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Major General Nesbitt presents Major General Moore with his New Flag

Major General Thomas R. Moore, Commander Georgia Air National Guard receives his General Officer flag at his promotion ceremony from Brigadier General, to Major General from Major General William T. Nesbitt, Adjutant General of Georgia at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA during his promotion event, March 12, 2011.



Diversity: Where it all Began

By CMSgt Leslie Allen, State Human Resources Advisor



Chief Leslie Allen

I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2011 National Guard Diversity Training Conference. It was held at the beautiful Westin Copley Place hotel in Boston, MA, with the conference theme "**Where it all Began**". The conference kicked off with an activity where the Massachusetts Historical Society and the re-enactors group of Boston dressed up in uniforms and attires of the epoch. The event hosted Mr. George Baker portraying President John Adams who gave us a entertaining and very in-depth piece of history, the history that began in Salem, Massachusetts in 1636, the history of the first militia groups that later became the National Guard.

Over the course of the four day event, participants received the tools needed to shape our National Guard organizations for the future.

The conference agenda had each day packed with world class speakers and presentations specifically designed to provide a variety of techniques to build our organization's diversity plans. Members actively participated throughout this conference, gaining valuable information. It is important to highlight that the most valuable part of any conference environment are the people you meet and the discussions you have with your peers in other states and territories, and we all made the most of this excellent opportunity.

During the conference, several breakout sessions were held. These sessions included Assessing your current diversity program, Resiliency, Inclusiveness, Operational Diversity, and Making it work. These sessions were held by civilian experts as well as by retired military personnel. These breakout sessions engaged participants in significant information and wisdom meant to be transmitted directly to all personnel in the field. By use of the subject matter experts, NGB stepped forward into the learning curve offering guidance in times of developing the Army and Air Guard diversity programs.

The conference hosted several keynote speakers that added tremendous value to the event. The first day the Chief of National Guard Bureau, Gen Craig R. McKinley addressed the participants with a very important note on the diversity program and the future of the National Guard. Likewise, the acting director of the Army National Guard, MG Raymond W. Carpenter, LT Gen Harry M. Wyatt III, Director Air National Guard and MG Joseph C. Carter, Adjutant General of Massachusetts also addressed the participants with important keynote speeches concerning the diversity initiative. BG Sandra Dittig, Chair, Director Army National Guard EO/EEO/Diversity Committee also addressed the participants.

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Gen Craig R. McKinley
Chief of NGB

Agenda

**Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
16-17 April 2011
Maj Gen Moore Presiding**

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
16 April 2011		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-0830	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg,	Finch Bldg
0900	EPP Promotion Board	Robins AFB
0930-1030	Staff Briefing CC, CV, DS, DO, CCM, All other available 0-6s	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1030-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1400	Staff work	
1300-1400	SIAC conference call BG Shannon, Lt Col Smith, MSgt C Smith	TBA
1415-1515	DADT briefing	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1530	PT	
1630	Release	
17 April 2011		
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0830	Chapel Service	Chapel
0900	Officer Promotion Board	Robins AFB
0900-1200	Staff work	
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1230-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Auditorium, Finch Bldg
1600-1630	PT	
1630	Release	"Good Drill"

NOTES: None

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

Searching for Satisfaction

Easter Sunday is April 24. I hope that you spend the day with family and friends while reflecting on the true meaning of the occasion: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please attend your house of worship and look for a sunrise service to attend as well.

The concept of resurrection falls outside the realm of ordinary proof. As we consider the subject in the twenty-first century, skeptics are all around us. Many people demand visible, easily understood proof when it comes to issues of religion. Yet these same people will accept scientific theories and ecological hypotheses that are measured with less proof than the resurrection of Christ.

Evangelist Billy Graham put it best: "It was the fact of the resurrection of Christ that called the disciples to go out as burning young revolutionaries to change the world of their day. They preached that Christ was alive. This should be our message, not only at Easter but every day of the year". As eyewitnesses to the return of Jesus Christ, they were driven with passion and love to spread the Good News of the Gospel despite placing their own lives in danger.

