

The BoarsTale



September 2010

An Electronic Publication of Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard, Dobbins ARB, GA

Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard
1388 First Street, Bldg 840
Dobbins ARB, GA 30069

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1. Commander's Column
2. Air Force 63rd Anniversary and Band of the South
3. Hispanic Heritage Month and Desk of the 1st Sgt
4. UTA Schedule
5. Chaplain's Corner and In Memoriam
6. Historian Column and Boards
7. Military Child Care and AF Fitness



Lt Col Rebecca Gray

Commander's Column

A recent study by the Center for Strategic and International Studies highlighted that the Reserve Component should remain multi-mission capable and prepare for catastrophic or disruptive challenges. The study goes on to say that more emphasis needs to be placed on missions like stability operations, homeland defense and civil support. The Air National Guard (ANG) clearly has much to offer in such efforts. ANG has unique experience levels and low turnover rate. With such stability, the ANG is able to build both personal and professional relationships which affords us visible commitment, permanence and credibility.

As Commander of FEMA Region IV Services C2 Team, I oversee the development of Georgia Headquarters level plans, programs, and policies for emergency operations in support of Homeland Defense. Our Region includes GA, TN, KY, NC, SC, AL, MS and FL. NGB has placed a three person team called the "H-Team" in each FEMA Region. MSgt Michelle Golson, SSgt Kim Jackson and myself make up that team. I am responsible to provide a trained and motivated C2 force in support of civil authorities throughout CONUS or OCONUS. Our operations include providing food service, lodging and mortuary assistance for our troops throughout the region in an event of a manmade or natural disaster. I also serve as the air representative to JFHQ-GA. Disaster management operations are inherently complex and difficult. Therefore, it has been essential for our team to develop strategic partnerships throughout the region where continuity is critical. This new team has a significant amount of responsibility yet with our combined Services experience we are able to fulfill the mission. As a team, we each are citizen-airmen who are able to leverage our unique professional capabilities in order to build the capacity of Region IV's response.

As many of you know, this past year I had the good fortune of receiving a fully-funded fellowship to attend Harvard Business School and the Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge in England. The program was demanding and rigorous yet the experience second-to-none. I studied with 25 Fellows from around the world, in fact only 12 were from the United States, which as you can imagine made the discussions and interactions richer and the perspectives diverse.

Commander's Column Continues on Page 2

Commander's Column Continues from Page 1

This summer the program focused on India and China. The prevailing thought in these top-tiered business schools is...if you don't understand where India and China is going then you have no idea where you are headed.

Following my time in Cambridge, I had the opportunity to travel through western Scotland. Before leaving England though I spent time at the American Cemetery and Memorial. A moving experience to say the least. Opened in 1956, 3,812 American military members who died in World War II are buried there and the Wall of the Missing (472 feet long) records names of 5,127 missing servicemen. Interestingly, among those thousands of names on the wall, I found Lt Col Leon R. Vance Jr - a Medal of Honor recipient and in 1949 Vance Air Force Base was renamed in his honor.

I know my professional civilian opportunities are not unique. We all have rich and diverse experiences. We bring these experiences, capabilities and expertise to the fight. Together we are building and increasing the capacity of the GA ANG. It is my privilege and honor to serve in the Georgia Air National Guard alongside each of you!



Photo of the American Cemetery and Memorial in England

Air Force Celebrates 63rd Anniversary

The United States Air Force became a separate military service on September 18, 1947, with the implementation of the National Security Act. The current leadership includes: Secretary of the Air Force is **Michael B. Donley**, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force is **Gen. Norton A. Schwartz**, the Vice Chief of Staff is **Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler** and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is **CMSAF James A. Roy**. Together with **Air Force Reserve** and **Air National Guard forces**, the United States Air Force is the best in the world. See more in the Historian's column.

Air National Guard Band of the South

In 2007, the Army created 35 warrior transition units (WTUs) at Army installations to fill a gap in support personnel for wounded soldiers. Warriors in the WTUs require six months or longer of care, and a staff of doctors, nurses, social workers, rehab and behavioral health therapists, platoon sergeants and squad leaders is on staff to ensure that the needs of each soldier and his/her family are met. On September 9th, the Air National Guard Band of the South was proud to provide support for the WTU at Fort Stewart in Hinesville, GA. The Band of the South's very own Space-A rock band performed for approximately 100 warriors and staff at the WTU barbeque challenge. Each member of the group, led by MSgt Brent Whitaker, received a WTU coin as thanks from Command Sergeant Major Owens.

Continuing in Savannah, Space-A performed an educational concert at a local high school on September 10th, then finish at the Tybee Island Beach Pavilion on Patriot Day.

