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Col (Dr.) John Mullins

Commander's Column

By Col (Dr.) John Mullins

How often have we been faced with a task, a project, a goal or any number of objectives that need to be accomplished? And how often have we relegated their pursuit to that vast endless list of when I can "find the time"? I would like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts from a doctor, a National Guard member and your National Guard family friend.

One of the advantages of maintaining a traditional guard position has always been the ability to bring outside civilian experience to the DoD workplace. As I continue my private practice at a local hospital, rarely a day goes by that I'm not reminded of how fortunate one can be to just be able to get up and go to work....or recreate, or anything. Indeed the old adage "there but for the Grace of God" is placed in front of me regularly. Well, you might say, what do you expect in a hospital setting? I am saying that a great lesson can be learned from dealing with tragic outcomes to successful interventions or even preventive measures. Specifically, let's step back and take a look at our own efforts to get the most out of our biological vessels that are tasked with "getting up and going to work" every day.

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To a large degree, our inclusion in the “family” of the Air National Guard is at the outset a distillation of healthy, capable individuals. The maintenance of this “human weapon system” has been emphasized over and over. The focus of our yearly assessments, physical ability measurements, screenings and periodic exams are all designed to keep a “fit” force. The bonus here is that this attention to healthcare is a tremendous investment in all other aspects of our activities and hopefully long lives.

As good as it is, and as much opportunity we all have to participate in these efforts, there is still a personal requirement. For most of us, satisfying the economic demands of our families is a priority. Our work demands are essential in supporting these goals, but individual health choices must be given a significant priority. The author Charles Buxton wrote, “you will never “find” time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.” Finding time is no more likely than “finding” a vacation, or a budget, or a mammogram, or a prostate screening exam, or a heart friendly diet. Who “finds” these things?

The point, as you see, is that we must make the efforts. Finding the time is as unreliable as a myth.

Major General Scott Hammond Announces Chief Master Sergeant Donald M. Camp as new State Command Chief

Major General Scott A. Hammond, the Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, is pleased to announce Chief Master Sergeant Donald M. Camp has been selected as the Georgia Air National Guard Command Chief. Chief Camp currently serves as the Command Chief of the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins AFB, GA. He has held that position since Oct 2002. He will report to State Headquarters at Dobbins ARB, bringing over 30 years of experience with him. Chief Camp is replacing the recently retired CMSgt Betty Morgan in this role. They have both served the Georgia Air National Guard superbly. Please congratulate Chief Morgan on her long service and Chief Camp on his selection as State Command Chief.



CCMSgt Donald M. Camp

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month

By CMSgt Leslie Allen

On June 5, 2006, President George W. Bush signed a proclamation making June officially Caribbean American Heritage Month. This month has been established to recognize the historic relationship between the people of the Caribbean and the people of the United States as well as to recognize the many contributions Caribbean immigrants and their descendants have made to the well-being of America.

MOVING UP

CONGRATULATIONS on your PROMOTION

Lt Col Monica Smith



Command Chief Betty Morgan Retires after a distinguished career !!!

How Can I Say Thanks...

On 15 May 2010, I retired from the Georgia Air National Guard with superb honors. I cannot believe that time crept up on me so quickly. From 1978 to 2010, it was definitely fast, flexible, and focused. Never was there a time to stop and fold your arms because of boredom. Between the conferences, conventions, seminars, summits, meetings, boards, UTAs, annual trainings, ancillary trainings, etc...who had time to just sit?

Anyway, just wanted to say thanks to MSgts Barbara Smith and Laque Banks for the beautiful and unique decorations and my girls; TSgt Darendra Rogers for the fantastic programs and hard work of putting the program together; CMSgt Susan L Shipman for being my MC, riding buddy, and friend; Major Jacqueline Jackson for all the reading of my special awards; CMSgt Ollie Gills, MSgts Danyal Colbert-Gaiters (my girl), and Noah Brock for presenting the different awards; SMSgt Rick Hamilton for presenting and overseeing the magnificent shadow box (my most special gift of all) that portrays my years in the Guard and for driving me to lunch; MSgt Barbara Smith for writing the award; Maj Gens Scott Hammond and Terry Nesbitt for authorizing the award; CMSgts Don Camp and H Steve Thornton for presenting the eagle; SMSgt Perri Hays for keeping my computer up and running in the office and at home; Mrs. Victoria L Hightower for always taking good care of me during all of my excursions, i.e., lodging, transportation, registrations, and orders; MSgt Clinton Smith for asking me to share my final message for my last time as a member of the GA ANG; Lt Col Jean Specht for your mentorship and friendship; and above all to CMSgt Jodell Browder (my friend) for the delicious repast and all my breakfasts. She left no stone unturned, whatever your taste buds called for, she had it there for you to enjoy. Let's not forget, she even had my favorite character present: yes, the 'mouse' was in the house. Every time you see the 'mouse', you will think of me...

