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*Col William E. Day III*

## Commander's Column

*By Col William Day III*

Greetings, Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard! Can you believe we are half way through Fiscal Year 2010?! There's an old adage that goes: "Time flies when you're having fun". A follow-on 'theory' attributes the 'ever more rapid passing of time' to our advancing age and the fact that we have so many more years worth of experiences with which to compare the days, weeks and even months. When compared to thirty, forty, and (for some of us) fifty years worth of living, days do not seem like so much as they do when compared to only seven or eight years 'worth' of living! When I began to contemplate topics for this article, my thoughts turned to the upcoming retirements of a number of our members, and it seemed to me like only 'yesterday' when I joined the headquarters staff. As I reflected back on their (and my) time at the headquarters, it hit me that what seems like such a short time, in fact has been over three years for me, and even longer for most of them. During that time, our headquarters and staff has experienced and accomplished a lot. The changes and transformation we have undergone have been significant, as well. Upon further consideration, time not only flies because you're having fun – it flies when you're busy!

Maj Gen Hammond, Command Chief Morgan, Chief Master Sergeant Shipman, Senior Master Sergeant Hays, it has been an honor to have served with you for these past 'too short' years, and it has been a tremendous pleasure, as well. And while I know (and hope) we have not seen the last of you all – and that we will have the time for tributes and farewells at your official retirement ceremonies - I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that not only will you be missed, but you will also be remembered. The headquarters will not be the same without you. But know, too, that the headquarters – and indeed – the entire Georgia Air National Guard is now, and will be, better for your service and the contributions you have made to all of our organizations. May God continue to bless you in your future endeavors! For those of us not getting all of our weekends back, are you ready for the challenges that still lie ahead? The tremendous pace of change in our missions, roles, tactics, techniques and procedures does not appear as it will be lessening any time soon.

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The transformation of the Air Force and the Air National Guard, along with our sister services, in order to meet and defeat/overcome the new challenges and threats we face, relentlessly continues. Unfortunately, some of this change may not be welcome to us. In some cases, it merely takes us out of our comfort zones – new AFSCs or cross training; new units, etc. – however, in other cases, the transformation results in the complete loss of units or personnel. While I do not want to open the can of worms on the politics or other motivating/deciding factors in some of these changes or decisions, I do think it is up to us to engage fully to attempt to be part of the solution, and not a 'victim', whenever, wherever and however possible.

On a personal level, I encourage you to do all you can to remain 'competitive' and that you continue to add or improve skills and capabilities to remain relevant. It's important that you maintain and progress in your personal and professional development. All who desire to remain with this organization: expect to be challenged!

As an organization, I am encouraged that we are making the right moves in terms of being part of the discussion and decision process(es). I am confident the new leadership coming in has the right perspective and approach in this area. While we may not be able to obtain exactly what we want (in terms of missions, units or personnel), I am certain we would do even worse if we were not proactively engaged with ANG and AF Leadership on the path forward. In my 28+ years of Air Force and Air National Guard experience, I have seen a tremendous evolution in how we operate. I sure wish I could tell you what we will look like in another 28 years...

## ANG Band of the South

By Julie DeMott

The "March Madness" that was the Air National Guard band of the South's annual open house was a great success this year. SrA James Brannon coordinated the event, which brought in over 13 potential recruits and their families. Guests had a chance to play with some of the band's ensembles, talk to recruiter MSgt Dianna Miller, and eat a provided lunch catered by Jason's Deli.

This year's summer tour, affectionately called "summer camp" by band members, is shaping up to be a fun one. Director of Operations, MSgt Brent Whitaker, is in the process of finalizing the plans for an eight day tour throughout Florida and Alabama. This year's "camp" culminates in a performance by the Concert band at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida. For more detailed information about our summer performance schedule, please visit our website at [bandofthesouth.ang.af.mil](http://bandofthesouth.ang.af.mil).

