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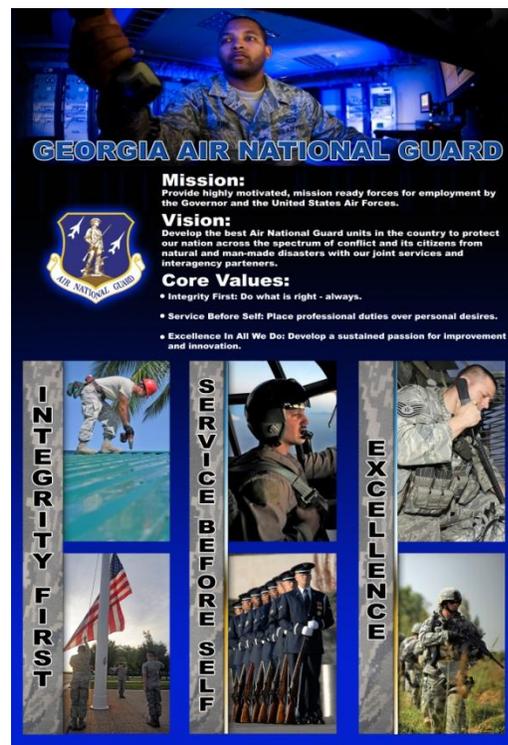
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*GA ANG Mission, Vision and Values Poster
Copies available to display in your work areas*

Georgia Air National Guard: Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

Provide highly motivated, mission-ready forces for employment by the Governor and the United States Department of Defense

Vision

Develop top-tier Air National Guard airmen and units to protect our nation across the spectrum of conflict and protect its citizens from natural and man-made disasters with joint services and interagency partners

Values

Integrity First: Do what is right – always

Service Before Self: Place professional duties over personal desires

Excellence In All We Do: Develop a sustained passion for improvement and innovation

November is National Native American Month

Excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation...

Presidential Proclamation--National Native American Heritage Month

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

Four millennia before Europeans settled in North America, the indigenous peoples of this continent flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, they handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country today. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate their importance to our great Nation and our world.

Over the past 2 years, we have made important steps towards working as partners with Native Americans to build sustainable and healthy native communities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act continues to impact the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including through important projects to improve, rebuild, and renovate schools so our children can get the education and skills they will need to compete in the global economy. At last year's White House Tribal Nations Conference, I also announced a new consultation process to improve communication and coordination between the Federal Government and tribal governments.

This year, I was proud to sign the landmark Affordable Care Act, which permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, a cornerstone of health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This vital legislation will help modernize the Indian health care system and improve health care for 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. To combat the high rates of crime and sexual violence in Native communities, I signed the Tribal Law and Order Act in July to bolster tribal law enforcement and enhance their abilities to prosecute and fight crime more effectively. And, recently, my Administration reached a settlement in a lawsuit brought by Native American farmers against the United States Department of Agriculture that underscores our commitment to treat all our citizens fairly.

As we celebrate the contributions and heritage of Native Americans during this month, we also recommit to supporting tribal self-determination, security, and prosperity for all Native Americans. While we cannot erase the scourges or broken promises of our past, we will move ahead together in writing a new, brighter chapter in our joint history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 26, 2010, as Native American Heritage Day. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA

Thanksgiving Message

On November 25th we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day.
 Let us pray for our troops serving overseas and remember this verse;
 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
 be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good..."

Psalm 100:4, 5

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

DEPENDENT CARE PLANS - All AF/ANG members must have plans for their dependents in the event of emergencies or deployments. If you are a single parent, dual military, or have a unique family situation, then these plans must be "written out" and maintained in the First Sergeants Office. I will be contacting those members that need to complete the required forms and data, or to update your existing Dependent Care Folder, this UTA.

PT - Bring your PT clothes every UTA. Every UTA "ALL" members are required to participate in 1 hour of PT.

PT TEST - Those members that did not take the PT Test in June will be tested this month during November UTA. MSgt Clint Smith will conduct the test, times to be announced later.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MUSIC AND PARTY -On Saturday, Dec 11th, a Christmas Music Program will be held in the Chapel at 10:45, complements of our Band. At noon, there will be a Holiday Luncheon held at the Finch Bldg.

PROMOTIONS - Congratulations to our promotees from last month : Lt Col Andre Campbell, Capt Evelyn Rivera, MSgt Corelle Plummer, and MSgt Martha Roman.

ADDRESS/PHONE NO - Please let me know if you have recent address or phone number changes to update our HQ Rosters.



