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September UTA Menu:

Saturday

Pasta with meat sauce, mixed veg,
garlic bread

Sunday

Family Day BBQ

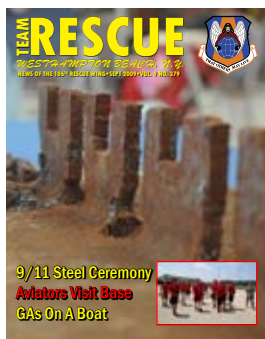
On the Cover:

Main: A piece of steel was presented to the 106th Rescue Wing on August 1, 2009 as part of the Wing's award ceremony. The steel is a reminder of the terrible events of 9/11 and the men and women of the 106th who assisted in the rescue activities that followed.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Inset: Members of the Westhampton Aviators, a Hamptons Collegiate Baseball team, visited the 106th on July 30, 2009.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

September 10, 2001

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

I don't remember September 10, 2001 as I do the day that followed. I would venture to guess that many of you also have trouble remembering it in stark contrast to September 11, 2001.

It was a Monday following a UTA and I remember going to work at the civilian job I had at the time. What strikes me as I reflect back to 2001 is that I cannot remember September 10th being any different than today. I had no idea what was to happen the next day and, in my wildest nightmares, could not have predicted that horrible attack.

I have to remind myself that another attack is possible and that tomorrow could be the day. I am convinced that many of our fellow citizens, being eight years removed from the attacks, may no longer believe that a day like September 11th can happen again. Have we forgotten that the attacks on the World Trade Center were eight years apart? Do we believe that we are invulnerable to attack? We, who serve in the 106th Rescue Wing, along with all of our fellow servicemen and women, must never be found unprepared and we must not forget.

At our last UTA, retired FDNY Lt. Pat Concannon presented us with a very special piece of steel that was part of the World Trade Center. Crosses were cut from this piece for family members who lost their

loved ones in the attack. In many cases these crosses eased the pain of families who would not have the closure of receiving the remains of their loved ones. This piece of the World Trade Center is an important part of our history and will be displayed in a place of honor in our Heritage Hall in the center of our Wing Headquarters Building (Bldg. 345).

We, who serve in the 106th Rescue Wing, along with all of our fellow servicemen and women, must never be found unprepared and we must not forget.

The steel reminds us of the call to serve that we answered on that day. Many from our Wing were at the site of the devastation shortly after the attacks. Joint Task Force members, civil engineers, security forces

and medical personnel, and Guardian Angels worked to secure the site and assist in the search for survivors. