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HQs Welcome New Commander

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Brig Gen Thomas R. Moore

Commander, GA Air National Guard Brig Gen Thomas Moore

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Moore is the new commander of the Georgia Air National Guard. In this position, he reports to The Adjutant General of Georgia. Gen. Moore's duties and responsibilities include direct supervision of the Georgia State Air Guard staff, and command of 3,500 Georgia Air Guard members serving in two flying wings, six geographically separated units, and a Combat Readiness Training Center. General Moore was commissioned in 1981 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of South Carolina. He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels, twice served as Commander, 416th Air Expeditionary Group, Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan and was the commander of the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins AFB, GA, the Air Force's only blended wing. General Moore is a master navigator with more than 3,500 flying hours in the T-37, KC-135A/R, B-1B, C-130H, and E-8C.

The GAANG welcomes Brig Gen Moore !



Brig Gen Robert Shannon

Vice Commander, GA Air National Guard

Brig Gen Robert Shannon

Last month, we said “good-bye” to our former boss Maj Gen Scott Hammond. We will certainly miss his presence. The baton of leadership of the Georgia Air National Guard has passed again for the first time in over five years. This UTA we will welcome our new boss, Brig Gen Moore to Joint Forces Headquarters, GA. On Saturday, 28 August 2010, Maj Gen Moore will address the GA ANG HQ Staff. Over the last several months we have been engaged in developing our strategic planning process which will guide the Georgia Air National Guard through the next several years. General Moore’s arrival will accelerate and enhance our development--expect big changes--soon.

Similarly, we began a process several months ago evaluating core functions of the Headquarters’ Staff. We began to review policies and processes at the Headquarters. Our process was put on hold as we directed our energies towards completing our GA ANG Strategic Plan as well as updating our Future Mission Database and Courses of Action as required by NGB. As you know we are a small staff at the Headquarters but we have been extremely busy. Our Chief of Plans, Lt Col Monica Smith (**recently promoted and she will have a pinning ceremony on Saturday of the UTA**) has done an outstanding job with the assistance of MSG Clint Smith. Over the last few months the two have spearheaded planning and logistics for a Commanders’ Conference in Blackshear; State of the State visit with the NGB Air Staff and Lt .Gen. Wyatt; conducting multiple strategic planning workshops with all of our units to complete our strategic plan as well as the accompanying action plans; coordinating a sensing session for the Headquarters Staff; and developing a plan for Headquarters transformation. Their work impacts every unit in this State and has visibility not only among the senior leadership here in Georgia but also at the highest level of the Air National Guard. Further, Lt Col Smith coordinated a meeting between myself and Coke’s Chief Diversity Officer. We spent a couple of hours discussing Coke’s Best Practices in the area of Diversity and Inclusion on behalf of General McKinley and to advance his diversity initiatives within NGB. Lt Col Smith attended the meeting and provided inputs. Subsequently, I backbriefed both General McKinley and Lt. Gen. Wyatt. Her promotion is well deserved. Well done, Lt Col Smith and MSG Smith.

With the arrival of Brig Gen Moore, I am warning all of our Headquarter members to hold onto their hats. He has expressed his intent to review all the processes at the Headquarters level. I anticipate significant changes that will only ensure the future success of the Georgia Air National Guard.

Boss, on behalf of the Georgia Air National Guard Headquarters Staff, we welcome you.

Air National Guard Band of the South

The role of music to promote esprit de corps and enhance the dignity of military functions dates back to medieval times. On July 24, 2010, the Air National Guard Band of the South was honored to be a part of the Change of Command ceremony presented at Warner-Robins’ Museum of Aviation. Over 200 spectators were present to honor outgoing Commander Major General Scott Hammond and welcome in Brig. Gen. Thomas Moore as he assumed command of the Georgia Air National Guard.

The band is excited to once again provide music for the Fort Gordon Youth ChalleNGe Academy graduation on August 28, 2010 at the James Brown Auditorium in Augusta, GA. The purpose of the Youth ChalleNGe Academy is to provide "at-risk" youth with Academic and Life Skills training aimed at improving employment potential and creating productive citizens. It graduates approximately 270 students each year.