CMSgt Sue Shipman

Commanding General Georgia Army National Guard Receives Second Star



**The Air Guard
Congratulates
Major General
Maria Britt**

Pictured: MG William T. Nesbitt, MG Maria Britt, and Governor Sonny Purdue

Agenda**Headquarters GA ANG****Unit Training Assembly****6-7 Nov 2010****Brig Gen Shannon Presiding**

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
6 Nov 2010		
0800	117 ACS Site Visit: Brig Gen Moore, Cols Ferrero and Day, Lt Col Marren and CMSgt Camp	Brunswick, GA
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-0830	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg,	Finch Bldg
0930-1030	KPI Briefing/CV, 1st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Gen Moore's Office, Finch Bldg
1030-1200	Staff Work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1630	Staff work	
1630	Release	
7 Nov 2010		
0800	165 AW Site Visit: Col Ferrero, Lt Col Marren and CMSgt Camp	Brunswick, GA
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0830	Chapel Services	Chapel
0900	Officer Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office
0900-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1300	MG Britt Promotion Ceremony: Brig Gen Moore, Mrs Moore and Col Day	The Commons Ft McPherson, GA
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium
1630	Release	"Good Drill"

NOTES: None

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Veterans Day Reflections

Veterans Day is a great opportunity for citizens who have served in uniform to spend time with other veterans from previous eras. The bond that comes from military service cuts across generational lines. Active members of the military can enjoy stories of courage, sacrifice, and even humor with a practical appreciation when they spend time with older veterans.

A new generation of veterans that populate our communities have contributed to the legacy of patriotism that our nation respects. The following story is good example:

Captain Russell Rippetoe was a member of the Alpha Company Third Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003. Previously, while Serving in Afghanistan, Rippetoe saw men die for the first time; and it brought a new passion for the Bible, which he carried in his backpack. On the chain around his neck, he wore a 'Shield of Strength', a one-by-two inch emblem that displays a U.S. flag on one side and the words from Joshua 1:9 on the other. In his combat diary dated March 27, Rippetoe had written: "Think about what Mom and I talked about: all things happen for a reason, and God knows the reason."

On April 3, 2003, Alpha Company was manning a night-time checkpoint near the Hadithah Dam in western Iraq when a vehicle approached. Suddenly, a woman jumped out and cried, "I'm hungry. I need food and water!" Protecting his men, Rippetoe gave the order to "hold back" as he moved toward the woman to see how he could help. When she hesitated, the driver detonated a car bomb that killed Captain Rippetoe, Sergeant Nino Livaudais, and Specialist Ryan Long, and wounded others.

Rippetoe believed the ancient words given to Joshua: "... the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." That he died trying to help someone else came as no surprise to those who knew him. He became the first casualty of the Iraq conflict to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the hallowed ground that is a memorial to more than 250,000 American military members going back to the Revolutionary War.

(Source: *The American Patriots Bible, 2009* – Thomas Nelson Publishers)

November Birthdays

Nov 5 Brig Gen Thomas Moore

Nov 5 SSgt Kimberly Jackson

Nov 8 MSgt Michael Hollis

Nov 21 Brig Gen Robert Shannon

Nov 26 Maj Jacqueline Jackson

OFFICER PROMOTION BOARD MEMBERS

MEMBERS MEETING THE OFFICER BOARD

To Maj: Arif Ali-116 MDG
Anthony McRae-128 ACCS
Kenneth Billings-116 OSS

ENLISTED PROMOTION BOARD MEMBERS

MEMBERS MEETING THE ENLISTED BOARD

To MSgt: Mitchell Lee-165 ASOS
Brue Murtie-165 MXG

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the Following Members

Read: Joshua chapter 1

Prayers of support to the family of CMSgt (Ret) Don Kordecki who passed away on October 26. Kordecki was a member of 129th Air Control Squadron in Kennesaw for many years. Several members of the Headquarters Staff served with him in Kennesaw. Kordecki was a legendary figure in Cartersville, Georgia. He was a radio personality, actor and leader in community theatre, and a dedicated citizen activist.

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

WHO WAS UNCLE SAM?

America pauses to honor our veterans next week on November 11. Many iconic images come to mind when we consider Veterans Day. One of the most well known is the image of Uncle Sam in the vintage World War I era recruiting posters. The 'I WANT YOU' theme resonated throughout the land. And young men answered the call. The poster was painted by James Montgomery Flagg in 1916-1917.

But who was Uncle Sam? Historians are not completely certain how the character 'Uncle Sam' was created. But the prevailing theory is that the image was named after Sam Wilson. Wilson was born in Arlington, Massachusetts on September 13, 1766. His childhood home was in Mason, New Hampshire. In 1789, He moved to Troy, New York.

