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February is Black History Month

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Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." The celebration of Black History Month, as well as the study of black history, came about through the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Dr. Woodson's passion for black history came about while working in a coal mine when he was about twenty years old. He noticed that the daily conversation of the black Civil War veterans with whom he worked often focused on interesting facts not recorded in history books at the time, and that documentation of African-American history was sparse. He was also disturbed by the portrayal of the black American population in history books - they were largely ignored, or portrayed in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at that time.

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Practice What You Preach

By *the State Human Resource Advisor*

I recently read an article that was published back in July on the Department of Defense site: "Practice what you Preach."

The young sergeant made a statement "Soldiers look up to NCOs, because NCOs hold themselves and their soldiers to the highest standards," "NCOs lead by example, take pride in the corps and are proud to be the backbone of the Army."

This former drill sergeant and current Sergeant holds herself and those around her to high standards. The Sergeant y Club is a private organization founded to promote the ideals exemplified by World War II's most highly decorated U.S. soldiers, and Army installations worldwide conduct boards for induction.

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Love is in the Air

By CCMSGT Betty Morgan

February is usually considered the month for 'love', because of the celebration of Valentine's Day. Many people spend a lot of time, energy, and money making sure that their spouses, mothers, children, and significant other knows just how much they mean to them by purchasing flowers, candy, balloons, and stuffed animals. All of this is given straight from the heart. It is known to be one of the biggest holidays in the year.

'Love' is in the air whenever there is a need for the United States of America to reach out and lend a helping hand to its neighbors.

However, February is not just the month of 'love', but there are many other days and months wherein 'love' is shown. In the month of January, 'love' was in the air. It was in the air, because of the devastating disaster that occurred in Haiti. Everyone came together as one to show special 'love' and kindness to the Haitians. From the collection of loose change, crates of water, racks of clothing, boxes of food, donations of cash, medical supplies, fuel for airplanes, etc.; no stone was left unturned in order to reach out and show 'love' for the people of Haiti.

'Love' is in the air whenever there is a need for the United States of America to reach out and lend a helping hand to its neighbors. If we can out stretch our hand to help people in other countries, hopefully, we are able to help our fellow man here in our own country. Realizing that you can't help everyone, but surely you can give a little 'love' to someone in need that is close to you, i.e., American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Alzheimer, St Jude's Children Hospital, etc. How about a struggling neighbor in your area? Adopting a family in your church? Be a Big Brother or Big Sister (Mentorship)

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His enthusiasm for history led him to college, where he earned a bachelor's degree in European history and a Ph.D. in history. His desire to document black history led him to co-found and finance the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History) in 1915. The Association also published the quarterly Journal of Negro History.

Do you recognize this face? Did you know that in 1849 she escaped from slavery and became one of the most effective and celebrated leaders of the Underground Railroad. This is Harriet Tubman.

Chaplain's Corner

By MSGT Clint Smith

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Last week, The Boy Scouts of America celebrated the 100 year milestone. To mark the occasion, the organization has kicked off a nationwide campaign throughout 2010 to “reintroduce Scouting to today’s generation of young people and families, reinforce the value of scouting and reconnect with the millions the organization has influenced.”

The Scout oath pledges youth to build attributes they need in adult life - physical strength, mental alertness, and good morals. Scouting’s outdoor experiences teach young people to be responsible - not only for themselves but also others they travel with as well as the environment itself - the riches of natural resources that God has bestowed to us.

Several of our Headquarters members have been involved with Scouting as members themselves or supporting their children as members. Scouts have set the standard for a servant attitude, moral principles and virtuous living.

The organization is encouraging people to get involved by:

1. Join the 100th Anniversary National Leadership Team (details on their website)
2. Build a strong network through an effort to reach out to Scouting alumni
3. Support the broadcast on July 31, 2010 at the national Jamboree. The entire Scouting family will join together for the first time in history via modern technology as they emphasize a “Shining Light Across America” theme

One of the nationwide activities for the Scouts this year is a letter writing campaign to deployed military members and veterans to demonstrate support and appreciation.

Please go to BSA’s website at www.scouting.org to learn more about their year- long calendar of events.

Read: Psalm 119: 9

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 15 MSgt Danyal
Colbert-Gaithers

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 14 MSgt LaQue Banks

March 27 SMSgt Richard
Hamilton

March 29 MSgt Barbara
Smith

MOVING UP

Col Marren’s Promotion Party will be Friday, 19 Feb, 1700 to 1900, at the Lakeside Lounge on DARB.

Brig Gen Bobby Shannon’s Promotion Party will be Saturday, 20 Feb, 1600-1900, at the DARB Consolidated Club.

