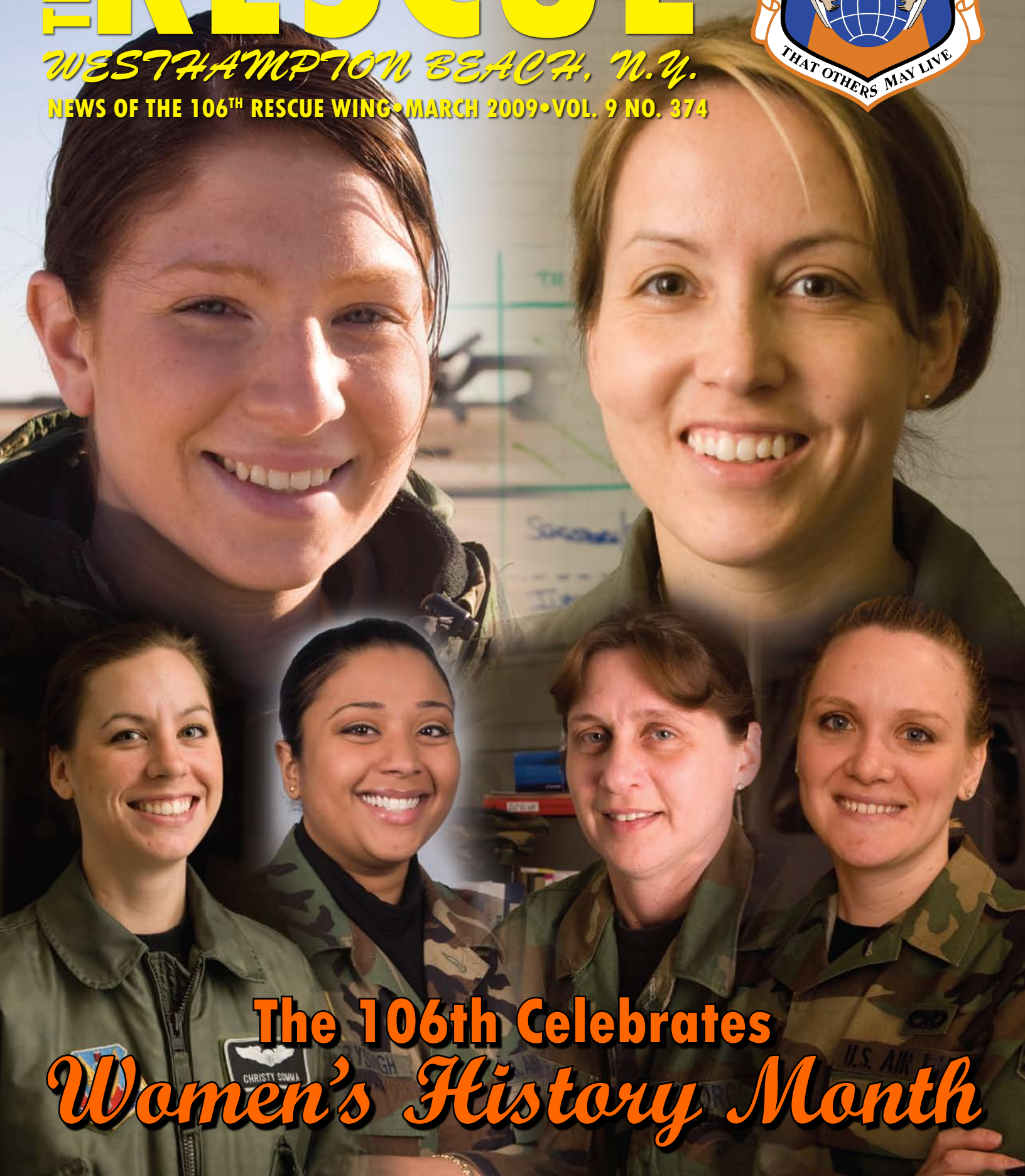


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The 106th Celebrates  
*Women's History Month*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Special Dates:

**March 7** - St. Patrick's Day Celebration @ 1630 in Kara's Sport Pub

**PLEASE ONLY WEAR CIVILIAN ATTIRE!!!** (216 Mill Rd., Westhampton Beach, NY)

**March 8** - Daylight Savings, turn your clock ahead one hour (Sunday at 0200).

**March 14** - AAA Driving Improvement Program class. Contact Senior Master Sgt. Kruk (x7598) to register for the class.

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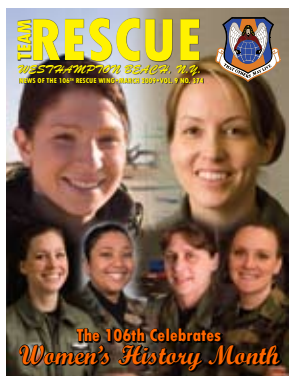
Corn Beef, Seasoned Steamed Potatoes  
Split Pea Soup, Irish Soda Bread  
Desert bar, Salad Bar

