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Season's Greetings

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Brig Gen Thomas R. Moore

Commander's Holiday Message

Brig Gen Thomas Moore

One of my greatest joys of this holiday season is to say THANK YOU and to wish you all the very best for the New Year. As 2010 draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the past year and prepare ourselves for 2011. Over the last few months our Headquarters unit has been extremely successful, and throughout the year, our Wings and GSUs have performed their missions outstandingly. I am humbled by your service and grateful for your commitment to this organization. Traditionally, this is a time for many of us to travel to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, and to remember what is truly important to each of us. What better gift can you give than to arrive to your destination safely. This season also reminds me of the GA ANG members and their families who are separated by thousands of miles this time of year. For those who are currently deployed, our thoughts and prayers are with you during the holidays, and always. We are continuously reminded of the dedication, and your bravery and sacrifices are deeply appreciated.

Finally, I encourage you, to take some time away from work to spend with your loved ones and to rejuvenate yourself for the year ahead. Each of you should enjoy the season and celebrate in your own special way. Again, I encourage you to celebrate safely and responsibly.

Paula, my sons and I wish you every happiness this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Enjoy the holidays and thank you for your service and your commitment to the Georgia Air National Guard and the United States Air Force!

Brig Gen Moore Convenes First Commanders Conference

Last week, the senior leadership of the Georgia Air National Guard convened at Lake Blackshear Conference Center, adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park (near Cordele) for the first Air National Guard Commanders Conference since Brigadier General Tom Moore became Commander. The objectives of the conference were two-fold:

1. Draft new/revised procedures for various personnel processes
2. Update State Leadership on Key Initiatives

The event was facilitated by Brigadier General Robert Shannon. He was assisted by Lt Col Monica Smith and MSgt Clint Smith. The first speaker on the business agenda was Major General Terry Nesbitt. The Adjutant General updated the attendees on personnel, budgetary, and administrative issues relevant to both the Air and Army National Guard.

The majority of the time in the business sessions was spent on Objective One: (Brig Gen Moore's emphasis on creating uniformity and efficiency in personnel processes). The attendees organized into four working groups in order to tackle Objective One. Major Larry Deaton (Ret), Major Jackie Jackson and CMSgt Billy Pinkney were employed as facilitators and dispersed to the working groups. The members of the groups generated productive discussion and knowledge based upon their experiences throughout the state. The agenda was amended to allow additional time for the end result - new policies in the following categories:

- 1.NGB Statutory Tour Policy
- 2.PME in Residence Selection Policy
- 3.AGR Control Grade Policy
- 4.HQ Command Selection Policy
- 5.HQ Promotion Policy

Major John Alderman of the Georgia Guard State Public Affairs Office was invited as a special guest. He advised his Air counterparts to take advantage of opportunities in social media, such as Facebook, to engage the public with the message and mission of the National Guard. Major Alderman also reminded the assembled group of the importance of appointing Unit Public Affairs Representatives (UPARs).

Lt Col Manny Haldopoulos briefed the attendees on recent important developments on the HRF mission. And Lt Col Monica Smith, the Headquarters Strategic Planning Officer, presided over a session that included an update on the Georgia Air National Guard Strategic Plan and its action plans. Personnel who were tasked to claim ownership of individual actions plans gave updates.

On Wednesday evening, a social/coversed dish dinner was held. The evening provided the attendees with the opportunity to relax and enjoy some "down" time as well as accomplish individual networking. Attendee feedback has been positive and some stated the opportunity to conference was very beneficial.

By MSgt Clint Smith

Air National Guard Band of the South

Providing musical support to ceremonial events is a proud part of military heritage, and the Air National Guard Band of the South was honored once again to perform for the Georgia Public Safety Awards in November. Officiated by Governor Sonny Purdue, the annual event was started in 1998 to recognize the outstanding accomplishments and commitment of Georgia's public safety community. The band later performed at the 29th annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Atlanta. This year's 2010 Parade Grand Marshall was actor and USMC R. Lee Ermey.

For December drill, the band will break down into its smaller components to spread holiday cheer in Christian City, GA at assisted living centers and public schools.

By TSgt Julie Dermott

Diversity

By CMSgt Leslie Allen, State Human Resources Advisor



Chief Leslie Allen

As we approach the end of the year I would like to highlight and commend the Airman and Soldiers that we serve with today. These warriors we serve with today deal with the changing demographics of not only America but the world. We, as a National Guard, are challenged to better understand and work with Airmen and Soldiers who are in some way different from us. It is critical that each of us, as leaders, be reflective of changes in our society and our National Guard! To be an effective leader is to value differences. It is critical to mission accomplishment for our leaders to promote and develop ways to reap the benefits of the diversity of perspectives in our teams. We value diversity because it sparks collaboration and innovation. The importance of taking initiative is fundamental to leadership at all levels in the ANG. We must intentionally seek input from a diverse set of Airmen and Soldiers to shape our future direction towards supporting the Cornerstones of Diversity!

