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Happy New Year !!!

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Col Joachim Ferrero

Commander's Column

Col Joachim Ferrero, Director of Staff

Happy New Year! Last year was a busy year and after a relatively quiet Christmas and New Year, the next year promises to be even busier. The 165th Airlift Wing has deployed to Afghanistan and taken Lt Col Jim Marren with them. The 116th Air Control Wing continues to rotate people and aircraft through Southwest Asia on a routine basis and will go through the final stages of the de-blending of the wing by standing up an active associate wing. And our GSUs will continue to deploy with the 202d Engineering Installation Squadron and 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron sending people overseas. Our other units will also do their part to support stateside requirements or support the overseas contingencies from home station. As our units and their people continue to serve and perform their missions in an exceptional manner, let's continue to make sure that our support to them is just as exceptional.

Along with these challenges, there are changes that have come with the New Year. First, two of our long time headquarters members are retiring. CMSgt Sue Shipman, who has served as our first sergeant, is retiring. She has done a wonderful job of shepherding all of us, taking care of us, tracking our status, and making sure that we all have been taken care of. She has been a solid and reliable confidant, who always shoots straight and provides clear insight on how the organization and our people are doing. Also, Lt Col Jean Specht is hanging up her spurs. Jean joined the Georgia Air National Guard by signing up as a weapons controller at the old 129th Air Control Squadron, which used to be by the airport in Kennesaw. I remember her first drill when the entire squadron was ordered out to the fence line to pull kudzu out of the cyclone fence! I remember her shaking her head and me saying, "Capt Specht, welcome to the Guard!" Nobody will help us but ourselves. In her later jobs in planning and ESGR, I know she's continued to de-tangle situations and figuratively pulled a lot more kudzu out of fence lines for us. Thanks for everything, Jean.

Another change that has happened with the turn of the year is the promotion of General Moore. On December 22, 2010, the United States Senate advised and consented to the President's nomination of General Moore for promotion to major general. His promotion was effective that date and those two stars look great on his shoulders. This couldn't have happened to a better man.

I look forward to seeing you all at drill.

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King Day Celebration

By CMSgt Leslie Allen,
State Human Resources Advisor

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This month we celebrate a man who was renowned for his eloquence and skill for putting into words the feelings and thoughts of the people who fought for civil rights in the United States. This man died more than 40 years ago, many of the words he wrote and spoke resonate today, providing insight into modern issues.

This man is Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Dr King felt very strongly about civil rights. He felt that everyone, no matter what nationality, should have equal rights. The right to work and make an honest living, the right to vote, the right to a good education, and the right to use all public places. Dr. King believed in using love instead of hate to settle disagreements.

Dr. King was a very influential leader, one who will always be remembered and honored in this country. This is possible because in 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill declaring that beginning in 1986, the third Monday of every January would be celebrated as a national holiday known as Martin Luther King Day.

On 17 January 2011, we celebrated "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY" and people all over the world will celebrate this day. No matter how you celebrate and honor this special day, whether it's participating in a play about his life, marching in a parade, or just simply taking time to study about his life, I ask each person to remember his sacrifices and think of ways that WE CAN LIVE "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR's" "DREAM OF PEACE".

From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSgt Sue Shipman

UTA 22/23 Jan 2011 - Roll Call both Days 0800

Saturday: All HQ members report to the Finch Bldg for Saturday's drill

Sunday: HQ members will report to their normally scheduled duty location

Upcoming Retirements of HQ members: Saturday : Feb UTA Lt Col Jean Specht's Retirement Ceremony at the Finch Bldg.
In April 2011, Major Chris Goldsmith will also be retiring. Details to be announced later.

All HQ members are required 1 hour of PT each day of UTA. Bring your PT gear every UTA. No specific exercise, sport, or activity is required at this time. You must carve an hour out of your duty day and just make it happen.

The best plan usually involves finding a buddy or two to walk, jog, or run with you.

I would like to put in a plug for our Unit Fund, once again! Please participate in donating to the Unit Fund.