The Band of the South will conclude its busy September at Vogel State Park on September 18th-. This gorgeous venue has been quite gracious to the band in the past, and we are excited for the chance to return. The concert band will perform a program of patriotic favorites for an expected energetic crowd. For upcoming concerts, please check our website at www.bandofthesouth.ang.af.mil. Just a reminder- the band is on Facebook! Please become a fan!



Space-A band members

National Hispanic Heritage Month

By CMSgt Leslie Allen, State Human Resources Advisor



Chief Leslie Allen

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic Americans in North America. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15. It is the period when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18 and September 21, respectively. We honor Hispanic Americans for their strong tradition of service in the Armed Forces. These proud patriots have fought in every war since our founding, and many have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage. Hispanic service men and women have shown their love for the United States by answering the call to serve, and we owe them and their families a tremendous debt of gratitude. Their patriotism and valor have added to the character of our Nation.

(Courtesy of U.S. Census Bureau)

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSgt Sue Shipman

SEPTEMBER UTA

18/19 September 2010

ROLL CALL: ALL GA ANG HQ members will report to the FINCH building at 0800 hours on Saturday, September 18, 2010. Roll Call for both days of September UTA is 0800 hours

PT: EVERY UTA, bring your PT uniform to drill.

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

Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) and Virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR)

This is a reminder to review your personal military records and submit the required supporting documentation to correct or update your personnel data. If you have recently had a change in status such as, reenlistment, promotion, marriage, divorce or moved to a new address, you should review your personnel military records and submit the required supporting documentation to update your personnel data.

Additionally, whenever you are awarded a federal award or decoration you should visit vMPF and update your records. You can view and print a visual display of your Federal Awards and Decorations using virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF). If you want to initiate and process a decoration nomination, use the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve (vPC-GR).

To access vMPF and vPC-GR systems, go to the AF Portal at www.my.af.mil and click on the Top Links tab. For some updates you will need to contact your servicing Commander's Support Staff or Military Personnel Section. All members should review and update their records annually and when there is a change in status.

Agenda

*Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
18-19 Sep 2010
Brig Gen Thomas Moore Presiding*

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
18 Sept 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-0830	Roll Call/and In-Brief, All Personnel	Finch Bldg
0830-0930	KPI Briefing/CC, CV, DS, DO, CCM, 1st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Gen Moore's Office, Finch Bldg
0930-1200	Staff Work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1630	Staff work	
1630	Release	
19 Sept 2010		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0830	CoC 202 EIS: Brig Gens Moore & Shannon, CCMSgt Camp	202 EIS Auditorium, Macon GA
0830	Chapel Service	
0845	Enlisted Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office Finch Bldg
0900	530 AF Band Commander's Update: Col Ferrero, CMSgts Shipman & Allen	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
0900-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium
1630	Release	"Good Drill"

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Military Chaplain Killed in Afghanistan

The first military chaplain killed in either Iraq or Afghanistan died on 30 August. The Chaplain, Army Captain Dale Goetz of the 4th Infantry Division, was a native of Hood River, Oregon. He was killed along with four other soldiers when the HUMVEE they were traveling in was struck by a roadside bomb. Chaplain Goetz was in a convoy traveling from one forward operating base to the next, where he would counsel soldiers.

Captain Dale Goetz**POW/MIA Day**

The Congress has recognized the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The federal agency, the Defense/POW Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) is responsible for establishing and overseeing policies on the rescue of living Americans and the recovery of remains of personnel who are missing in action from foreign battlefields. In recent weeks, the remains of the following personnel have been accounted for:

- Sgt. John P. Bonnassiolle, U.S. Army Air Forces, 392nd Bombardment Group, was lost April 29, 1944, near Hannover, Germany. His remains were identified June 14, 2010.
- Cpl. Frank H. Smith, U.S. Army, 5th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was lost on July 25, 1951, in South Korea while under enemy attack. His remains were identified on May 25, 2010.
- Capt. Clyde W. Campbell, USAF, 602nd Special Ops Sq., was lost on March 1, 1969 while flying his A-1J Skyraider over targets in Houaphan Province, Laos. His remains were identified on May 18, 2010.
- 1st Lt. Paul G. Magers and Chief Warrant Officer Two Donald L. Wann, U.S. Army, Company D, 158th Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, were lost June 1, 1971, while flying in an AH-1G Cobra helicopter over South Vietnam. Their remains were identified on March 22, 2010.
- 1st Sgt. George H. Humphrey, U.S. Marine Corps, 6th Marine Regiment, was lost on Sept. 15, 1918, during the first U.S.-led offensive of World War I, under the command of Gen. John J. Pershing, near St. Mihiel, France. His remains were identified on March 2, 2010.