In order to be prepared to respond to a variety of threats throughout the world, Airmen and Soldiers must be able to fight effectively in this dynamic global environment. The National Guard expects its leaders to embrace diversity by awakening, informing, challenging and creating advocates for diversity! It is through living out the Diversity Competencies: Leading the Self; Leading Others; and Leading the Organization that we can be assured our Airmen and Soldiers are prepared to successfully work with, or fight against, military forces and people of differing cultures and views.

Air Guard Achievements – Around the State



*Lt Col Deborah Nazimiec
Commander, 224JCSS*

Continuing Promise Mission - Message to our Troops

The Macon Telegraph (local paper for Macon & Warner Robins, GA) asked people to send an email telling what they were thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Lt Col Deborah J. Nazimiec, Commander of the 224JCSS, sent the message below and the Macon Telegraph published her **“Continuing Promise Mission - Message to our Troops”** on Thanksgiving Day.

Here’s her story — in her own words

I am thankful for our military service members who defend our way of life and give us the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday. On Thanksgiving Day, I set an empty place at my family's table for two reasons. First, to remember our deployed service members who are not celebrating at home with family and friends. Secondly, to recognize the families of our deployed troops who have an empty place at their table this day. The sacrifices of our military members and their families enable us to give thanks for our many blessings and opportunities as Americans. Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all of the defenders of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It's an honor to set a place at our table for you. Special Thanks to TF 3-224 and A Company 40th ESB, Task Force Renegade - Currently deployed.

Agenda

**Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
11-12 Dec 2010
Brig Gen Moore Presiding**

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
11 Dec 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-0830	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg,	Finch Bldg
0930-1030	KPI Briefing/CV, 1 st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Gen Moore's Office, Finch Bldg
1030-1100	Holiday Music – 530 AF Band	Chapel
1130-1330	Luncheon	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1330-1630	Staff work	
1630	Release	
12 Dec 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0830	Chapel Services	Chapel
0830	Officer Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office, Finch Bldg
0930	Enlisted Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office, Finch Bldg
0900-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium
1630	Release	“Good Drill”

NOTES: 1 HR ALLOWED FOR PT BOTH DAYS
CIVILIAN ATTIRE ALLOWED FOR SATURDAY – 11 DEC 10

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSgt Sue Shipman

DECEMBER UTA – 11/12 December 2010

ROLL CALL: ALL GaANG HQ members will report to the FINCH building at 0800 hours on Saturday, December 11, 2010 / Roll Call for both days of December UTA is 0800 hours

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS: 2010 is almost over and I want to recognize those ENLISTED members who were promoted in 2010. Congratulations! The following Enlisted Members were promoted to Master Sergeant:

MSgt Laque Banks, MSgt Michelle Golson, MSgt Sheba McNair, MSgt Corelle Plummer and MSgt Martha Roman

Promotion to Master Sergeant enters an Enlisted Member into the "SENIOR ENLISTED" ranks which is the highest tier for an Enlisted person. This Promotion brings not only new levels of respect but also imparts new levels of responsibility on the part of the member.

CONGRATULATIONS on this career accomplishment!



Chief Sue Shipman

HQ HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY: 10:30 - 11:00 am at the Chapel for the Holiday Music Program, compliments of our Band. 11:30 am at the Finch Bldg Auditorium for our Holiday/Christmas Party and Luncheon (catered).

TOYS FOR TOTS is our Service Project for this year. Please bring an UN-Wrapped toy and place in boxes at Finch Bldg.

RETIREMENTS: January of 2011 Brings about the Retirements of two HQ Members: Lt Col Jean Specht and myself, CMSgt Sue Shipman. Lt Col Specht will be retiring at the end of this month and her Retirement Celebration will be held at the Finch Bldg Auditorium during the January 2011 UTA. Please stand by for more details on the time. I will be retiring January 29th and my Retirement Celebration will be held on January 15th at 1300 hrs at the 224th JCSS Auditorium in Brunswick. Please RSVP to CCMSgt (ret'd) Dave Smith at 912-658-1958 (by Jan 5th) if you plan to attend. The event is casual.

FAMILY CARE PLAN: Those members who were given the paperwork to complete their "written" Family Care Plans must be completed this UTA. Several members have not returned the forms and pertinent paperwork. You know who you are..... please see me on Sunday of THIS UTA.

PT: Every UTA there is a one hour Mandatory PT requirement. There is no specific sport or activity that is typically required but all members are expected to bring their PT gear and complete this requirement EVERY UTA. Stand by for more details from MSgt Clint Smith and MSgt Noah Brock on our annual PT test.