Contact TSgt Darenda Rogers to make donations and check your status. Our funds are used in several ways:

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

Also, please contact TSgt Darenda Rogers or Mrs. Victoria Hightower if you know of a HQ member who is ill, hospitalized, or has lost a family member. They will make the necessary contact for flowers or follow up with cards from HQ.

As your Additional Duty First Sergeant, I have only a few parting words in this edition of the BOARSTALE ; as my retirement date is effective 29 Jan 2011.

There is no advice that I could give, nor anything that I could say that is more powerful than our CORE VALUES!

1. INTEGRITY FIRST
2. SERVICE BEFORE SELF
3. EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

If you stick with #1 and do the right thing each and every time, then #2 and #3 will just flow naturally.

Respectfully, CMSgt Sue Shipman, HQ First Sergeant

Chief Master Sergeant Sue Shipman Retires

Her story from the beginning!

Chief Master Sergeant Susan L. Shipman is currently assigned as the "Additional Duty" First Sergeant for the Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard. In this capacity, she is responsible for advising the Commander on matters pertaining to the enlisted force and serves as the commanders eyes and ears. Additionally, this position requires communication with unit leadership, supervisors, and members to ensure discipline, morale, welfare, and health needs for the enlisted force are met.

Chief Shipman was born on May 3, 1954, in Miami, Florida. She graduated from Lake Weir High School in Summerfield, Fla in June 1972. In December 1972 she enlisted in what was then, the Women's Army Corps, a branch of the United States Army and served 3 years of Active Duty (1972-1975). Following Active Duty she enrolled at Armstrong State College in Savannah to continue her training and career as a Dental Hygienist. She completed her education at Armstrong State College and continues to work in the field of Dental Hygiene today. She has been employed by Thomas I. Smith, DMD in Brunswick, Georgia since 1991. Dr. Smith is a strong supporter of ESGR and the Military and Chief Shipman has also involved Dr. Smith on a "Boss Lift" trip which resulted in a ROUGH RIDE in a C-130.



Chief Sue Shipman

While in college, Chief Shipman had a four year break in service between 1975 and 1979. In November of 1979, she met a patient in the civilian dental ofc she was employed in; Col Claude Strickland who was the commander of the 224th at the time. Within an hour, Col Strickland had the recruiter from the 224th contact her and though she was not able to join the 224th, she did join the Georgia Air National Guard. Col Claude Strickland believed that all guardsmen are "recruiters."

Chief Shipman is married to Walt Shipman, has 3 Children, Jason, Erin, and Kyle and 4 grandchildren. Continuing the family military tradition, Chief Shipman's daughter Erin, is a member of the 224th and her husband is a member of the 165th Security Forces.

Chief Shipman is a member of the Air Force Association (AFA), the Air Force Sergeant's Association (AFSA), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), Savannah Association of Flying Air National Guardsmen (SAFANG), Beta Sigma Phi, and the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA). Member of the Georgia Air National Guard 1979-2011.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

1978 Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene, Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA
 1983 Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Education, Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA
 1984 CCAF (Community College of the Air Force) Degree in Dental Sciences
 1996 Middle Grades Teaching Certificate, Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA

MILITARY EDUCATION:

1972 Basic Training, US Army - Women's Army Corps (WAC), Ft McClellan, Anniston, Alabama
 1973 Dental Specialist Training, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas
 1973 Dental Hygienist Training, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas
 1991 Medical Administration Training, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas
 1999 Human Resources Advisors Course, National Guard Bureau
 2006 Additional Duty First Sergeants Course, Reno, Nevada

ASSIGNMENTS:

1972-1975 Dental Services US Army - Active Duty - Ft McClellan, Anniston, Alabama
 Ft Bliss & William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas
 Landstuhl Army Medical Center & Vogelweh Kaserne, Kaiserslautern, West Germany
 1979-1991 Dental Tech - 165th Medical Squadron, Savannah, GA
 1991-1999 Medical Administration Manager - 165th Medical Squadron, Savannah, GA
 1999-2005 Wing Human Resources Advisor - 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah, GA
 2005-2011 Headquarters Georgia Air National Guard, Dobbins ARB, Atlanta, GA