UTA Chapel Service: Read John 16:33
Chapel Service: Sunday, 19 September at 0830 hrs
Location: Base Chapel

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

U.S. Air Force/Air National Guard Celebrate 63rd
Anniversary
National Security Act of 1947: Official Beginning

The federal legislation that created the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard as separate active and reserve branches of service was the National Security Act of 1947. This Saturday, September 18, is the official date of inception. The intent of Congress was clearly stated in a Declaration of Policy at the beginning of the act: 'To provide a comprehensive program for the future security of the United States; to provide three military departments – the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force; to provide for their coordination and unified direction under civilian control, and to provide for the effective strategic direction and operation of the armed forces under unified control'. To coordinate national security matters, the act established the National Security Council (NSC), the Central Intelligence Agency under the NSC, and the National Security Resources Board.

The civilian positions of Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force were created under the new law. The positions would be filled by presidential appointment. The responsibilities previously assigned to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, were transferred to the Department of the Air Force. Under the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff was to exercise command over the new service.

On 26 September 1947, General Carl Spaatz became the first Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The first Secretary of the Air Force was Stuart Symington, who had been sworn in a few days earlier. Symington had been Assistant Secretary for War for Air. Spaatz and Symington had already developed a good working relationship in their previous positions. This relationship proved to be very beneficial for the fledging component. Both men were advocates of air power as fundamentally essential for long term defense policy. They were also adept at public relations skills in promoting air power to elected officials and the civilian public at large.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (September and October)

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

PROMOTION BOARD SCHEDULES 19 SEPTEMBER 2010

OFFICER PROMOTION BOARD

None This Drill

ENLISTED PROMOTION BOARD MEMBERS

MAJ JACQUELINE JACKSON HQ PRESIDENT
CMSGT SUSAN SHIPMAN HQ MEMBER
CMSGT ANA POLLARD 283 CBCS MEMBER

MEMBERS MEETING THE ENLISTED BOARD

SMSGT WALTER E. DEAN III 128 ACCS
0900

Held Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 0900 hrs.
Location will be the Finch Building,
Bldg 840, 1388 First Street,
Dobbins ARB GA,

POCs are: MSgt LaQue Banks - 678-655-4052 or
TSgt Corelle Plummer - 678-655-4054

Military Child Care

High-Quality Child Care for Members While at Drill

The United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force have joined in a partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) to support military families.

NACCRRA works with more than 800 Child Care Resource & Referral agencies. These agencies are located in every state and most communities across the United States and help military families locate affordable, high-quality civilian child care programs in the communities where they reside.

Many of the Active Duty bases provide this service, and it is now available through Dobbins for members stationed in the Metro area. This service provides free-of-charge childcare (in the provider's home), to military members serving on drill weekends. The providers' homes are registered and certified within the state of Georgia, and has been inspected and contracted with the GA DoD. When the GA DoD sees the growth and increased need for this service, more providers could be added in the future for this area. As of now, this is the only one in the local area under contract with the GA DoD.

Need Quality Childcare during UTA?

**Military Childcare is now available through the
Dobbins Airman & Family Readiness Office!**

**For more information, or to sign up contact
Angela Pedersen @ 678-655-5004.**

For More Information:

*Call Child Care Aware toll-free at
1(800) 424-2246*

Log on:

www.naccrra.org/military

E-mail: MCCYN@naccrra.org

*Air Guard POCs are:
MSgt Laque Banks and
TSgt Martha Roman*

Air Force Physical Fitness Program

Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram

The Air Force fitness program was established on January 1, 2004. This program replaces the annual ergo-cycle test the Air Force used for several years. Revisions to the Air Force fitness program took effect July 1, 2010. These modifications, improvements and upgrades brought about some of the most significant changes to fitness standards in the last five years and shift a greater level of responsibility for maintaining year-round physical fitness to all Airmen. The Air Force Fitness Program goal is to motivate Airmen to participate in a year-round physical conditioning program that emphasizes total fitness, to include proper aerobic conditioning, strength and flexibility training, and healthy eating. Health benefits from an active lifestyle will increase productivity, optimize health, and decrease absenteeism while maintaining a higher level of readiness.

The new Physical Training initiative, which took effect in July, includes the establishment of a Fitness Assessment Cell (FAC) to standardize and administer the tests at each base. Airmen also will be tested twice as often and must pass each component of the test to avoid disciplinary action.

The GA ANG Fitness Monitors are MSgts Noah Brock and Clint Smith.

Awards and Recognition

**CMSgt Oliver Gills – Reenlistment
MSgt Noah Brock – Meritorious Service medal
MSgt Michelle Golson – Commendation medal**