### Sunday

Meat Loaf, Savory Gravy, White Rice  
Assorted Veg, Soup, Grilled Cheese  
Desert bar, Salad bar

## On the Cover:

To help celebrate Women's History Month, the 106th Rescue Wing focuses on female members of the unit. The members featured include from left to right: (first row) Senior Airman Lauryn M. Armusewicz, Capt. Phaedra N. Musselman (second row) Capt. Christina M. Somma, Staff Sgt. Kimberly D. Debysingh, Chief Master Sgt. Diana L. Manno and Airmen 1st Class Kimberliegh McMahon.



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## Talent War and the 100% Solution

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

Whether you realize it or not, there exists an on-going “talent war.” The term “talent war” refers to the need for organizations to seek the best and brightest employees across the public and private sectors. At the 106<sup>th</sup>, we compete for full-time and part-time talent over a broad spectrum of competitors, both public and private. This includes local civilian employers, different reserve units, as well as all Active Duty military components. The best and brightest are especially important in a down-turned economy.

For many years, most organizations including the military sought the best and brightest by using only a 50% solution. Factors, such as culture and history, served to drive this 50% solution, which essentially promoted the message that “women need not apply.” But great moments in American history changed that.

“Rosie the Riveter” comes immediately to mind from our military history, as does the Women’s Air Corps (WAC) pilots who flew WWII fighters and bombers over all parts of the United States to position aircraft for movement to the Pacific and European theaters of combat. Out of necessity, a nation on a war-time footing accepted women in non-

traditional roles and, in many cases, returned them to their pre-war traditional roles when World War II ended. But some women were able to continue to establish their equality in “non-traditional” roles and, Women’s history month in March celebrates this achievement.

Today, women are flying combat missions and working in expeditionary combat support elements, in combat theaters throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa, which reflects just how far we’ve come. But we still have a long march,

not only in recognizing women’s contributions, but the contributions that all humans make in society.

That 50% solution I described earlier becomes even less than that number when we further differentiate and, perhaps, discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed or any other differences we might share. In our human history, of many thousands of years, these turning points for women’s equality, and for other classifications of our human family, are relatively recent. And there are still places and societies where women, for cultural reasons, are still not regarded as a source of talent.

Some societies may continue with the 50% or less solution and will

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Colonel Michael F. Canders

not be able to compete with those who embrace the 100% solution, which is utilizing the talent pool of both men and women of every race, creed, and color. Some will reasonably argue that we, as a nation, may never be at 100%, but we, as a Wing, must be. It means we will seek out the best and brightest from all sectors regardless of gender, race, creed, color, or any other classification.

We’ll look at 100% of our available talent pool because we need the best and the brightest. It is good business but, even more fundamental than that, it is the right thing to do if we believe that all men and women are created equal.

We celebrate our own women’s history with many of our women serving in key leadership positions throughout the Wing. We will continue to seek the best and brightest as we have done before, and the resultant talent and diverse points of view will continue to enable great things.

# THAT'S AMORE

Story and photos by Staff David J. Murphy

The Family Readiness Group (FRG) hosted the "That's Amore" event in the All Ranks Club on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009. The event was organized by Lisa D'Agostino, 106th FRG Coordinator. The event featured a DJ, food and raffle. Food for the event fit the Italian theme, and included spaghetti, meatballs and salad.

The goal of the event was to raise money to support members of the 106th, and their families, as they prepare for future deployments, as well as for future FRG events. Two events of this type are arranged by the FRG per year. The event raised approximately \$500.