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
 Army Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal (2 devices) AF Outstanding Unit Award
 (4) Good Conduct Medal Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
 (9) National Defense Service Medal (2) Humanitarian Service Medal
 Army Overseas Service Ribbon AF Longevity Service (5) Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2) Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle) AF Training Ribbon Army Service Ribbon

Agenda

**Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
22-23 Jan 2011
Brig Gen Shannon Presiding**

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
22 Jan 2011		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-0830	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg,	Finch Bldg
0930-1030	KPI Briefing/CC, CV, DS, DO, CCM, 1st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1030-1100	PT Briefing (MSgt Brock/MSgt Tamplin)	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1100-1200	Staff Work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1630	Staff work	
1630	Release	
23 Jan 2011		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0830	Chapel Services	Chapel
0845	Officer Promotion Board	Col Ferrero's Office
0900-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1630	Release	"Good Drill"

NOTES: None

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Lt Col Specht and CMSgt Shipman : Will be Missed

Headquarters retirements are coming all too swiftly. Two ladies that I greatly admire will be closing out their Air National Guard careers this month. Headquarters, and the entire Georgia Air National Guard, will lose two distinguished and dedicated professionals. They are both women of faith who have served with rock solid integrity.

Lt Col Jean Specht moved to Georgia from Denver Colorado. Her passion for life and perseverance are a common trait of folks who hail from the great Rocky Mountain West region. Not surprisingly, Lt Col Specht loves to ski. For years, she has sported a vanity license plate with the phonetic motto: OHTOSKI.

I met Lt Col Specht when she joined the old 129th Air Control Squadron. Her leadership skills were immediately evident as she demonstrated a quick ability to adapt to her new environment of training, deployments, and summer camps.

Currently, Lt Col Specht works with Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). She works tirelessly to carry out the vision of the organization to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

Lt Col Specht is a dedicated wife and mother. She is proud of her daughter who is enrolled in the Navy ROTC program at the University of Washington.

Our beloved First Sergeant CMSgt Susan Shipman has been a motivator, top-notch administrator, den mother, and genuine friend to everyone on the Headquarters staff. Her steady and wise leadership and counsel to others has proven to be a source of strength and assurance as Headquarters has faced challenging times in recent years. Her warmth and sense of humor brightened the day of many an airman at the Finch Building.

Chief Shipman was a member of the 165th Airlift Wing for many years. She was assigned to the Medical Squadron. I admire people that pursue health care careers. It takes dedication, focus, and a true concern for others. Admirably, Sue Shipman has found her calling in the health sciences as a civilian as well. She is a dental hygienist.

I have listened intently to many anecdotes about her husband Walt. Some of the stories would make for a good plotline in a network situation comedy.

Lt Col Jean Specht and CMSgt Sue Shipman have contributed greatly to the mission of the Georgia Air National Guard. Their professionalism and commitment to the Guard are a great example for everyone. Their families have supported them all the way. The Headquarters staff is blessed for having the opportunity to work with them.

HOLIDAY THANKS

Chief Sue Shipman

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....

Many thanks go out to all of you who made the HQ HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY such a HUGE success. I think it may have even topped last year's event. LtCol Jim Marren arranged the enjoyable Holiday Music Program that was performed by the BAND. Many Thanks to the BAND!!! Our party Decorators and Entertainment committee: MSgt Barbara Smith and MSgt Laque Banks, continue to amaze me and everyone else with their talent and creativity. Then the numerous phone calls, contacts, and attention to every detail for the FOOD and catering from TSgt Darenda Rogers, ensured that the Holiday Luncheon was quite a FEAST. If you went away hungry, I can't imagine why! Also many thanks to Mrs. Victoria Hightower who was our major contact person and kept track of all of our RSVP's and kept us all up to date on our party planning. And now, maybe the most important part of our Event was in the Service Project. LtCol Jim Marren made all the contacts and arrangements for our donations to the Toys for Tots project sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserves. Thank You HQ Members that donated to this worthy Service Project!! Well done folks!
A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

Promotion Boards

The Promotion Board is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 0845 hrs.