This is MSgt Whitaker's first tour as Director of Operations. He is replacing MSgt John Falk, who retires this year. MSgt Falk, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi, has been a member of the Air National Guard Band of the South since 1972. He is a member in good standing of Atlanta Peachtree Lodge #59 and Scottish Rite, and has been performing with the Shrine Band for over 36 years. He is past president of the Yaarab Shrine Band and the SESBA Board. Sergeant Falk holds a bachelor's degree in economics and business from West Georgia University, and has served in the Chamblee Business and Professional Association.

As a new retiree, Sergeant Falk will be able to take advantage of his free weekends and spend more time with his model railroading; trains run daily on layouts covering most of his basement.

Sergeant Falk is a member and supporter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), Train Collectors Association (TCA) and past president of the Georgia Society of Ferroequinologists.

**The band wishes Sergeant Falk all the best in his future endeavors. He will be missed!**

## Congratulates MSgt Falk



**Photo of MSgt John Falk (right)  
Performs on clarinet with the Concert band.**

## It's That Time...

By CMSGT Betty Morgan



*It's that time for pollen to fall; flowers to bloom; grass to turn green, leaves to change colors; temperature to rise; school to close; leadership to change...yes, it's that time...There's no doubt that in this world, NOTHING lasts always. No matter if it is good or bad, there will always be a time when the opportunity will present itself to dictate a change.*

**Leadership** is one of those things that will always be an issue in any organization. When it is good, everyone wants the person to remain in position, and is sad when the time comes for him/her to leave, but if **leadership** is a constant battle of someone not following procedures, rules, regulations, then there is no problem to see that person vacate the position.

The time is drawing nigh for changes in the Georgia Air National Guard (ANG). It will not be a time to become a non-supporter, but will be a time to continue to support the new personnel that will be assuming the command. The rules won't change; the regulations won't change; the policies won't change; but what will change; the personnel. **It is time** for you to step up to the plate and give **110%** of your time, patience, and effort to help lead the Georgia Air National Guard in becoming the number one guard out of all the 50 states and territories. **It is time** to recognize the top enlisted force for each month so that at the end of the year, there will be many to choose from to send to State Headquarters in order to compete with the other states for AOY (Airman of the Year). **It is time** to find an exercise program that will help you to get physically fit in order to meet or exceed the fitness standards for the ANG. **It is time** to enroll in Professional Military Education (PME) courses according to your specialty code. This is one qualification that will aid you to be ready to put on the next stripe when the time arises.

**It is time** to create a portfolio of all your accomplishments throughout your tenure in the ANG...but above all, **it is time** to understand the meaning of diversity. It is not just about race, religion, or gender, it is about what can a person do to make a difference in the organization; understanding what needs to be done in order to move the Georgia ANG to the next level. *It's that time...*

*Hats off to the out-going! Welcome to the in-coming!*

## From the Desk of the First Sergeant

CMSGT Sue Shipman

### \* 17-18 April Roll Call 0800 hrs - both days

Bring PT clothing..... practice PT test (mandatory) begins end of UTA on Saturday, 17 April

Staff Assistance Visit at 116th on Sunday, 18 April

PT on Sunday at end of UTA - optional

### \* 15-16 May Roll Call 0800 hrs - both days

PHOTO OP - Uniform: SERVICE DRESS - HQ Personnel Group Photo on Saturday, 15 May (in the AM, time TBD)

CCM Morgan's retirement on Saturday, 15 May @ Finch Bldg (1300 or 1400 hrs, TBD)

Bring PT clothing..practice PT test (mandatory) at end of UTA on Saturday, 15 May

Staff Assistance Visit at 202nd on Sunday, 16 May

PT on Sunday at end of UTA - optional

### \* 26-27 June Annual Summer Family Day Party on Saturday, 26 Jun at the home of Maj Gen and Mrs. Cindy Hammond -details TBD

# Agenda

*Headquarters GA ANG  
Unit Training Assembly  
17-18 Apr 2010  
Maj Gen Hammond Presiding*