The band also has a new member! A1C Margaret Chupp is currently pursuing a bachelors degree in music education at Georgia State University, and just completed basic training last month. She performs with on trombone with Eagle's Flight jazz ensemble, and is principal euphonium with the concert band. Welcome, Margaret!

Women's Equality Month

By CMSgt Leslie Allen, State Human Resources Advisor



Chief Leslie Allen

Did you know that on August 26, 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was officially approved, what this means is it gave women in the United States Democracy; it gave them the right to vote.

Did you also know that more than 1,000 Women's Air Force Service Pilots served in World War II; however, the women were not considered military pilots until 1977 when Congress declared they were veterans, according to an American Forces Press Service article. The Army and Navy's first female military pilots began flying in 1974. The first female pilot in Marine Corps history was Maj. Sarah M. Deal in 1995. The Air Force permitted female pilots to enter pilot training in 1976 and fighter pilot training in 1993.

Let us all remember and honor the women who came before us, and preserve the history of woman suffrage and celebrate their lasting achievements.

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSgt Sue Shipman

AUGUST UTA - 28/29 August 2010

ROLL CALL: ALL GaANG HQ members will report to the FINCH building at 0800 hours on Saturday, August 28, 2010 / Roll Call for both days of August UTA is 0800 hours

PT: EVERY UTA, bring your PT uniform to drill

PROMOTIONS: CONGRATULATIONS TO Major Monica Smith on her promotion to Lt Col this UTA!

WEBSITES: Please visit the following websites for membership and benefits information. You will also find information on upcoming Conferences. Your membership, combined with other members, allows our professional military organizations the resources to accomplish much and resolve issues at a legislative level. If you are not a member already, please visit the home pages of these organizations and consider membership.

Air Force Association : afa.org

Air Force Sergeants Association : afsahq.org

National Guard Association of the United States : ngaus.org

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States : eangus.org America Legion : legion.org

UNIT FUND: Elsewhere in the BOARSTALE you will find information on the HQ Unit Fund. Please participate in donating the suggested funds. Our funds are used several ways.

1. Gifts and celebrations at RETIREMENTS
2. Flowers in hospitalizations of a member
3. Flowers for HQ member in the death of a member's immediate family
4. Annual Summer Party (or Picnic) / Family Day
5. Annual Christmas Party

Please be generous, the combined funds of all of us allows us to support one another in both good times and bad. Our Unit Fund allows us to come together as a Family.

Agenda

Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
28-29 Aug 2010
Brig Gen Thomas Moore Presiding

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
28 Aug 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg, Staff + 1 rep each from Confederate and Oglethorpe – Commendation Medal for MSgt Golson	Finch Bldg
0930-1100	KPI Briefing/CC, CV, DS, DO, CCM, 1 st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1100-1200	Staff Work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff work	
1500-1630	Promotion Ceremony for Command Maj Monica Smith	Auditorium, 283 rd CBCS
1630	Release	
29 Aug 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Enlisted Promotion Board	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
0800	Officer Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office
0830	Chapel Services	Chapel
0900-1130	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium
1630	Release	“Good Drill”

NOTES: None

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

CHAPLAINS CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Music: God's Gift to Everyone

There are times in life when nothing can replace the peace in our souls that a good, traditional hymn on a Sunday morning can deliver. What would Memorial Day and the Fourth of July be without those stirring, motivating patriotic songs that we all know and love? Instrumental or lyrical, or whatever the category, a strong musical performance is a blessing from God.

In fact one of the books of the Bible is entitled Song of Songs. The book is a series of love poems, for the most part, in the form of songs addressed by a young man to a young woman and vice versa. In some translations, the book is called The Song of Solomon, because it is attributed to Solomon in the Hebrew title. Most scholars have interpreted the lyrics to have a thematic message which depicts the relationship between Christ and the Church.