Through the centuries, the Gospel message has endured because of the impact that Jesus Christ has made in the lives of individual believers as well as the factual direction of God through the unfolding of events and the emergence of individual spiritual leaders. And today, we have the opportunity to share the Gospel message with people that we encounter: to acknowledge our sins, repentance, acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to make Christ the center of our everyday lives. Please share the Good News and celebrate the risen Savior this Easter Sunday.

Special Note: George Beverly Shea, longtime soloist for Billy Graham Crusades, received the Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award from the Recording Academy. He turned 102 years of age on February 1 of this year. Shea has produced more than 70 albums of hymns during his musical career. His 2011 Special Merit Award co-recipients are Julie Andrews, Roy Haynes, the Julliard String Quartet, Dolly Parton, the Kingston Trio, and the Ramones.

PRAYER SUPPORT: Please keep Colonel Bill Day and family in your prayers upon the loss of his brother and the family Lt Col Andre Campbell upon the passing of his mother-in-law.

BIRTHDAYS

April 19 Lt Col Rebecca Gray

April 19 Capt Evelyn Rivera

PROMOTION BOARDS

EPP Board

Scheduled for 16 April 2011, 0900.

Location: Robins AFB,

Bldg 2350

(GA ANG Conference Center)

Board Members

Eric Jones, Lt Col

Jacqueline Jackson, Maj

Donald Camp, CCMSgt

Leslie Allen, CMSgt

Lorenzo Anastasie, CMSgt

Hewshal Thornton, CMSgt

Robert Colley, CMSgt

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MSgt LaQue Banks 678-655-4052, laque.banks@ang.af.mil

**NEW
FIRST SERGEANT****Congratulations!!!****MSgt Bill Spears****Chapel Service: UTA Sunday, 17 April at 0830 hrs in the Base Chapel****Read: I Corinthians 15: 12-17**

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This conference was an essential continued education for all attending Human Resources Advisor (HRA's). We have learned and re-learned important tools and valuable information that will allow us to continue performing the duties assigned effectively and expeditiously, for the benefit of the organization and the successful implementation and development of this position and Command programs. This kind of events adds great value in having educated individuals to perform the duties of the HRA office in benefit of all members of the Army and Air Guard.

HISTORIAN COLUMN

By MSgt Clint Smith

The One-hundred-Fiftieth Anniversary of the Civil War: The Role of Aviation

This week marks the commemoration of the one-hundred- fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Many people do not know that both the Union and Confederate armies used balloons for reconnaissance during the war, establishing the first time that balloons were used in the United States for reconnaissance. John Wise, a professional aeronaut, was the first person to receive orders to build a balloon for the Union army. However, it was never used because it escaped its tethers and was shot down to prevent it from falling into Confederate hands.

Thaddeus Lowe, an avid balloonist, met with President Abraham Lincoln in June, 1861. Lowe demonstrated his ideas for balloon reconnaissance and also for sending telegrams from the balloon to the commanders below. President Lincoln was impressed enough to establish The Balloon Corps, a civilian organization under the authority of the Union's Bureau of Topographical Engineers. The President granted Lowe permission to requisition equipment and personnel.

Lowe received funds to build a balloon on August 2, 1861. The first U.S. balloon designed for military use, the Union, was ready for action later that month. Because he was forced to inflate the balloon with gas from municipal lines in Washington, D.C. (He had not received the funds needed yet for a portable gas generator), the balloon could not be moved far, which limited operations to the Washington, D.C. area.

On September 24, 1861, Lowe ascended to more than 1000 feet near Arlington, Virginia. He began telegraphing intelligence on the Confederate troops located at Falls Church, Virginia, more than three miles away. Union guns were aimed and fired accurately at the Confederate troops without actually being able to see them – a first in the history of warfare.

The success of the engagement led the Secretary of War to direct Lowe to build four additional balloons.

JSTARS

Helps Carrier Strike Group get Ready for Combat

courtesy 1st Lt. Clay Gibbs

Aircrew members from the 116th Air Control Wing from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., participated in a naval exercise late February in the Atlantic Ocean, providing critical command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to air and surface assets.

The control wing's involvement with the USS Bush and her strike group was part of the larger capstone joint task force exercise, which gave the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircrew a better understanding of naval operations.