During the War of 1812, Wilson was in the business of slaughtering and packing meat. He provided large shipments of meat to the U.S. Army, in barrels that were stamped with the initials 'U.S.'. Supposedly, someone who saw the 'U.S.' stamp suggested – perhaps as a joke – that the initials stood for 'Uncle Sam' Wilson. The notion that the meat shipments came from 'Uncle Sam' led to the idea that Uncle Sam symbolized the federal government.

Uncle Sam's traditional appearance, with a white goatee and star-spangled suit, was an invention of artists and political cartoonists. Thomas Nast, a prominent 19th Century cartoonist, created many of the earliest cartoons of Uncle Sam. He also created a similar character who was clean-shaven and went by the name of Brother Jonathan. Both figures wear star-spangled suits of red, white, and blue. Generally,

Brother Jonathan was drawn with a feather in his cap.

Samuel Wilson died in 1854.



RECRUITING & RETENTION

SMSgt Richard K. Hamilton, RRS, GAANG

Best Practice - Georgia

Greetings from the Peach State of Georgia, home of 2 flying wings, the 116 ACW and the 165 AW, and numerous GSUs to include the 165 ASOS, 117 ACS, 202 EIS, 224 JCSS, 283 CBCS, State HQ, CRTS, 530 AF Band, and the new 139 IS. The Recruiting and Retention staff consists of a ROS, ROM, and 3 PRs at each Wing, and an RRNCO at the 224 JCSS, and the 283 CBCS, for a total 11 Recruiting and Retention personnel including the RRS. As I thought about Best Practices for the state, it was difficult to pinpoint one thing to write about so I thought I would just discuss where our state has come from to where we are today and how "TEAMWORK" is the key to our success.

What is Teamwork? According to Webster's New World Dictionary it is "a joint action by a group of people, in which each person subordinates his or her individual interest and opinions to the unity and efficiency of the group." This does not mean that the individual is no longer important; however it does mean that effective and efficient teamwork goes beyond individual accomplishments. The most effective teamwork is produced when all the individuals involved harmonize their contributions and work towards a common goal. Georgia's goal like any other state was to reach and maintain our strength at 100% for each and every unit across the state.

Just like many other states, Georgia has been faced with many challenges over the last several years with Recruiting and Retention. Looking back three years ago when our state was 85% manned, we were faced with the task of being short over 300 positions, which included the standup of a new Intel Squadron and an ASOS unit consisting of numerous TACP positions and manned at under 70%. We did just like the definition states above working towards a common goal with each recruiter recruiting for every position across the state regardless of which unit they were assigned to.

Our hard work paid off starting last year when the recruiting staff enlisted 387 new troops into the GA ANG, increasing our manning above 99% and this year enlisting over 244 new troops even with the limited positions that we had to recruit against, especially at the Wings. This enabled the entire recruiting staff to help out with all our GSUs across the state. We were able to fill the new Intel Squadron with the hard to fill Linguist positions to 96% manned in less than 2 years, as well as increasing the ASOSs unit manning to 87% with the hard to fill TACP positions, the highest that unit has been in many years. As we move into the new fiscal year our challenges continue with 2 Temp Tours that were eliminated, our top Production - RRNCO recruiter moving into an ISR position, several new recruiters being hired, and others moving into new recruiting positions. I know that with "TEAMWORK" my team will continue to be up to the challenge.

Air Guard Achievements - Around the State

165th Airlift Wing 's Outstanding Flying Safety Record

Photo of:
C-130
Aircraft



Savannah, GA -- Proudly, the 165th Airlift Wing has achieved an outstanding flying safety record over the last 40 years. The last "Class A" mishap for the Wing was in 1970 when a C-124 impacted Pavolf Volcano, Alaska. Unfortunately, all seven crewmembers were fatally injured. Since that time, the Wing has sustained only 2 "Class B" and 2 "Class C" mishaps, with only 1 of those mishaps being attributed to Crew error. The total flying time for the Wing without a "Class A" incident is an astounding 159,647 hours.

Thanks to all unit members for this outstanding achievement!

Courtesy TSgt Charles Delano

New Joint Forces Headquarters and State Chaplain

The Georgia Department of Defense has appointed Air Guard Lt Col Elizabeth Harris-Lamkin of Mableton the new Joint Forces Headquarters and State Chaplain. Harris-Lamkin, the former wing chaplain for Warner Robins' 116th Air Control Wing, replaces Army Guard COL John Owings who retired from the position earlier this year. This is the first time Georgia has had an Air Guard officer or a woman as its senior spiritual leader. As a traditional guard member and senior chaplain Harris-Lamkin oversees the programs conducted through Marietta's 139th Chaplain Detachment, the Air Guard's 116th ACW and 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, and the Georgia State Defense Force.

Courtesy The Georgia Guardsman



Lt Col (Chaplain) Elizabeth Harris-Lamkin