*Staff Sgt. Donald Brooks family poses for a photo during the That's Amore event held in the All Ranks Club. From left to right: Jennifer, sister, Peggy, mother, Amber, sister, and Donald, father.*



*Hailee Esposito, 9, retrieves a ticket during the raffle. Members of the Wing donated the prizes. Hailee is the daughter of Tech Sgt. Christopher Esposito, 106th Civil Engineering Squadron.*



*Friends and family members of those deployed helped out food during the event. From left to right: Regina Angerame, stepmom of Airman 1st Class John Angerame (deployed), Amber Brooks, sister of Staff Sgt. Donald Brooks (deployed), Susette Algozzino, mother of Staff Sgt. Michael Algozzino (deployed) and his girlfriend, Natalie Sicurnza, Amy Infante, wife of Staff Sgt. Matthew Infante (deployed), and Anna Glod (FRG volunteer and mother of Staff Sgt. Michael Glod, not deployed).*



# BOWLED OVER

Story and photos by Staff David J. Murphy

Every Wednesday night, members of the 106th Rescue Wing's Bowling League meet at the AMF Shirley Lanes, Shirley, N.Y., to demonstrate their bowling skills. The 106th's bowling league has met at various bowling alleys, and days of the week since the mid-70's. The league's season begins in September and ends in April.

There are currently 42 members in the bowling league but only 30 of those members are playing because the others are deployed. Sixteen league members are current members of the unit, the rest are retirees or dependants. In June the league will hold its annual awards banquet honoring the top 3 teams, individual high average and most improved bowler, both man and woman, among other awards. Some bowlers will also be honored with awards by the United States Bowling Congress.

Some members will also attend the Air National Guard Northeast Regional Tournament, to be held in New Hampshire during Columbus Day Weekend. The 106th has hosted the tournament twice and also won it twice. The league welcomes new members. For more information contact Guy Imbesi at x7107.



**Above:** Senior Airman Anthony Petretti, 106th Civil Engineering Squadron, winds up for a strike during bowling on Wednesday night at the AMF Shirley Lanes in Shirley, N.Y.

**Below:** A bowler on the 106th Rescue Wing's bowling league makes a strike after sending their ball down the lane.



A wide variety of bowling balls are used by the different bowlers during an average night at the lanes. Many bowlers use multiple balls and also use a rag or cloth to clean their balls after they travel down the lane.



Master Sgt. Brian J. Candreva, 106th Security Forces Squadron, Tech Sgt. Kevin M. Judd, 106th Communications Flight, and Master Sgt. John W. Wojciechowski, 106th Maintenance Squadron, make up the team "Blue Balls." All the teams in the league are made up of three members each, although some are smaller due to the deployment.



Chief Master Sgt. Marcelle L. Leis

Historically, we have focused on training our Airmen for the roles they will fill in the Air Force of tomorrow. Well, tomorrow is here, are they ready to lead? More importantly; have we prepared them for the fight? The security of our nation, which is in our hands today, must be guaranteed for the future when we are no longer in the profession of arms we have so gallantly served. Have we heard their voices when asking to be utilized each day they proudly wear the uniform? These are the things I think about each day as I prepare to join my brothers and sisters

## Chief's Column

by Chief Master Sgt. Marcelle L. Leis

in the 106th Rescue Wing. We have all sworn to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies..." and this is an obligation that both the member and organization are committed to upholding. When you enlist, or are appointed to a position, with the Air National Guard, you begin the journey to success.

Where do you go next?

The next step is to take the tools provided to you, such as the Professional Military Education (PME) courses, and utilize them for your future development as you progress throughout your career. For some, these courses become a "have to," but they should instead be a "want to." Minimum standards for promotion are just that, a minimum. Promotion is not just based on past performance, but on future potential. We need to raise the bar by taking the time to educate ourselves, and prepare for the next step in our development. The future is in your hands – take the time to find out what the next step is and move towards it, to become a strong leader.

A wealth of knowledge is provided today through the advent of the AF

Portal, accessible to all members of the ANG, both while on base and at home. This website is provided to you with the tools to enhance your career, and plan the path for your future, at all stages of your journey. Each Senior NCO has a responsibility according to AFI 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, to provide mentoring for all Airmen in their charge. In this same AFI, we have the responsibility to our Airmen and NCO tiers to engage in mentoring activities and promote wellness in all aspects of their job.

Each of us has the opportunity to reach our maximum potential by learning what the next step for reaching our goals. Empower yourself by taking the time to meet with your supervisor and establish objectives which prepare you for your position of leadership in tomorrow's Air National Guard.

"If you expect praise and recognition, it will seldom come ... if, however, you go about doing the right thing, knowing that the doing is its own reward, you'll be fulfilled whether or not you get recognition from others."

- Mark Sanborn, in his book *The Fred Factor*

## Silver Flag Training at Tyndall AFB

by Capt. Alexander Q. Spencer

On Jan. 11, the 102nd Rescue Squadron's HC-130s deployed 18 airmen from the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron to the Silver Flag Exercise Site located at Tyndall AFB, Fla. for 7 days of combat support contingency training.