We are blessed to be co-located with the 530th Air Force Band. A multi-talented group of musicians who can move us to patriotic pride one day and inspire us to a stronger walk with the Lord the next day. The unit's rich history dates back to 1946. The Band was originally stationed in Alexandria, Louisiana. In 1953, the Band was reformed after an active duty stint and stationed in Marietta. Through the years, the 530th Air Force Band has distinguished itself with memorable performances, including President Harry Truman's dedication ceremony in 1959 for a new National Guard building in Washington, D.C.

Headquarters Chapel Service will feature members of the 530th AF Band in August. MSgt Larry Winner will lead the devotion and MSgt Elisa Lyle will perform a medley of inspirational hymns on the bagpipes. Please attend.

I leave you with the words to the U.S. Air Force Hymn. God Bless You!

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storms or sunshine fair
Thou who dost keep with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight
Thou of the tempered winds be near
That, having thee, they know no fear
Control their minds with instinct fit
What time, adventuring, they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skilful hand
Aloft in solitudes of space,
Uphold them with Thy saving grace.
O God, protect the men who fly
Thru lonely ways beneath the sky.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (August and September)

Aug 5 MSgt Noah Brock
Aug 17 Maj Andre Campbell
Aug 31 CMSgt Leslie Allen

Sept 2 Lt Col Eric Jones
Sept 2 Col Joe Ferrero
Sept 24 Lt Col Monica Smith

PROMOTION BOARD SCHEDULES 29 AUGUST 2010

OFFICER PROMOTION BOARD MEMBERS

LLT COL JAMES MARREN HQ	PRESIDENT
LT COL JEAN SPECHT HQ	MEMBER
LT COL JONATHON COX 116 ACW	MEMBER

MEMBERS MEETING THE OFFICER BOARD

CAPT KENNETH W. NICHOL 165 AW	Package Only
CAPT WESLEY R. MAXWELL 116 ACW	Package Only

ENLISTED PROMOTION BOARD MEMBERS

LT COL JAMES MARREN HQ	PRESIDENT
CMSGT OLIVER GILLS HQ	MEMBER
CMSGT GERALD SCHAEFER 116 ACW	MEMBER

MEMBERS MEETING THE ENLISTED BOARD

MSGT TOY OL ALLEN JR	0900
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Held Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 0830 hrs.
Location will be the Finch Building,
Bldg 840, 1388 First Street, Dobbins
ARB GA, Small Conference Room

POCs are: SMSgt Perrine Hays 678-655-4054
or MSgt LaQue Banks 678-655-4052

UTA chapel Service: Read Psalm 33: 1-3

Chapel Service: Sunday, 29 August at 0830 hrs led by 530th AF Band members

Location: Base Chapel

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Submitted by: MSgt Laque Banks

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HEADQUARTERS UNIT FUND

Listed below is an overview of how your donations to our Headquarters Georgia Air National Guard Unit Fund are being used. Thank you for your generosity so that we can support each other in difficulty, celebrate retirements, and get to know each other better through our family day and Christmas fellowship.

HQ GA ANG FUND:

2010 Donations (January – July):

- **January – July 2010 Donations: \$2,455.00**
- **January through July 2010 Expenses: \$2,264.79**
 - ❖ Sympathy flowers for unit member's loss
 - ❖ Flag cases for upcoming retirements
 - ❖ Get Well basket for unit member
 - ❖ Retirement Ceremony – CCMSgt Morgan, Betty L. G.
 - ❖ HQ GA ANG Family Day picnic – 26 Jun 2010
 - ❖ Get Well basket for unit member's spouse
 - ❖ Retirement Ceremony – Maj Gen Hammond, Scott A.
- **Balance as of 1 August 2010: \$396.67**

I've been wondering who would be in the lead if we made a comparison between Officer and Enlisted donations. After counting and recounting, the results were a bit surprising. I was sure the enlisted members would take the lead however I stand corrected! Here are the results:

- **Paid Suggested Annual Donation in full:** 9 total (5 officers vs. 4 enlisted).
- **Paid HALF of the Suggested Annual Donation:** 5 total (3 officers vs. 2 enlisted).
- **Paid SOMETHING towards Suggested Annual Donation** (added the civilian to the enlisted group since she is prior enlisted): 11 total (7 officers vs. 4 enlisted).

