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Lt Col Jean Specht

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 whose mission is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve Service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflict through mediation. The vision of ESGR is to "Develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees." Retention is the key reason this program exists.

As the 1.3 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions that require extraordinary actions on the part of everyday citizens, ESGR will continue to be the informational agency for service members and employers of citizen warriors. Remember to nominate your employer for a Patriot Award at www.esgr.mil. Spouses can also nominate their employer for a Patriot Award. By providing supportive comments on the form, your employer will be considered for an "Above and Beyond" award and/or may receive an invitation to an Employer Appreciation Luncheon compliments of ESGR.

Every National Guard member is required to update the Civilian Employer Information Database. I recommend you do this each year around your birthday, or sooner if you change employers. Go to vPC-GR and click on Civilian Employment Info. Encourage your employer to complete a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve. Your employer will receive a certificate with their company name preprinted on it and are encouraged to display it prominently at the company for all to see. This creates goodwill for the current service member and future service members.

For more information about ESGR Programs and volunteer opportunities you may contact me or Penelope Harbour, GA ESGR Executive Director, at 678-569-5738.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith



SMSgt Perri Hays

End of an Era: The Retirement of SMSgt Perri Hays

I have probably been acquainted with SMSgt Hays longer than anyone at Headquarters. We served together in the old 129th Air Control Squadron in Kennesaw. Memories abound of those halcyon days of the late eighties: summer camps in Savannah; deployments to Denmark. SMSgt Hays emerged as a well trained, highly professional personnel specialist. Quick with a timely barb, SMSgt Hays developed a sharp sense of humor coupled with the ability to access any situation in brutally frank terms.

Inspired by her father's service in the military, SMSgt Hays understands that duty and responsibility come first. Her attention to detail is outstanding. Her lack of patience with incompetence is admirable. A vigilant champion against waste, fraud, and abuse, SMSgt Hays deserves the respect of taxpayers everywhere. She understands that the resources and assets of the National Guard represent a bond between the organization and citizens in the enduring goal of defense of our freedoms and principles in the United States of America.

SMSgt Hays is an animal lover, volunteering time with various charities in support of abandoned and neglected animals. And of course, everyone knows that her pet dogs are her very best friends.

SMSgt Hays is a connoisseur of fine foods and wine and that subject leads us to the next chapter in her life. Coupled with deep love for her parents and a desire to be close to them and the peace and serenity that the wine vineyard offers, SMSgt Hays will relocate to France.

We read in the Bible of the call to “. . . sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. HE blesseth them also .” (Psalm 107: 37, 38) The vineyard represents an opportunity for a new beginning, fresh with blessings and hope for the future. We pray for the Lord's will to be done for SMSgt Hays and her family in the future. Indeed, the entire Headquarters Staff has been blessed with the opportunity to serve with SMSgt Perri Hays.

NO SATURDAY MORNING BRIEFINGS ARE SCHEDULED

**Chapel Service: Cancelled for October Drill
Read Psalm 107**

October is Diversity Awareness Month

By CMSgt Leslie Allen, State Human Resources Advisor



Chief Leslie Allen

As the State Human Resource Advisor one of my goals is to make everyone a CHAMPION IN DIVERSITY.

A champion's role is to make certain the Air National Guard lives up to its commitment to embrace and value diversity. Champions of diversity are not alone; they act as role models – taking actions when appropriate and addressing behaviors when necessary. They capitalize on the best each person has to offer by empowering them with opportunities, tools, and support needed to develop and grow. Finally, diversity champions invite, encourage, inspire and promote greatness in the Air National Guard!

As we wind down our celebration of National Hispanic Month and begin to participate in Diversity Awareness Month I would like to again share some deep rooted history you may not be aware of.

Are you aware that the Latino community has participated with the U.S. military since the American Revolution? During the American Revolution, soldiers from Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic fought alongside the colonists for independence. Now, let's take a look at how they contributed during WORLD WAR II the Korean War and also the Vietnam War.

World War II: Up to 500,000 Latinos served during World War II; 11 received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Marine PFC Guy "Gabby" Gabaldon singlehandedly captured more than 1,000 enemy soldiers in the summer of 1944, more than anyone else has in the history of military conflicts. The Zapien family of Kansas City sent nine brothers into World War II.

Korean War: In July 1950, there were about 20,000 Latinos in the armed forces. Over the next three years, nearly 148,000 Latinos volunteered for or were drafted into military service. The 65th Infantry Regiment, a Puerto Rican regiment, participated in nine major campaigns.

Vietnam War: Latinos accounted for 25 percent of the casualties. Navy Lt. Everett Alvarez became the first American prisoner of war, and remained so for more than eight years, the longest confirmed POW in American history. The last American to leave Vietnam was MSgt. Juan J. Valdez, who served at the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and departed by helicopter on April 30, 1975.

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSgt Sue Shipman

October UTA – 2/3 October 2010 Alternate October UTA- 16/17 October 2010

ROLL CALL: ALL GaANG HQ members (drilling on 2 Oct) will report to the FINCH building at 0800 hours on Saturday. Roll Call for both days of October UTA is 0800 hours.