I just could not go off into the wild blue yonder without saying thanks to all the special people that made my retirement forever memorable. To the entire State Headquarters Staff, Hats Off to You! Finally, Maj Gen Hammond, thanks for your leadership, dedication, and commitment to all of the officers and enlisted force of the entire state of Georgia. You are definitely a wingman, a leader, and a warrior. You have a way of making sure that everyone has an important role in the Guard. Remember, I am only an email, phone call, or text away...See all of you around the state...Continue to AIM HIGH!!!!

From the Desk of the First Sergeant CMSgt Sue Shipman

26 June - Roll Call 0730 hrs

PT test (mandatory) Oglethorpe - 0730

HQs Family Day at the home of Maj Gen and Mrs. Cindy Hammond in Villa Rica

27 June - Roll Call 0800 hrs

PT test (mandatory) Dobbins - 1000 hrs

Agenda

**Headquarters GA ANG
Unit Training Assembly
26-27 June 2010
Maj Gen Scott Hammond Presiding**

Time	Topics/Attendees	Location
26 June 2010		
0730-0800	PT – Oglethorpe (Personnel with duty commitments on Sunday)	Oglethorpe Armory
0800-1100	Family Day Preparation	On Your Own
1100-1600	Family Day	Maj Gen Hammond's Home in Villa Rica
1600	Release	
27 June 2010		
0800	Roll Call/Assemble	Finch Bldg
0800	Enlisted Promotion Board	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
0800	Officer Promotion Board	Lt Col Jones' Office
0830	Chapel Services – Guest Speaker Maj Gen Hammond	Chapel
0900-1000	Staff work	
1000-1200	PT – All Personnel	Dobbins ARB
1200-1230	Lunch	Piccadilly
1300-1330	Staff Briefing	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1330-1400	KPI Briefing	Conf Room, Finch Bldg
1400-1500	Staff Work	
1500-1600	Hotwash	Conf Room,
1600	Release	“Good Drill”

NOTES: None

* Schedule is subject to change due to late developments

Air Guard Achievements - Around the State

117th ACS and Air National Guard augmentees pose with the 379th AEW Grand Slam Award belt. The outstanding work of the radar maintenance team in keeping the vital TPS-75 running contributed to the unit receiving the award, which is given to the best unit in the wing each month.



Exemplary service from 117th ACS in support of OEF

Courtesy the Georgia Guardsman

AFGHANISTAN, May, 2010 – The 117th Air Control

Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard has had plenty to boast about during its five-month deployment to Southwest Asia. Unit members have garnered several significant accomplishments and reached important milestones in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Savannah Air Guard unit is partnered with the 603rd ACS from Aviano Air Force Base, Italy, along with personnel from Britain's Royal Air Force, and Royal Australian Air Force. The combined force of the units that comprise the 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron totals more than 130 personnel. The 71st EACS recently earned the "Grand Slam Award," recognizing the squadron's contribution to the wing's overall mission. The "Grand Slam Award" is given to honor outstanding teamwork and accomplishments from units within the diverse multinational military team. Not only have Georgia's operations personnel excelled at providing command and control for the air war over Afghanistan, but the maintenance team also continues to ensure that the high-tech communications equipment is performing flawlessly and is 100 percent operational in the austere desert environment.

In addition to overall unit accomplishments, individual members of 117th ACS have been recognized for their singular accomplishments by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and Operations Group. Master Sgt. Andrew Pierce of Savannah and his team solved several data link integration issues arising midway through the deployment and, as a result, received the Commander's Coin from Col. David Béen and the 379th AEW for being the team of the month. Master Sgt. Rommel Beck of Guyton excelled by leading radar maintainers to keep the 71st EACS TPS-75 radar operational 24/7 in an unforgiving desert environment. He was recognized as the Senior NCO of the month. Tech Sgt. Floyd Leach of Statesboro not only received the unit's "Hard Charger" award for outstanding efforts to keep vital command and control radios maintained and operational, but he also finished in second place in the two-month long base-wide "Biggest Loser" competition that judged contestants based on percentage of weight lost – like the TV show. Lieutenant Col. Kevin Alwood, commander of the 117th Air Control Squadron, assumed command of the 71st EACS this month from Lt. Col. Matthew Smith, 603rd ACS commander. Alwood is scheduled to maintain his command until July 15, when he will hand-off the responsibility to the 606th ACS, Spangdahlem AFB, Germany. Savannah's 117th ACS is slated to redeploy in early July with Lt. Col. Alwood remaining as commander of the 71st EACS through the transition to the 109th ACS (Utah Air National Guard) and the 606th ACS.