Time	Topics/Attendees 17 Apr 2010	Location
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800-1330	Command Chief Master Sergeant Board Interviews – Maj Gen Hammond, Brig Gens Moore & Shannon, CCMSgt Morgan	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1000 -1500	EPP Board	Conf Room, Bldg 2, CNGC
1200-1230	Lunch	
1230-1630	Staff Work	
1630	Release	
	18 Apr 2010	
0800	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	SAV 116 ACW, SAV Team	Robins AFB, GA
0830	Chapel Services	Chapel
0830	Enlisted Promotion Board – Maj Jackson, CCMSgt Morgan, CMSgt Pinkney	116 MSG, Conf Rm, RAFB
1200-1230	Lunch	
1230-1600	Staff Work	
1600	Hotwash	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1630	Release	“Good Drill”

NOTES: None

\* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith

### Spring: A Season of Renewal

I watch with appreciation as well as somewhat amused every year when the first weekend of warm weather in the spring brings out the walkers, skateboarders, roller skaters, and dog walkers to the local Park. Spring is indeed a season of renewal. It is a time to celebrate life and God's creation in nature and his ultimate creation of mankind through his perfect plan during the Easter holiday.

Our responsibility is to develop a deepening, strong fellowship with God. Andrew Murray, a prolific writer of the early twentieth century, expounded often on the importance of nurturing true fellowship with the Lord. He wrote:

- Begin each day with a quiet time before God and let Him touch you. As I need every moment afresh the air to breathe, so it is only in direct, living communication with God that my soul can be strong.
- Let your first act in your devotion be a setting yourself still before God. In prayer or worship, everything depends upon God taking the chief place. I must bow quietly before him in humble faith and adoration. Take time, till you know God is very near.
- Recognize your vulnerability as a sinner and thank the Lord for his forgiveness in a spirit of humility and service.

Murray's recommendations continue with a strong and consistent plea to become a disciplined student of the Bible. I believe that the spring is a good time to read Paul's letters to the Romans.

Most scholars consider Romans to be the theological centerpiece of the New Testament.

**Haiti Update:** Volunteers in Port-au-Prince report that most of the 110 churches in the area have experienced overflow crowds on Sundays. People are seeking spiritual guidance. Most of the churches have conducted services outside because the locals fear entering buildings in in the aftermath of the earthquake. Church leaders report over 40,000 professions of faith in Jesus Christ in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, faith-based disaster relief leaders recognize that their ministry efforts are shifting into long-term mode. The leaders maintain close contact through partnership in the Christian Response Coalition, a group including Samaritan's Purse, the Salvation Army, the United Methodist Church, World Vision, the Southern Baptist Convention, Habit for Humanity, and Operation Blessing.

### Prayer List:

MSgt Barbara Smith and family in the loss of her brother-in-law

The family of SMSgt Dorothy Pearson of the 116<sup>th</sup> ACW

Chapel Service: Sunday, April 18 at 0830 hrs in the base chapel

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY (April and May)

Lt Col Rebecca Gray – April 19

CMSgt Sue Shipman – May 3

Mrs Victoria Hightower – May 4

CMSgt Jodell Browder – May 14

CMSgt Billy Pinkney – May 17

SMSgt Perri Hays – May 21

CCMSgt Betty Morgan – May 30

### Officer Promotion Board Members

None this month

### Enlisted Promotion Board Members

President: Major Jacqueline Jackson -HQs ANG

Member: CCMSgt Betty Morgan - HQs ANG

Member: CMSgt William Pinkney – HQs ANG

Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 0830 hrs.

Location will be the 116th MSG

Conference room , Warner Robins, AFB

### AFI 36-2903

#### Personal cell phone use while in uniform

According to the latest results of the 2009 Virtual Uniform Board, personal cell phones are authorized while walking in uniform. The cell phone must be a conservative color and may be worn on the left or right side of the uniform. The wear of hands free devices is still prohibited. It is required that military customs and courtesies take priority.

For the latest messages and policies concerning the Air Force Uniform, you can view

AFI 36-2903 or log into the Air Force portal and type in "uniform" in the search box.