According to Maj. David K. Carrick, Deputy Base Civil Engineer, the deployment allowed the airmen to practice their specialties under wartime conditions and gave them access to civil engineering equipment that they don't have here at Gabreski Airport.

The training involved members of both the active duty Air Force and the Air National Guard. Maj. Carrick, Maj. Dwayne D. Xenelis, and Capt. Jeffrey N. Sabatini received recognition from the Officer in Charge for their convoy maps they prepared for the convoy phase of the training.

In addition to performing convoy operations, the airmen also developed a base beddown plan and built up a base while in various mission orientated protective postures.



Explosive Ordnance Disposal blow up a section of runway so that the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron can repair it.





*Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara*

If you ever find yourself in a difficult place due to a failure, consider this:

## Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

-Thomas Edison's teachers said he was too stupid to learn anything.

-Vince Lombardi was told that "he possesses minimal football knowledge and lacks motivation."

-After Fred Astaire's first screen test, his evaluation read: "Can't act! Slightly bald! Can dance a little!" Astaire kept the memo over his fireplace in Beverly Hills.

-The father of sculptor Rodin said, "I have an idiot for a son." Rodin was described as the worst pupil in the school and failed three times to get admitted to the school of art.

-F.W. Woolworth employers at the dry goods store said he had not enough sense to wait upon customers.

-Babe Ruth holds the record for the most strikeouts ever.

-Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly and his teacher called him hopeless as a composer.

Failure is a part of life. Sometimes, however, because of our fear of failure, we don't even try. Think of how impoverished the world would have been if the people listed above had either not tried or gave up after a failure. Remember President Abraham Lincoln. After losing a Senate race, Abe Lincoln said, "The path was worn and slippery. My foot slipped from under me but I recovered and said to myself, 'It is a slip and not a fall.'"

## Advantor surveillance systems for the 106 RQW

by Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi Jr.,

The 106th Communications Flight prepared hundreds of wire and fiber-optic connections for the new surveillance and intrusion detection systems that will be installed by the Advantor Systems Corporation.

"The new Advantor standardized systems offers more redundancy, flexibility and reliability than the existing security systems," said Lt. Col. Jerry Webb, the 106th Security Forces Squadron Commander. Redundancy in that the video surveillance system could be viewed from different locations throughout the base, flexibility in that the software offers several options on how to operate the system, and reliability in that there will be one standardized system throughout the base.

According to Lt. Col. Webb, the project is to be completed in three phases. The first phase will be to relocate the existing main control system location. In the second phase, Advantor will provide a video surveillance system that will enable the 106th Command Function and

Security Forces, as authorized, to tap into the system from locations throughout the base so that someone could get a picture of what is happening on the base whether it be for security purposes or for emergency purposes such as a fire incident or storm. Also, Advantor is going to upgrade everything, all equipment and software, to the new Air Force standards and specifications, which will set the stage for the third phase, an upgrade to our intrusion detection system.

"Senior Master Sgt. Fred Rodriguez was phenomenal in pushing this initiative," said Lt. Col. Webb. Senior

Master Sgt. Rodriguez, the 106th Mission Support Group Contracting Officer, used the Air Force standard to put together a contract that eventually led to the discovery of the Advantor Systems Corporation, a certified alarms systems contractor

for the Air Force. Staff Sgt. Rudolf W. Lonk Jr., a 106th Security Forces Journeyman, contributed to the project by coordinating much of the working issues. He performed this work as an additional duty. Lt. Col. Webb also thanked the 106th Civil

Engineering Squadron for setting up the new equipment location and re-cabling power to support the new system.



*Tech Sgt. Frank P. Rizzo  
Senior Airman Kemroy L. McLeggon and Tech Sgt.  
Edward Hicks Jr., 106th Communications Flight, work  
together on the wiring the base.*