Agenda

Headquarters GA ANG

Unit Training Assembly

20-21 Feb 2010

Maj Gen Hammond Presiding

NOTES: None * Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
20 Feb 2010		
0700	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0700	Roll Call/and In-Brief, Finch Bldg, Staff + 1 rep each from Confederate and Oglethorpe	Finch Bldg
0830-1500, as available	PHAs - All Personnel	94 AW, Bldg 922
0930-1100	KPI Briefing/CC, CV, DS, DO, CCM, 1 st Sgt, All other available 0-6's	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1200-1230	Lunch	TBD
1300-1330	Enlisted Advisory Council/Maj Gen Hammond, Brig Gen Shannon, Col Ferrero and CMSgt Allen	Maj Gen Hammond's Office, Finch Bldg
1330-1430	Strat Planning, Virtual A Staff, RPAs, CC Conf, COAs/Maj Gen Hammond, Brig Gen Shannon, Col Ferrero	Maj Gen Hammond's Office, Finch Bldg
1430-1530	Wing Issues/Maj Gen Hammond, Brig Gen Shannon, Cols Hansen and Ferrero	Maj Gen Hammond's Office, Finch Bldg
1530	Release	
1600	Brig Gen Shannon's Promotion Party	Consolidated Club, DARB
21 Feb 2010		
0700	Assemble	Finch Bldg
0730	Chapel Services	Chapel
0800	Officer Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office Finch Bldg
0800	Enlisted Promotion Board	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
0830-1530	Hometown Heroes Ceremony, Maj Gen and Mrs. Hammond, Brig Gen Shannon, Col Ferrero	Robins AFB, Museum of Aviation
1100-1200	Lunch	TBD
1500	Hot Wash	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1530	Release	"Good Drill"

Historian Column

Crispus Attucks: One of the Original Black Freedom Fighters

By MSGT Clint Smith

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us remember one of the early heroes of our nation, Crispus Attucks. The black gentleman emerged as a leader from a group of disgruntled workers, servants, and apprentices who stood up to the British Redcoats who were sent to the American colonies to keep discord in check.

Crispus Attucks and his friends grew tired of the presence of the British soldiers in their neighborhoods of the Boston Commons. And on one cold evening, a group of seven soldiers were very abusive and overbearing in their behavior. Attucks took the lead and inspired a group of colonists to confront the soldiers. The British personnel used their bayonets to disburse the congregating colonists.

A tense and climatic moment developed when Attucks and four other Boston Patriots stood their ground against the aggressive Redcoats. "Let us drive out these ribalds (someone who is vulgar or abusive in speech). They have no business here!" Attucks was heard to shout. He lunged forward with his 'cordwood club' and emboldened his friends to follow him.

Attucks was immediately shot twice in the chest by the British and killed. Four other men were killed too. The colonists were outraged. The event was dubbed 'The Boston Massacre'. Attucks' martyrdom was one of the major catalysts for the American colonists' decision to go to war for liberty.

Crispus Attucks and his friends were buried in a common grave in Boston. In 1888, the city of Boston erected a bronze and granite statue to recognize Attucks at the "first to die for independence". Attucks was one of more than 5000 blacks who fought for independence during the American Revolutionary War.

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"An NCO is a trainer, mentor and a coach," said this young sergeant. "They take care of soldiers, not by giving days off, but by teaching their soldiers everything they need to accomplish their mission, to survive in combat, and help them become successful in the Army."

*"An NCO is a trainer,
mentor, and a coach"*

I mention this because it all goes back to what we were taught in the beginning whether it's Air or Army, for Air it's the **(The Little Brown Book) AFI 36-2618**.

Wow! Lead by example, be accountable, hold yourself to the highest standard is that not something every person should strive for. Is that not what we are suppose to do "the right thing to do"

"Take charge and fulfill the responsibilities that come with the rank," she advised. "Soldiers look up to you for direction, purpose and motivation. Soldiers are always looking at you, even when you think they are not looking."

She said doing the right thing is its own reward.

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'Love' means so many things. Everyone wants to be loved and it can be shown in so many ways, i.e. a smile, hug, support, card, the words "I understand", not "I know how you feel", because unless you have walked a mile in that person's shoes, then you have no idea how they feel.

Hence, don't let February be the only time of the year that you show 'love' or say the word 'love' to

someone. Don't assume someone knows that you 'love' them. Make it known daily. It is all in what you say and above all how it is said. Remember, 'love' is a many splendid thing', and it is always in the AIR. Thanks for showing 'love' to people in need, especially to those you have never met. Continue to give 'love' from the heart.

ANG Band of the South Open House

By Julie DeMott

The Air National Guard Band of the South is having an Open House on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9:00 to 3:00. An informal recruiting event, the Open House provides a chance for music instructors, their students and their families to experience a day in the life of an Air National Guard Bandsman. We invite interested musicians to bring their instruments and play along with several of our ensembles. Last years' Open House was a great success, and we are anticipating an even greater turnout this year. Technical Sergeant David Fairchild, the organizer of the event, suggested the Open House idea to senior leadership last year as part of an effort to "de-mystify " the Georgia Air National Guard and its band program.

TSgt Fairchild and his recruiting/retention shop made many new contacts at the Georgia Music

Educator's National Conference this January in Savannah, Georgia. The Air National Guard Band of the South has had a booth at this event for 3 years, and it has been an excellent opportunity to inform music educators at the public school and collegiate levels about the Air National Guard mission, music programs within the Georgia Air Guard and the ever-growing benefits of membership.

Senior Airman James Brannon, who performs on trumpet and horn with the band, told interested students, "bring your horn and have a great day of rehearsing and get free lunch. This is designed to be a pressure free situation so that you can learn what we do in the Guard Band and meet some folks."

Please visit us and learn more about how to serve the Georgia Air National Guard through music! For more information about the event, and to RSVP, please contact SrA James Brannon at 678.592.2490, or jdbtrumpet@juno.com. You can also visit our website at www.bandofthesouth.ang.af.mil.