Location will be Bldg 840, Dobbins ARB, GA 30069, Col Ferrero's Office.

Officer Promotion Board Members:

President: Col Joachim Ferrero
Member: Lt Col Eric Jones
Member: Lt Col Rebecca Gray
Recorder: Maj Jacqueline Jackson

Member meeting the Officer Board:

To Maj: Rex E. Deloach - 330 CTS

**Enlisted Promotion Board
None This Drill**

** Board members are expected to arrive 20 minutes prior to the convening board time. If you cannot serve as a board member, it is your responsibility to notify State Headquarters the name and email address of your replacement as soon as possible. The uniform of the day is full service dress blues.

** Members meeting the board are expected to arrive 15 Minutes prior to their appointment time. Uniform of the day is full service dress blues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact MSgt Corelle Plummer at 678-655-4054, Corelle.plummer@ang.af.mil or MSgt LaQue Banks 678-655-4052, laque.banks@ang.af.mil

PROMOTIONS**Congratulations!!!****Major General Thomas Moore**

**Chapel Service: UTA Sunday, 23
January at 0830 hrs in the Base Chapel
Read Proverbs 22: 17-21**

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

NATIONAL GUARD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY: Memorable Event Held at the Finch Building

Last month, the 374th anniversary of the founding of the National Guard was commemorated at the Finch Building at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Army Guard, Air Guard, State Defense Force, civilians, and retirees alike came together for a memorable event. Charlene Anderson worked long and hard to spread the word about the event. The annual ceremony had its greatest attendance ever.

On 13 December 1636, the Massachusetts Bay Colony organized three regiments of militia. The organization that now spans fifty states plus the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico was born.

Major General William T. Nesbitt delivered stirring remarks in recognition of the landmark date on the calendar. Major General Thomas Moore, Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard was also in attendance.



One of the highlights of the day was the appearance of historical reenactors, dressed in accurate period uniforms. They performed a skit that depicted the responsibilities of the members of the early militias. The reenactors also presented a monologue featuring General James Oglethorpe.

The appearance by the reenactors was sponsored by the Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard. Society members manned a table at the event and were able to sign up several new members to the organization. As a benefit of membership, the society presented copies of the book, "Crossroads of Conflict: A Guide to Civil War Sites in Georgia".

Co-authors Barry Brown and Gordon "Rich" Elwell were present to sign autographed copies of the book. Elwell is a member of the Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard. Elwell is a retired from the Georgia Army National Guard and currently serves in the Georgia State Defense Force as its historian.

Attendees, including members of the local media, left the Finch Building with a greater appreciation for the history of the National Guard.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE SOUTH

By TSgt Julie Dermott

"How do I sign up?" The Air National Guard Band of the South will be representing the GA ANG at the annual Georgia Music Educators National Conference in Savannah this January, and we are excited about the opportunity to educate the Southeastern music professional community about what we do. The process to become a bandsman is a bit different than other AFSCs; first, there has to be a need for your specific instrument. Although many of us play multiple instruments, there is usually a primary need for a specific one. One example is after the creation of the CENTAF rock bands, guitar players were in much more demand than they had been previously, when the focus of the band program was more on concert band music (similar to the public school band program).

After the need for a specific instrument has been determined, the candidates will prepare an audition. This is sort of like a job interview, except you know all the questions beforehand! Our auditions usually consist of scales (the fundamentals of all music) and two contrasting pieces. Think "American Idol" - a performer who can nail a Top 40 pop hit followed by something by Johnny Cash, then finish by belting out an Aretha Franklin tune really shows some serious range. We look for performers that are very versatile. Auditions conclude with sight-reading, where a candidate is given about 5 minutes to prepare a piece of music they have never seen before, then they play it for the committee. Because we have limited time to rehearse our music, good sight-reading ability is paramount. It is very rare that someone would pull off sight-reading perfectly, what really matters is how they recover after a mistake. Can they keep their composure? Displaying grace under pressure is a very important talent for a performer to possess.