Way to go, Officers!!! Can the Enlisted staff catch up... perhaps even SURPASS ... the officers next month???

SUGGESTED DONATION:

Lt Col & Above: \$20.00 per month (\$240.00 per year)

Maj & Below: \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 per year)

MSgt & Above: \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 per year)

TSgt & Below: \$10.00 per month (\$60.00 per year)

Please see CMSgt Susan Shipman (First Sergeant) or TSgt Darendia Rogers if you would like to add to or catch up on your donations.

POC for *your individual donation* balance: **TSgt Darendia Rogers 678-569-5713 (Work)**

darendia.rogers@us.army.mil

HISTORIAN COLUMN*By MSgt Clint Smith***September 11: The Ninth Anniversary****A Legacy of Heroes**

I am sure that everyone can remember what they were doing and where they were on the tragic date: September 11, 2001. I was serving in the Georgia General Assembly. As I drove to the State Capitol in Atlanta, I heard over the radio initial reports of a plane hitting the World Trade Center. By the time I reached the Capitol building, the second plane had crashed into the towers. We were forced to face reality: America was under attack.

As I entered the State Capitol building, a fellow legislator told me that the Pentagon had been hit. I walked onto the floor of the House of Representatives under a cloud of uncertainty. No one understood what was happening. Fearful rumors overshadowed all other discussion of legislation, politics, or the sporting events of the previous day. Several legislators expressed apprehension about remaining in the Capitol building. No one knew what location would be attacked next or how widespread the terrorist actions extended throughout the nation.

As the ninth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks approaches, everyone should pause in remembrance of the brave public servants we lost. Many police officers, firefighters, and other emergency management personnel, gave their lives that tragic day. In their chosen careers, they understood the danger and were prepared to confront it head on. President Bush commented that a firefighter's first act of bravery is taking the oath to serve. Such courage and dedication are indelible traits of these public servants.

The attacks forced us to reflect and refocus on our appreciation of freedom and the burden of safeguarding it. On a September 11 long ago, in fact it was 1777, Thomas Paine remarked, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it". Our civilian emergency management leaders, firefighters, and law enforcement personnel understand this solemn truth.

In years past, I have had the opportunity to attend the Governor's Emergency Management Conference in Georgia. I had the opportunity to meet many public safety officials. They are a group of dedicated professionals with impressive credentials and solid training.

When others run from disaster, these public servants run into the line of fire. Their mission is to protect our communities, including schools, churches, and homes. Most of these public servants have their own families. Many of them are following in the footsteps of parents who were law enforcement professionals or firefighters.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, citizens examined their hearts. They stopped to appreciate the quality of life that we enjoy by spending additional time with their children; taking in the natural beauty of the environment; and visiting monuments and landmarks dedicated to the history of the United States.

On the ninth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we must ponder how the attacks changed life in America . . . and how the attacks changed us personally, in order to ensure that the deaths of the brave public servants were not in vain.

The courageous passengers of United Airlines Flight 93 took action on that day nine years ago that probably saved the lives of scores of people in Washington D.C. They banded together and stood up to evil.

The military and civilian personnel working in the Pentagon who were killed that day were playing an integral role in the defense of our nation. On a recent trip to Washington, I spent time at the September 11 Pentagon Memorial in prayer and reflection on their sacrifice and the blessings of our nation.

And of course, the largest group of deceased, the civilians who perished in the World Trade Center, was engaged as key players in a hallmark of our way of life: a strong and prosperous economy.

The legacies of all the deceased should embolden each of us to search for opportunities to make our country stronger. There are many projects that allow us to volunteer our time and money through churches, non-profit organizations, and community groups. Assisting the truly needy in our neighborhoods, looking out for the elderly, and striving for a safe community for our children to learn and play, will not only make our nation stronger from within but will also serve as a lasting tribute to everyone who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.