PT: EVERY UTA, bring your PT uniform to drill **PROMOTIONS:** CONGRATULATIONS to members who are being promoted 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: 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
2 – 3 Oct 2010
Brig Gen Robert Shannon Presiding*

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
2 Oct 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Brunswick, - Cols Day, Ferrero and Lt Col Marren	224 JCSS
0800-1200	Staff Work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1630	Staff work	
1630	Release	
3 Oct 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Brunswick – Cols Day, Ferrero and Lt Col Marren	165 ASOS
0800-1200	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

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Service Members Thank Employer for Support

Georgia Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) hosted an Employer Appreciation Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010 at the Marriott Atlanta Northwest, 200 Interstate Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. Twenty-three companies were represented at the luncheon. Each of the attendees was invited because a service member employed by their company nominated them for a Patriot Award. A Patriot Award is indicative of support shown to the service member(s) in their employ. Employers qualify for recognition when they practice leadership and personnel policies that support employee participation in the Guard and Reserve. To nominate your employer, visit the National ESGR website at www.esgr.mil.



Photo Left to Right:
LTC Perry Carter, Commander,
148th BSB, Army National
Guard;
TSgt Michelle Golson, Air
National Guard;
Daniel
Mikkelsen, Manager, Southstar
Energy;
Tom McCullough, Employer
Outreach Director,
GA ESGR.

Employer Support of the
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800-336-4590 www.esgr.mil

*Courtesy Candice Allen,
 ESGR Public Affairs Volunteer*

PROMOTION BOARD SCHEDULES
October boards will be held on the
alternate drill weekend
October 16 and 17

Location: 116th at Warner Robins
Details to follow in the
alternate drill
Boarstale edition

October Birthdays

05 Oct	Col John Mullins
07 Oct	Col Bill Day
10 Oct	CMSgt Oliver Gills
20 Oct	Maj Chris Goldsmith
24 Oct	MSgt Michele Golson
26 Oct	Lt Col David Johnson
28 Oct	SSgt Regina Frank-Singleton

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

The B-52: Iconic Aircraft Turns Fifty-Five

Planning for a replacement for the gargantuan B-36 began before it was even delivered. At the end of World War II, serious designs had begun in earnest for drafts of a new aircraft. Several aircraft designs were scrutinized but eventually scrapped. In June of 1948, The Soviet Union created a Blockade of Berlin. The Cold War was a reality.

With the Commander of the Strategic Air Command's (General Curtis LeMay) support, Boeing was awarded a contract for 13 aircraft on 14 February 1951.

Known as the 'Big Ugly Fat Fellow' and the 'Buff', the B-52 Stratofortress marked its fifty-fifth anniversary this summer. The aging warrior is still capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons in the U.S. inventory. Current projections expect a lifespan to extend beyond the year 2040.

It was June 29, 1955, when Brigadier General William Eubank, the 93rd Bomb Wing Commander, delivered the first B-52 to the 4017th Combat Crew Training Squadron at Castle Air Force Base, California. "It looked a lot like the B-47 to me," BG General Eubank recently remarked. "But it drives more like a truck. This thing is heavy on the controls, but a real good performer. It's a real good airplane, and I'm glad to see it's still around."

The initial B-52 that shipped, aircraft number 52-8711, was the first of more than 740 Stratofortresses and the beginning of a bombing legacy that has left an indelible mark on our nation's defense. It continues to play a major role in the war on terrorism.

The aircraft is a long range, heavy bomber capable of high supersonic speeds at altitudes of up to 50,000 feet, and can carry nuclear precision-guided or conventional ordnances with worldwide capability. A grand total of 744 B-52s were built. The final one (an H-model) was delivered in October 1962.

The use of aerial refueling gives the B-52 a range limited only by the endurance of the crew. It has an unrefueled combat range greater than 8,800 miles.

Recently a grizzled veteran in attendance at an aviation museum observed, "They're ugly on the inside. I was raised on Strategic Air Command bases and nothing is more beautiful than a B-52 making a safe landing."

PROMOTIONS**Congratulations to the Following Members****To Lieutenant Colonel****ANDRE CAMPBELL HQs DOBBINS**

Ceremony
will be held on **Saturday** at 1400
HQs auditorium

To Master Sergeant

BRIAN R. BENTZEL 116 **MXS ROBINS**
CORELLE M. PLUMMER HQs **DOBBINS**
JEFFREY G. FREEMAN 116 **MOS ROBINS**
KATHY D. ROBINSON 116 **ACW ROBINS**
MARTHA L. ROMAN HQ **DOBBINS**

HISPANIC HERITAGE LUNCHEON SET FOR OCTOBER 6, 2010

Come out and support the Hispanic Heritage Month Special Observance on October 6, 2010 from 1130-1300 at the Commons, Fort McPherson.

See below for the link to the Hispanic Heritage Month Special Observance flyer.

There's going to be live music, great food, and a whole lot of fun so make sure you let your co-workers know about this special event.

<http://www.gahro.com/seem%20documents/Hispanic%20Heritage%20poster%20rev%20.pdf>

If you request special arrangements, please contact SFC Walker 404-464-2420.