Col Jesse Simmons Jr. receives Bronze Star

Colonel Jesse Simmons, Jr., commander of the 165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, recently received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while serving as Deputy Commander in Afghanistan at Bagram Airfield from May to September of 2009. The citation that accompanied the medal states that Col. Simmons personified "exemplary leadership, personal endeavor, and devotion to duty" in a position of much responsibility that "reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force." During this particular tour in Afghanistan, Simmons supervised an Operations Group consisting of nine squadrons and two flights and orchestrated the efforts of more than 800 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. The Group Simmons supervised provided air support, electronic attack, combat search and rescue, combat airlift and airdrop and aeromedical evacuation throughout Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

Courtesy the Georgia Guardsman



Col Jesse Simmons Jr.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

By MSgt Clint Smith



USO: 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

Next year, the USO (United Service Organizations) will be celebrating its 70th year of existence. The organization has provided morale-boosting programs and services for years for military personnel around the world.

It was created in 1941 in response to a mandate from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He challenged six private organizations – the YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic Community Service, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Traveler's Aid Association, and the Salvation Army – to address the on-leave morale needs for members of the military.

The USO is not a government agency. It is a non-profit, charitable organization and relies on donations from private citizens and corporations.

The USO provides many services for military personnel:

Operation Phone Home: The USO has set up a worldwide private telephone network to connect troops with their loved ones. The USO also buys and distributes pre-paid phone cards.

Cyber Cafes: Today's version of the fabled 'USO Canteen'. It is not just coffee and conversation, but also computers with Internet access, so troops can 'surf the web' or e-mail family and friends anywhere in the world.

Operation Enduring Care: It meets the needs of troops wounded in the War on Terror. The program supplies clothing, toiletries to injured personnel and sponsors 'USO Day Rooms' in military hospitals where troops can relax and be entertained.

Operation USO Care Package: Hard to find personal items, toiletries, snacks, books, CDs,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (June and July)

July 11 MSgt Clint Smith
 July 11 TSgt Carlos Bonilla
 July 19 Col Jay Peno
 July 21 TSgt Darena Rogers
 July 27 Lt Col Jean Specht
 July 29 Lt Col Joel Howl

Officer and Enlisted Promotion Boards

Held Sunday, June 27, 2010
at 0830 hrs

Location will be the Finch
Building,
Bldg 840, 1388 First Street,
Dobbins ARB GA,
Small Conference Room

POCs are:

SMSgt Perrine Hays 678-655-4054
or
MSgt LaQue Banks 678-655-4052

UTA chapel Service:

Sunday, June 27 at 0830 hrs in the Base Chapel

Guest Speaker: MG Scott Hammond

HISTORIAN COLUMN

EARLY AVIATION MILESTONES

By MSgt Clint Smith

THE FIRST TO FLIGHT SOLO

Wiley Post (1898-1935) became the first person to fly solo around the world. He accomplished the feat in only seven days. Between July 15 and July 22, 1933, he covered 15,596 miles. It was a remarkable and daring display of bravery and endurance. Post's single engine Lockheed Vega, the Winnie Mae, completed the trip with several new devices, including a Sperry automatic pilot and a radio direction finder.

Post was the first person to test a pressure suit.

Wiley Post was a colorful and unique person. Tragically, he was killed in a plane crash near Point Arrow, Alaska. The crash also killed famed humorist Will Rogers.

FIRST NON-STOP CIRCUMNAVIGATION BY AIR

The first non-stop flight around the world was made by a team of U.S. Air Force Flyers in 1949. On February 26, Captain James Gallagher and his crew took off from Carswell Air Force Base in Ft. Worth, Texas. They traveled east in a B-50 Superfortress, called Lucky Lady II. They were refueled four times in the air by KB-29 tanker planes of the 43rd Air Refueling Squadron, over the Azores, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, and Hawaii. The circumnavigation was completed on 2 March. The travel time was just over 94 hours.

JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD

The Adjutant General has created a History Committee to focus renewed energy and emphasis on National Guard historical preservation. One way to support the effort is to voluntarily join the Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard. The organization is dedicated to preserving our legacy and heritage. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the military history of Georgia. Annual membership for military members is \$15.00. Individual civilian/retired military membership is \$20.00; joint membership is \$25.00 (spouse).

All members will have the pride and satisfaction of supporting long range projects such as the publication of a comprehensive history and the establishment of a museum. In addition, affiliation entitles members to participate on Society committees, forums, attend conferences, formal ceremonies, and social events.

Please make check payable to: The Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard, Inc. (a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization).

Mail to: Historical Society of the Georgia National Guard, Inc.
P.O. Box 17965
Atlanta, GA 30316

Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

If you have a civilian employer and they support your military service – be sure to recognized them!!! The first step is to nominate your employer for a Patriot Award. Here is the link,

<http://esgr.org/site/Programs/PatriotAward/tabid/171/Default.aspx>.

For more information on the ESGR Awards program visit www.esgr.mil or contact Penelope Harbour, GA ESGR Executive Director at 678-569-5738.