Because we think of ourselves as a family, we like to let candidates sit in on rehearsals and get a feel for the band prior to auditioning. It's a big decision, and it allows everyone to make sure that the person is a good fit for the job both personally and musically.

Once accepted, then the fun really begins! The future airman enlists with the Air Force and gets a date for basic training. Being judged by a panel of your peers at an audition is a stressful experience, but at least it is a known one. For many would-be-bandsmen, the prospect of BMT is a deterrent. Recent BMT grads mentor our new recruits to help them through the process. Ironically, once they are finished, they acknowledge that while basic training was challenging, it was one of the best experiences of their life.

The ANG Band of the South is currently seeking saxophonists and clarinetists. For more information, visit our website at www.bandofthesouth.ang.af.mil. And if you aren't already, become a fan on Facebook!

Air Guard Achievements - Around the State

165th Airlift Wing unveils a restored F-86 Korean War era Fighter Jet

Photo: (l-r) Major General (Ret.) Bill Bland, former commander of the 165th AW and former Adjutant General of the Georgia Air National Guard and Brigadier General (Ret.) Bill Taylor help remove the covering of the newly restored F-86 in the Air Park of the Air Guard Base at Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport.



Courtesy 165th AW, PAO

The 165th Airlift Wing unveiled on November 6, 2010, a restored F-86 Korean War era fighter jet flown during the 1950's by the 158th Air Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard. One of the veteran combat pilots of this aircraft, Brigadier General Bill "Foots" Taylor (ret.), spoke during the presentation. The restored aircraft sits in the new "Air Park", a vision of Colonel Jim Grandy, commander of the 165th AW Maintenance Group. The Air Park includes a restored F-84 Fighter that also belonged to the 158th Air Squadron and a new running track. It is situated near the Combat Readiness Training Center's new dormitory and the combined headquarters building of the 165th Airlift Wing and the Combat Readiness Training Center.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

By MSgt Noah Brock



It's 2011 and the Air Force is continuing to strengthen and refine its physical fitness testing standards. The new test requires us to do a little more this year so here are 10 steps that will help - if you do them!

--Wear Good Running Shoes: That old set of New Balances' you got eight years ago at basic are a poor choice. Not only are they going to add time to your run, but prolonged use will also cause damage to your knees and back.

--Get a Good Night Sleep: Just as a good night sleep will help your performance before an academic test, it will help your performance while taking the PT test.

--Take Responsibility for your Warm-up: Your normal pre test warm-up routine that you always start 10 days before the test, is not enough and gets harder and harder each year. Lets be smarter this time, and start ten weeks before the test. Do a light run 3-4 times a week, stretch and knock out 20-25 sit-ups and pushups also 3-4 times a week.

-- Bring a Towel or Pad: Doing sit-ups on the concrete or wet grass is miserable. Bringing a towel or pad will keep you dry comfortable and ready to excel.

--Stretch, Stretch, Stretch, Stretch, Stretch and stay hydrated.

--Hit the Bathroom Before the Test: There is no need to explain this in detail; running or doing sit-ups when you need to go is miserable.

--Work with a Buddy: Having a buddy to encourage you will help push out more sit-ups, pushups and have a faster run time.

--Know the Standards: Knowing the minimum requirements may prevent you from failing by missing one or two sit-ups. It will also keep you from over exerting yourself right before the run.

--Take a pre-test: A few weeks prior to the real test take a pre-fitness test with your buddy. It will let you know if there are any areas to work on and increase your confidence for the real test.

--Stay off the Supplements or Energy Drinks: If Red Bulls or energy drinks are not part of your normal routine, don't start on the day of your test. Your body is not accustomed to the sugar/cafeine shock it will probably make you sick and reduce performance.