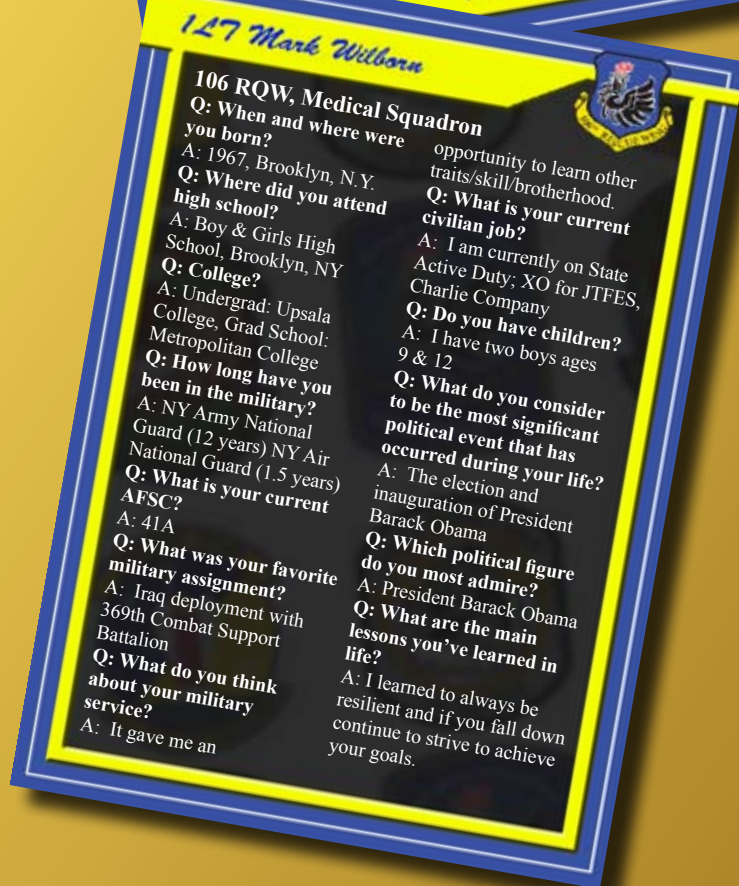
# Focus on the Airmen:



1LT Mark Wilborn



Smt Sharon Cross





# Black History Month

Photos by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste  
Design by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

106th Rescue Wing

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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MSgt. Lindsay Cunningham

MSgt. Lindsay Cunningham

106 ROW, Chaplin's Assistant

Q: Where do you live?

A: Far Rockaway, NY

Q: Where were you born?

A: Rome, NY

Q: Where did you go to high school?

A: Hempstead High School, Hempstead, NY

Q: College?

A: University of Colorado; Bachelor's in Business

Q: How were you able to attend college?

A: G.I. Bill; Work

Q: Time in service?

A: 28 years

Q: How long have you been with the 106th RQW?

A: Since 1987.

Q: Your current AFSC?

A: 5R071

Q: What was your first military assignment?

A: Civil Engineering, Cheyenne, WY

Q: What was your best military assignment?

A: Saudi Arabia as a Chaplin's Assistant

Q: What was your first civilian job?

A: Credit Representative, Canon USA

Q: What is your civilian job?

A: My current job as an Account Executive with Rocawear.

Q: What is your most significant accomplishment as a professional?

A: Winning NCO of the Year for 106 RQW and New York State in 1994.

Q: Most significant political event in your life?

A: Obama's Election

Q: What do you think is your contribution has been to the 106?

A: I take the time to get to know people; keeping an open door.

106th Rescue Wing

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Lt. Col. Theodore Agnew

106 AMXS, Commander

Q: When and where were you born?

A: February 24, 1957, Mineral Wells, Texas

Q: What high school did you attend?

A: Terry Sanford

Q: College?

A: North Carolina A&T University, B.S., Landscape Architecture, Webster University, Master's in Business Administration for my graduate degree.

Q: What was your first assignment with the military?

A: Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

Q: What do you currently do with the 106th?

A: Currently an Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, but will be leaving shortly to become an IG Inspector in Rosslyn, VA.

Q: Have you ever been deployed?

A: I was in Kuwait in 1993, Iraq in 2003, and twice I went

to Afghanistan, once in 2005, and again in 2007.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: Lt. Col. Anthony Cristiano wrote these words a day before he died "It went very quickly. The Gold Rings collected are friends you meet along the way and the accomplishments you achieve that help the unit and its people to excel. It takes a Team effort to keep the ride running. Thanks to those who shared it with me, whether you just sat on the horses or the benches, operated the machinery, played the calliope or rang the bell. There comes a time in each of our lives to try another ride, it's time for me to move on."

And so, as I move on I thank Lt Col Cristiano for his friendship. I thank this unit for the camaraderie; I thank my ancestors whose shoulders I stand on. I will endeavor to collect a few more gold rings. God Bless you, and God Speed.