Approximately 10 other naval and air assets participated in the exercise making logistics vital to a successful exercise.

"The real enablers behind the scenes were our maintainers." said Col. William Welsh, 116th ACW Air National Guard commander. "All five scheduled missions launched on-time and some days, even in foul weather."

During the exercise, enemy vessels and aircraft from the fictitious country of Garnet, aimed to disrupt and defeat the USS Bush's ability to operate effectively with other military and coalition forces.

"I think the Navy realizes the joint capabilities the Air Force can bring to the naval fight and will continue to develop this relationship." Colonel Welsh said.

The exercise concluded Feb. 22 with the George H. W. Bush Strike Group being certified "Combat Ready" by U.S. 2nd Fleet and is prepared to depart on its initial overseas deployment this spring.



U.S. Air Force Airborne Operations Technicians Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Fogelman and Senior Airman Andrew Masel, from the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., communicate and coordinate intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance information while tracking surface targets aboard JSTARS for the George H. W. Bush Strike Group during a joint task force exercise in February.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Greg Sipple explains to U.S. Air Force 116th Air Control Wing JSTARS crewmember, Capt. Michael Brantley, how flight operations are conducted aboard George H. W. Bush naval vessel during the joint task force exercise in the Atlantic Ocean in February.



Tour De Moose

JOIN US ON ARMED FORCES DAY FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL

TOUR DE MOOSE RIDE ON ROBINS AFB

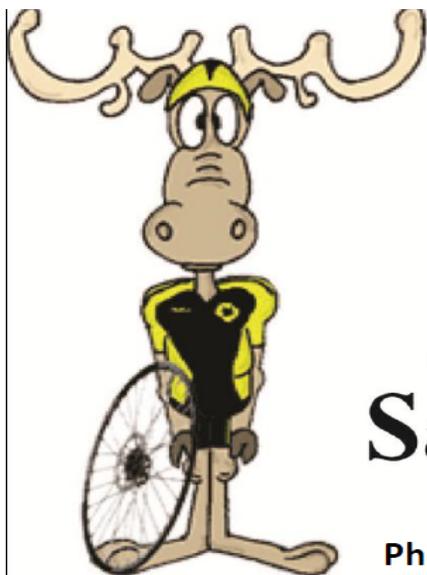
SPONSORED BY THE

**GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
& MUSEUM OF AVIATION FOUNDATION**

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Start Time: 8:30 am Cost: \$25 adults - \$10 age 18 and under

Phantom Rider (T-Shirt Only): \$10 Registrations after May 13th: \$30



The Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Georgia Air National Guard are proud to bring you this 2nd annual event. Bring the family for a bike ride on beautiful Robins Air Force Base. After the ride, visit the Museum of Aviation for family activities, food and fun. Registration is required. **NO WALKING OR RUNNING** the course. Visit www.museumofaviation.org, www.active.com or call (478) 923-6600 for more detailed information.

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

7:00 am-8:00 am Century of Flight Hangar

PICTURE ID REQUIRED

*Due to increased security on Robins AFB, civilian/non-military IDs will be held until the participant completes the ride.

For more information call (478) 923-6600 or visit www.museumofaviation.org

RIDING HELMETS REQUIRED. PICTURE ID REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION.

Make check payable to **Museum of Aviation Foundation** and mail forms to: **Museum of Aviation Foundation PO Box 2469 Warner Robins, GA 31099** or register online at www.active.com.

START TIMES

Experienced/Advanced Riders: 8:30 am

Family and Fun Riders: 8:45 am

(Ride begins at the Museum of Aviation)

*Participants under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for all activities.