By TSgt Corelle Plummer

# Have you heard about the FitFamily of the Month

*Courtesy Air Force News 4/1/2010*

## BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.

The family of a 9th Support Division Squadron member was selected as the Air Force's FitFamily of the Month for March after logging more points than any other Air Force family on the program's website [www.usafFitFamily.com](http://www.usafFitFamily.com).

The FitFamily Web site provides a venue for families to participate in family activities and track points using the web site. It includes healthy recipes, fitness tips and is updated with the latest fitness and sports information and articles on family activities.



Get up. Get out. Get Fit.  
Together.

Mr. William Harrison a computer support administrator with the 9th SDS and his wife Janice, who works at Beale's Youth Center, have always maintained an active lifestyle with their four children, however this program has allowed them to form a closer bond. "It opens you up to doing more things with your family," said Mr. Harrison. "Knowing that this program is out here, and you want to honestly log points in, it gives you more of a motivation factor to go outside and throw the ball, shoot hoops and ride bikes. It has even helped us out to eat dinner together more."

Mrs. Harrison loves the program because points are earned for daily household activities done together.

"Chores are part of it as well," said Mrs. Harrison. "It helps me enforce responsibility for the children. I normally would do it myself (household chores), but this way if we do it together and go on the website and honestly say that we did this we can log more points."

"If you have a kid that loves playing video games, I recommend getting the Wii fit game," said Mr. Harrison. "That game has a lot of good fitness exercises on it, from kids doing jogging to aerobic exercises, and if the kid does it right they will burn calories and get fit. On a day where they can't get outside, and they're cooped up in the house put them on that, and that is a good way to get points." There are a lot of single parents here, and it would be something nice for them to get more of a closeness of relationship with their child; this way they get to know each other more." "Around 80 percent of married couples in the U.S. are now dual income earners, meaning that both husband and wife work outside the home," said David Brittain, FitFamily program manager at the Pentagon. "The challenges to find time for family activities and physical exercise are greater than ever."

FitFamily is constantly updated with the latest fitness and sports information and articles on fun activities to do as a family. Each month features a different aspect of fitness and families are encouraged to send fitness photos of their family and share how they stay fit.

Last year, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz designated July 2009 to July 2010 as the Year of the Air Force Family, a year-long focus on Air Force programs highlighting the importance of, and commitment to, the entire Air Force family.

"Taking care of families is a solemn promise we make to each Airmen and family member," Secretary Donley said during his remarks to the Air Force Sergeants Association last year.

Eligible families of active duty, Reserve, Guard, and DOD civilian members are encouraged to register online to participate and log points at [www.usafFitFamily.com](http://www.usafFitFamily.com).

**DON'T FORGET! MANDATORY PT starts this Saturday and EVERY Saturday (Drill/UTA) for 45 minutes at the end of the day. POC for Ellenwood and Confederate is MSgt Noah Brock and the POC for Dobbins is MSgt Clint Smith.**

## HISTORIAN COLUMN

### THE GATE CITY GUARD of ATLANTA: A Lasting Legacy

By MSgt Clint Smith



The Gate City Guard of Atlanta was organized on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 1857. Its name refers to an unofficial moniker for the city, which in previous generations was referred to in some circles as ‘Gate City’.

The organization was officially chartered as a volunteer infantry corps for Atlanta, Fulton County, and the state of Georgia on December 14, 1859. Its number was limited to eighty privates, exclusive of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Its membership was a cross section of the various demographic groups that populated the city of Atlanta.

The unit was well known for its stylish, brilliant dress uniform. The members were proficient and sharp in drill exercises and accurate in the use of firearms.

The local civilian authorities called on the Gate City Guard on numerous occasions. The Guard assisted sheriffs with the apprehension of suspects and the security of inmates and prison facilities. On more than one occasion, the fire department requested and received assistance from the Gate City Guard in protecting the property of retailers and preserving order and peace in the aftermath of raging fires that swept over several streets in the business district.