SAFETY: Please have a SAFE and Happy Holiday Season. School will be out for several weeks and more kids will be out there trying out their new bikes and various other SANTA gifts! Just be more AWARE. Traffic will be heavier. And DEPRESSION is greater this time of year. Take the time to talk with your co-workers, find out who will be alone this Holiday and invite them to spend it with you and your family. Suicide is a very real problem and many are alone and "down" during the holidays. More than 30,000 people take their lives annually. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), more than 80 percent of us will lose someone to suicide at some point during our lives. Please visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) at www.AFSP.org for more information.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Merry Christmas

At this season of the year, the greeting of “Merry Christmas” is heard far and wide.

It is fundamentally essential to recognize that true merriment is dependent upon acknowledgement of the truth that Christ was born in Bethlehem for our salvation.

The word “merry” itself is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word which often meant “famous”, “illustrious”, “great”, or “mighty”. Originally, the state of being merry did not imply to be simply mirthful, but strong and gallant. It was in this context that gallant and brave soldiers were called “merry” men.

During this holiday season, please remember the gallant and brave soldiers, airmen, seaman, and marines who are far away from home. They forego time with family and friends at Christmas in order to protect our freedom and principles. Please remember them in your personal prayers and gatherings with family.

The true theme of Christmas is not a myth, not a tradition, and not a dream. It is a living, breathing reality. The crib in Bethlehem’s manger became the link that connected a lost world to its loving God. In Galatians chapter 4, we read, “When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son”. And that very sacrificial act is the ultimate gift that we can all celebrate this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (December)

Dec 24 MSgt Bill Spear

The Promotion Board is scheduled for Sunday, 12 Dec 2010 at 0830 hrs (please note the time change). Location will be 1388 First Street Bldg 840, Dobbins ARB, GA 30069.

Officer Promotion Board Members

President: Col Jeffrey Thetford -165 AW
Member: Lt Col Patrick McCorkhill-165AW
Member: TBD -116 ACW
Recorder: Maj Jacqueline Jackson-HQ

Packages only

0830 Capt Arif N. Ali - 116 ACW
0900 Maj Andrew D. Magnet-165 AW

Enlisted Promotion Board Members

President: Lt Col Geoclyn Williams-165AW
Member: CMS Nathaniel Brownlee Jr-165 AW
Member: CMSgt Leslie Allen-HQ
Recorder: CMSgt Oliver Gills-HQ

0930 MSgt Henry I. Dickerson-165 AW
1000 SMSgt Reginald McPherson-165 AW
1030 SMSgt Patrick J. Walsh-116 ACW

If you have any questions contact MSgt LaQue Banks 678-655-4052, or MSgt Corelle Plummer 678-655-4054.

**UTA Chapel Service: Read Luke Chapter 2
Chapel Service: Sunday, 12 December at 0830 hours
Location: Base Chapel**

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

Voyager: First Flight Around the World – Nonstop/Non-refueling

This month marks the 24th anniversary of a landmark flight in aviation history. By 1986, pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager had devoted five years to building and flight-testing the Voyager. The canard wing design, or forward elevator, similar to that used by the Wright Brothers in 1903, provided extra lift and improved the aircraft's range and efficiency.

As history buffs recall, an early sketch of the 1903 Wright Flyer was drawn on a brown paper bag in the Wrights' living quarters in 1902. Ironically, the first sketch of Voyager was made on a paper lunch napkin in 1980. Lt Col Dick Rutan retired from the Air Force in 1978. He had been awarded the Silver Star, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals, and a Purple Heart. Voyager's total weight was 9,000 pounds, including an unprecedented 7,000 pounds of fuel. The main structure of the aircraft was constructed of graphite composites. On 14 December 1986, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager departed from Edwards Air Force Base, California, piloting the Voyager from a cramped 7 and 1/2 foot long, 3.3 foot wide, and 3 foot tall cockpit. The takeoff weight for Voyager was more than 10 times the structural weight, but its drag was lower than almost any other powered aircraft. The aircraft's wingtips sustained minor damage during its takeoff roll due to the massive amount of fuel. Traveling at an average speed of 115.8 mph, Voyager's trip took 9 days, 3 minutes and 44 seconds. It became the first aircraft to circumnavigate the globe nonstop, non-refueling. The crew landed to applause and acclaim at Edwards Air Force Base at 8:06 am PST on 23 December 1986.

NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

The annual ceremony to commemorate the founding of the National Guard will be held on Tuesday, 14 December at 1330 hrs in the auditorium of the Finch Building. All Headquarters personnel are invited. On 13 December 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony organized three regiments of militia and thus our organization had been established.

Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

Does your civilian employer send care packages when you're deployed, or check up on your family? Has it been easy for you to serve in the military and work at your current company due to support you receive from your employer?

If so, then you should nominate them for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

The nomination form can be found at www.FreedomAward.mil Every nominated employer will receive a frameable certificate from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to further promote their support for Guard and Reserve service. The deadline for nominations is 17 January 2011.

Please email ESGRFreedomAward@osd.mil with any questions regarding the nomination form or the Freedom Award.

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Sign a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve,
<http://esgr.org/site/Programs/StatementofSupport.aspx>,
and receive a personalized certificate for display in your business.