who live and suffered in the path of Hurricane Sandy's destruction. You should be proud of your effort that resonates in the spirit of the founding of "The Associators" by Benjamin Franklin exactly 255 years ago; today's Pennsylvania National Guard!

This has also been a great year for awards and recognition of our exceptional Airmen.



Brig. Gen. Gerald Otterbein, 193rd Special Operations Wing commander, addresses the Operational Readiness Inspection participants after the completion of the ORI, Nov. 4, 2012, Middletown, Pa. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Culeen Shaffer)

Just some of the highlights for 2012:

- The 193rd SOW won the National Guard Bureau Verne Orr Award and will now compete at the Air Force level.
- The 193rd Special Operations Communication Squadron won the ANG Information Dominance Award.
- Air Commando Leadership Award recipients were Capt. Matt Plasterer and Tech. Sgt. Ben Arnold
- Liberty USO Award went to Staff Sgt. Daniel Nicholson.
- ANG A6 Engineering Installation and Combat Communications Award winners were Master Sgt. Daniel Houtz, Tech. Sgt. Brian McFadden and Senior Airman Michael Gower.

Special recognition also goes out to all our Airmen that deployed this year. Many of our people do not realize that on any given day, our Wing has between 50 and 100 Airmen deployed all over the world. That also includes over the holidays. So please keep our deployed Airmen in your thoughts and prayers as we enter this holiday season.

It has been a challenging year and I thank each of you for making the 193rd SOW such a standout wing. As we look forward to 2013, I see another busy year ahead for 193rd Special Operations Wing and Regional Support Groups. Training AFSOC crews to fly the J-model is on the schedule along with many hours of SOF mobility flying. The 201st RHS and 148th ASOS will be busy preparing for their upcoming deployments and the 112th Air Operations Squadron will be transitioning its primary support to the Central Command Air Forces 609th Air Operations Center along with secondary support to AFSOC.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays! Cherish this time with your families as I do. Please be safe; come back rested and ready to take on another exciting year.



Sounding Off

What you need to know to keep you flying...

Shuttle Service Schedule

There will be a permanent shuttle service every Saturday and Sunday of drill at the below scheduled times:

Shuttles run from:

6:45-7:45 a.m.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pick up locations will be the Upper Airport Parking lot and the flag pole outside building 81.

Please plan ahead!

You may have a delay to your work center if you miss the shuttle and have to wait for the next one. As a reminder, please do NOT walk down from the parking lot due to safety concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Vehicle Operations at 717-948-2295.

Weapon Systems Officer Opportunity

The 193rd Special Operations Squadron is accepting applications for traditional guard Weapon Systems Officers. A hiring board will be conducted over Feb. 2013 drill. Applications are due close of business of Jan. 25, 2013. If you are a qualified individual seeking this opportunity, please request application requirement information from Capt. Jeff Snyder at jeffrey.snyder.1@ang.af.mil.

Ronald McDonald House Donation Drive

The Enlisted Council is sponsoring a donation drive for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Pennsylvania. Items collected and locations of drop boxes are below. The boxes will be collected Feb. 9.

Drop-off Locations

- RSG in HQ bldg.
- Area 1 HQ bldg.
- Area 2
- HQ AS 3
- Ops
- Finance,
- CE classroom
- Maintenance

Because of the immune suppression of some of the children, all items must be new.

FOOD ITEMS: Single Serving cereal, chips, crackers, candy, cookies, microwave foods, fruit juice, pop tarts, breakfast bars

SUPPLY ITEMS: Disinfectant spray, High Efficiency laundry detergent, liquid hand soap/ hand sanitizer, plastic utensils, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, paper plates and bowls

TOILETRY ITEMS: Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Deodorant, Tooth paste, tooth brush, body wash

FOR THE KIDS: Family DVDs and board games, Coloring books, crayons, books, various toys for children of all ages

GIFTCARDS: Kmart, Kams, Giant, Wal-Mart, Weis, Applebee's, Bob Evans, Friendly's, Isaac's, McDonald's, Staples, Sheetz, Turkey Hill, pre-paid phone cards

January blood drive

Unleash the hero in you, Jan. 12 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. by registering for the upcoming blood drive in the dining facility atrium. The bloodmobile bus will be located in front of the building 81. This drive aims to support Central Pennsylvania-based individuals in need of blood. If you would like to schedule an appointment ahead of time, please contact Master Sgt. Denise Teats, 717-948-2426 or Tech. Sgt. Amy Snyder at 717-948-2566.

Walk-ups are always welcome on the day of the drive!

Menu



Constellation Cafe

Hours of operation 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come in to the Constellation Cafe on Saturday for the Wing's annual tradition as commanders, chiefs and first shirts serve the holiday meal!

SATURDAY

Steak

Lobster

Glazed sweet potatoes

Rice

Rosemary roasted potatoes

Peas with mushrooms

French Green Beans with Almonds

Soup De Jour

Salad bar

Assorted cakes and pies