## Another Point on Readiness - EPME

by SMSgt James S. Nizza

After successfully completing an Operational Readiness Inspection in December and with our current high Ops Tempo, members of the 106th Rescue Wing are constantly being checked on readiness. We think of readiness as our ability to deploy and operate in our career field. However, readiness also includes our ability to be advanced in our military career. This is achieved through completion of Career Development Courses, advanced in-residence courses, the pursuit of college degrees, and Professional Military Education (PME).

PME is invaluable as we progress in our military careers to teach us how to be leaders, managers and mentors.

Each airman must realize that it is their responsibility to complete their PME in a timely manner to enhance their opportunities for career advancement. This point came as a personal lesson for me. Fortunately, the lesson was not received as a result of an error, but due to actions which created enhanced readiness.

It started several years ago during a discussion with a, now retired, Chief Master Sergeant. He was discussing an event when his career was impacted

negatively by not completing his PME on time. He told me "Always have your PME completed. You never know when a promotion opportunity will come." About one year later, I was promoted to Master Sergeant and, remembering the Chief's advice, I enrolled in the Senior Non Commissioned Officer correspondence course. At the time, I had no promotion opportunities. I was in a career field with only one Senior Master Sergeant position, which would be filled

(NCOA) and Senior Non Commissioned Officer Academy (SNCOA). The eligibility criteria for these courses follow:

Members who meet these requirements may enroll in the correspondence courses through their Unit Training Managers (UTMs). For in-residence ALS and NCOA, a school application must be forwarded through the UTM to the Base Training Office with Commander's approval. A current physical fitness test must be included with the 1.5 mile run accomplished.

To request attendance in the SNCOA in-residence program, an application package must be submitted to the Base Training Office by the established deadline. The deadline is usually COB of the February UTA for classes to be scheduled in the following fiscal

<u>School</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Time in Service</u>	<u>Notes</u>
ALS	SrA	42 Months	Must hold a 5 skill level
	SrA	48 Months	
	SSgt	Not Applicable	
NCOA	SSgt	96 Months	CDC Only
	TSgt	Not Applicable	
	MSgt	Not Applicable	
SNCOA	MSgt	Not Applicable	
	SMSgt	Not Applicable	

for many years. However, 18 months later I interviewed for the Base Education and Training Manager position and was accepted. By prior completion of my PME, within four months of being hired into that position I was promoted.

There are many excellent opportunities for PME available to our airmen. Everyone should be aware of the correspondence program. There are also available seats for in-residence Airman Leadership School (ALS), Non Commissioned Officer Academy

year. Requirements for the package content should be available through UTMs, Commanders or First Sergeants.

Every airman should realize the impact PME has on their career. NCOs and Senior NCOs must advise and mentor our newer members on the benefits of these programs, encourage their participation, as well as, assist and guide their learning. To build a stronger force for the future of the Air National Guard and the Air Force, we must all enhance our READINESS.

### 106th Bicycle Clothing All items are available in S, M, L, XL, XXL.



- Short Sleeve Elite Jersey with hidden zipper **\$79.00** each (add \$2.00 for full zipper)
- Short Sleeve Classic Jersey with hidden zipper **\$59.00** each (add \$2.00 for full zipper)
- Classic Bib Shorts **\$64.00** each
- Elite Bib Shorts **\$85.00** each
- Arm/Leg/knee warmers Custom **\$30.00** each
- Non custom Arm Warmers **\$20.00** each, Knee Warmers **\$20.00** each, Leg Warmers **\$30.00** each

- Wind Vest **\$89.00** each

Contact Maj. Steve Rush, 103rd Rescue Squadron, for more information or to order any of the items listed.

Cell: 516-428-0265, e-mail:

StephenCRush@aol.com,

Checks and orders can be sent to:

90 Merrivale Rd.,

Great Neck, NY 11020

**All orders must be in by**

**March 20, 2009.**



# CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

## Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

### ***Air Force Combat Dive Course***

Panama City, FL

1st Lt. Ronnie S. Maloney

### ***AFSOC Intel Formal Training Unit***

Hurlbert Field, FL

Staff Sgt. Woo H. Ham

### ***Air Transportation Apprentice***

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Marissa N. Mugavero

### ***Basic Military Training, USAF***

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Daniel J. Catapano

Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Jensen

### ***Electrical Systems Apprentice***

Sheppard AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Kurleigh J. Tudor

### ***Hazardous Materials Preparer***

Syracuse, NY

Airman 1st Class Patrick J. Williamson

### ***HH-60 Key Staff***

Kirtland AFB, NM

Col. Kevin F. Reilly

### ***HC-130 Inst Comm Elec Specialist***

Kirtland AFB, NM

Tech. Sgt. Thomas J. Meade

### ***HC-130 Inst Loadmaster Qual***

Kirtland AFB, NM

Tech. Sgt. Joseph O. Sexton

### ***Personnel Apprentice***

Keesler AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Michelle L. Fritz

### ***Security Forces Apprentice***

Lackland AFB, TX

Senior Airman Louis M. Bonacasa

Senior Airman Kenneth R. Short

Airman 1st Class Sonny N. Brown III

## Recent Promotions

### ***To Tech. Sgt.***

Crystal L. LaRose

Ellis Couch Jr.