As the Civil War began, the Gate City Guard joined the Confederacy’s campaign. The decision was made after internal debate and dissension in the face of the other option: loyalty to the Union. Several of the unit’s personnel resigned because of the tumultuous decision.

After the War, the Gate City Guard, under the leadership of J.F. Burke, organized the noted ‘Peace Mission’ of 1879, a friendship tour by Guard members to northern cities which unfolded under much fanfare and acclaim. A monument stands in Piedmont Park in commemoration of the tour (see photo).

In 1893, the unit withdrew from the state militia and officially became known as the Old Guard Battalion of the Gate City Guard. Its primary focus was shifted to participation in events. Its presence became a welcome fixture at important city and state ceremonies.

Today, the organization continues to be an integral part of military and civic ceremonies of historical and landmark significance. Its membership ranks include several former Georgia National Guardsmen, including retired Colonel Owen Ulmer, former Headquarters staff member. The Gate City Guard participates annually in the December commemoration of the founding of the National Guard.

## RECRUITING & RETENTION

Recruiting and Retention continues to be a high priority for the GA ANG. Having the State achieve 100 % manning is the overall goal for the Recruiting and Retention Team. Three years ago we were faced with a dwindling manning level of 84 % for the State and cutbacks were announced that cost GA over 300 positions. We knew then that we had to make changes in the way we did business and have a higher Command emphasis on our recruiting efforts. So Maj Gen Hammond announced that Recruiting and Retention was our number one priority, in an effort to get our numbers up and avoid losing more positions or possibly even entire units. As we moved forward with our recruiting efforts things began to pay off and in 2008 our numbers increased to 94 % manned. We went into 2009 looking to do even better and had a banner year achieving 387 enlistments for the year, the highest level since 2001. The outstanding year by our recruiting and retention team pushed our manning level to 99 %. Although still not at 100 % strength our recruiting and retention team continues to work daily to fill every open position and keep our retention levels high. Remember We Are All Recruiters (WEAR), and any help our member's give us in achieving our goal is always appreciated.

*SMSgt Richard K. Hamilton  
Recruiting and Retention superintendent*

## EXCEPTIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAM (EPP)

The Exceptional Promotion Program (EPP) board is scheduled for Saturday, 17 April 2010 at 1000 hours.

The board will be located at the Clay National Guard Center, Bldg 2 Conference Room. The board members are: Col Jay Peno, Maj Jacqueline Jackson, CMSgt LeAnn Allen, CMSgt Donald Camp, CMSgt Hewshal Thornton, and CMSgt Anthony Davis.

## AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (AFA) MEMBERSHIP

The Air Force Association (AFA) is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. AFA publishes Air Force Magazine, conducts national symposia and disseminates information through outreach programs. It sponsors professional development seminars and recognizes excellence in the education and aerospace fields through national awards programs. AFA presents scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents, and awards educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary and secondary school level. Additionally, AFA publishes a wide range of materials on [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org).

The mission of the Air Force Association is to educate the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation; advocate aerospace power and a strong national defense; and support the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and aerospace education.

AFA is led by volunteer leaders at the national, state and local levels. AFA's state organizations and more than 230 chapters conduct programs to increase public understanding of key national security issues in their communities. Programs range from luncheon and dinner activities to symposia and legislative roundtables with congressional leaders.

Your local chapter is Dobbins AFA Chapter 331 and we are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please contact TSgt Rogers or me for an application, or visit the AFA website at [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org).

Many in our HQs family are already members and several are affiliated with Chapter 331.

Current members include: MG Hammond, Col Ferrero, Mrs. Hightower, CCMSgt Morgan, CMSgt Shipman, MSgt C. Smith, TSgt Darendia Rogers and myself, just to name a few.

The cost of membership is just \$36.00 per year. By becoming an Air Force Association member, you will receive 12 monthly issues of AIR FORCE Magazine. You will also become an advocate for an organization that promotes the greatest Air force in the world. **Come join us!!!**

*Submitted by Major Jacqueline Jackson*