Name: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Active Duty Military: yes no Circle Shirt size: S M L XL XXL (\$2 extra)

Ride Distance: ___ 7 Miles ___ 15 Miles ___ 30 Miles ___ 45 Miles ___ Phantom Rider (T-Shirt Only)

CREDIT CARD INFO: Name as it appears on Card: _____ Amount Charged: _____

Circle Card Type: **American Express** **Discover** **MasterCard** **Visa** Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

WAIVER: For and in consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I agree and certify that I am in proper physical condition to participate in the event which I have entered, and further agree that the above mentioned sponsors, organizers, promoters, directors, or persons connected with the event are under no obligation to provide physical examination or other evidence of my fitness to participate in such event. I assume all risk associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to the weather (to include high heat and humidity), condition of the road and other race area surfaces, falls, collisions, motor vehicle traffic, and the conduct of spectators and other participants. I hereby for myself, my heirs, my administrators, and executors forever waive, release and discharge the Museum of Aviation, its directors, officers, members, sponsors, all officials, participants, organizers, planners, volunteers, the Museum of Aviation Foundation and Robins Air Force Base for any injuries sustained or arising out of my association with, entry in, or participation in the event and any pre-, post- or other ride-related activities. I agree to abide by all instructions from event officials. I grant permission to use any photographs or any other record of me. I understand that all entries are final with no refund. The event will be held, weather not withstanding.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ (if under 16 years old at time of entry)



Tour De Moose

FOOD & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Stay and Play in Freedom Park at the Museum of Aviation

DIRECTIONS TO THE MUSEUM OF AVIATION

GA Hwy 247 & Russell Pkwy, Warner Robins, GA 31099

From Macon Headed South I-75

Pio Nono Exit 160A – South on Pio Nono 4.2 Miles

Will Merge into Hwy 247 and continue 10.6 Miles -

Museum on left past Robins Air Force Base

Southbound I-75 via 475 Bypass

Exit 144 on Russell Parkway – Take left at light

Go about 10 miles – Exit right (before base)

and go south on Hwy 247 -

Museum is next immediate left

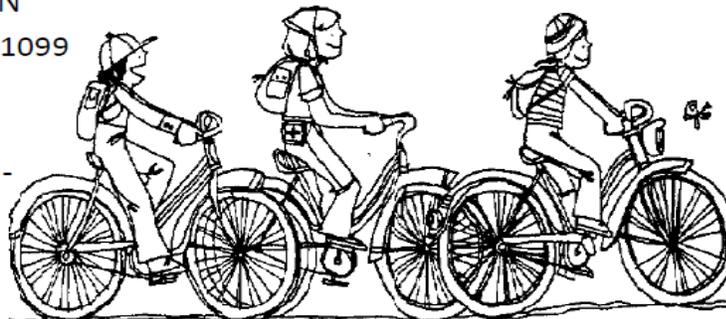
Northbound I-75

Exit 144 on Russell Parkway – Take right at light

Go about 10 miles – Exit right (before base)

and go south on Hwy 247 -

Museum is next immediate left



KIDS BIKE RODEO

Free Bike Safety Activities (ages 4-9)

9:00 am-10:00 am

Bike & Helmet Safety Check

Safety Obstacle Course

Sponsored by the Central Georgia Cyclists

AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS

10 am – 2 pm

Stop by the aircraft displays on Robins AFB
and at the Museum of Aviation!

KIDS BIKE RODEO REGISTRATION

Make check payable to **Museum of Aviation Foundation** and mail forms to: Museum of Aviation Foundation PO Box 2469 Warner Robins, GA 31099 or call (478) 923-6600. RIDING HELMET REQUIRED. Participants must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian for all activities.

Name: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____ Telephone (____) _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Kids Bike Safety T-shirt (\$10 each) : yes no Circle Youth Shirt size: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

CREDIT CARD INFO: Name as it appears on Card: _____ Amount Charged: _____

Circle Card Type: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Air Guard Achievements - Around the State

TSgt Octavia Spade a member of the Mission Support Group Receives Hometown Heroes Award



Award presented by:
Maj Gen Moore,
Col Welsh, and
Command Chief
Anastasia

TSgt Octavia Spade a member of the Mission Support Group in the 116 Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base, GA receives her Hometown Heroes Award from Major General Thomas Moore, Commander Georgia Air National Guard, Colonel William Welsh, Commander 116 Air Control Wing and Chief Lorenzo Anastasia, Command Chief 116 Air Control Wing at a special Hometown Heroes ceremony honoring those in the Air National Guard who have deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN. The Ceremony was held at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, GA , March 12,2011.

Courtesy 116th Public Affairs

The Official Mission Statement of the Georgia Air National Guard:

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

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