Brian Duchesne

Michael J. Zuaro

Raymond M. Gallo

### ***To Staff Sgt.***

Felix J. Ortiz

Anthony D. Yusup

Keynette McIntosh

## New Members

Ariana McNeil

Phillip Schiefer

Steven Richard

Sean G. Cummins

Christian Beck

Gregory Bressler

Jason Tavares

Mikhiel A. Kabbabe

Devon S. Holmes

Joseph Cacoperdo

Tiffany Clark

John Seus

Katelin M. Morrissey

## Recent Reenlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Edward C. Metcalf

Master Sgt. Erik S. Blom

Master Sgt. David A. Graham

Master Sgt. Thomas F. Kurtz

Master Sgt. Frank J. Panicola

Master Sgt. Joseph A. Sferrazza

Master Sgt. Thomas A. Verga

Tech. Sgt. Wayne E. Dorsch

Tech. Sgt. Alicia T. Samuels

Staff Sgt. Sean P. Browning

Staff Sgt. George Diaz

Staff Sgt. Dana R. Zuckerberg

Senior Airman Manny A. Calderon

## 106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

### ***Civil Engineer***

Aircraft Maintenance

106<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron

106th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Nationwide

Statewide

Open Until Filled

14 April 2009

*Please contact: Chief Master Sgt. Mike Rietvelt (631) 723-7571*

## Full Time Vacancy Announcements

*To apply see: <http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/jobs/jobs.php>*

# WING PHOTOS



Staff Sgt. David I. Murphy

Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Fondacaro (third from the right) leads members of the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron as they work together to install a piece of bulletproof glass into the new 106th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) entrance way, in bldg. 250 of F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), on Feb 8, 2009. This is one part of the overall total reconstruction and reorganization effort for the 106 SFS.



Members of the 106th Rescue Wing, Finance Group, work to clear a path to the main entrance of bldg. 345, on Jan. 28, 2009, as snow continues to fall.



Staff Sgt. David I. Murphy

Photojournalist Skip Dickstein poses for a photograph while wearing a National Guard hat after his presentation during the Public Affairs conference, held at the Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. on Jan. 25, 2009.





**Left:** Lt. Col. Theodore Agnew Jr., 106th Air Maintenance Squadron, transferred command to Lt. Col. Ronald M. Morris, Deputy Maintenance Group Commander, during a Change of Command ceremony on February 10, 2009. The ceremony was held in Helicopter Pod Four of F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG) and Lt. Col. Michael E. Stevic, 106th Maintenance Group Commander, facilitated the ceremony. Lt. Col. Agnew is leaving the unit to join the IG Inspectors Team in Rosslyn, Va. He will work with IG team under the title of Chief, Major Commands and Investigations. Lt. Col. Agnew joined the 106th Rescue Wing in 1985 and will have served with the unit for a total of 24 years.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Members of the 106th Softball Team pose with their 4th place trophy at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla. at the 43rd Annual Softball Tournament, held in August of 2008. The 106th was one of 63 teams competing. If you'd like to be involved this years team, be at the pre-game meeting in the Bldg. 250 conference room on March 8, 2009, at 1230.



John Mallano and Barbara Whiting, from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), speak to Maj. Isamettin A. Aral, 106th Medical Group, along with other members of the 106th Rescue Wing, in the dining facility, during lunch, on Feb. 8, 2009. The SBA offers a wide variety of information for those interested in starting their own business.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Staff Sgt. Rudy Lonk, 106th Security Forces, and his wife Judy take ballroom dance class lessons at the All Ranks Club on Jan. 22, 2009. The class is sponsored by the Enlisted Council and meets every Thursday until April. Classes are \$10 per session, or \$35 for a package of 4. Only cash is accepted and there are no refunds. The classes are taught by Airman First Class Kevin Walsh and Senior Airman Alan Sanchez. Singles are welcome!

Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

# RECRUITER NEWS



## Need Cash? Got Recruits?

Become a member of our G-RAP Team

The G-RAP program was designed for drill status individuals and retirees who voluntarily apply to serve as part-time Recruiter Assistants (RA). The G-RAP program is not open to AGRs or Technicians, however, they can receive time-off awards for recruits they bring into the Wing. Recruiter Assistants

will be paid for non-prior and prior service enlisted accessions. To become a Recruiter Assistant log onto [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com) and follow the prompts. You will go through a brief acceptance and training program leading to your RA certification. Once certified you will be able to refer

qualified applicants to 106<sup>th</sup> recruiters leading to payment. As a Recruiter Assistant you will receive \$1,000 for any non-prior enlistment and another \$1,000 upon shipment to Basic Military Training. For prior service enlistments you will receive \$1,000 after enlistment and another \$1,000 upon recruits completion of third drill. For more information contact the recruiting office at (631) 723-7458.

\$\$\$ 106<sup>th</sup> Airman have earned \$188,000 dollars to date! \$\$\$

### DO YOU NEED \$4000?

Air National Guard Recruiting Assistants, can now earn \$4000 dollars for enlisting a prior or non-prior officer to join the 106th Rescue Wing. Recruiting Assistants still continue to earn \$2,000 for each enlisted member that enlists and reports to Basic Training or for each prior service member who completes a 90 day affiliation with the unit. Additionally, AGR members will earn 3 days of leave and Technicians will earn 27 hours of leave for each qualified recruit.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN  
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ELECTRONICS***  
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### 106 RQW Recruiter Contact Info

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## Former Korean War Medic Decorated at Ceremony Grandson Serves as a Member of the 106th Rescue Wing

On Tuesday, January 20, August Angerame, former medic with the 68th AAA Gun Battalion who served in the Korean War and resides at the Northport V.A. Center, was ceremonially decorated and awarded the State of New York Conspicuous Service Star and the State of New York Medal for Merit. Presenting the awards on behalf of Governor Patterson and Major General Joseph J. Taluto were Steve Young, Acting Director of the VA Medical Center, who read the two (2) citations, Bob Morga, President, and Sal Scarlato, 1st Vice President, from Central Long Island Chapter No. 64 Korean War Veterans, who presented the medals.

Also in attendance were Joe Sledge, Public Affairs Officer for the VA Medical Center, Sal Scarlato, First Vice President, Central Long Island Chapter No. 64, Korean War Veterans, who coordinated this great event, other officers and staff



*Retired Cpl. August Angerame (center) shakes hands with Joe Sledge, Public Affairs Officer, after receiving the Conspicuous Service Star and Medal of Merit on Jan. 20, 2009.*

of the VA Medical Center and the Korean War Veterans and members of Mr. Angerame's family.

Mr. Angerame's grandson, John Angerame, A1C, a member of

the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., is presently serving overseas.

*(Courtesy of Regina Angerame)*

### Enlisted women's scholarships for \$2,500 are available.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2009. See <http://www.4militarywomen.org/index.htm>.

#### ***Congratulations! The following scored over 90% on their end of course exams during the last month:***

Mater Sgt. Harold L. Rowan	Senior NCO Academy	94%
Staff Sgt. Miguel A. Rodriguez	Biomedical Equipment Journeyman	92%
Staff Sgt. Kathleen R. Shephard	Security Forces Craftsman	90%
Airman 1st Class Thomas V. Stebbins	Traffic Management Journeyman	91%

#### **Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:**

Tue 03 Mar 0900	Sun 08 Mar 1230	Fri 13 Mar 1300	Wed 25 Mar 1300	Mon 30 Mar 1300
Sun 05 Apr 1230	Thu 09 Apr 1300	Fri 17 Apr 0900	Wed 22 Apr 1300	Tue 28 Apr 1300

Testing is scheduled for the Sunday of a UTA. Saturday will be included if needed due to demand.

To test, members must schedule through their unit training manager, be in uniform, have their ID card, and be at base training 10 minutes prior to start time. Please No food or drink, cell phones, beepers or pagers. No notes or study materials are authorized in the test room. Pencils, calculator (if authorized), and scratch paper will be provided — members are not to bring their own.



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# PARTING SHOT



*Pararescuemen from the 103rd Rescue Squadron work with pilots from the 101st Rescue Squadron to perform fast-roping maneuvers out of an HH-60 on Feb. 8, 2009.*  
Senior Airman Chris Muncy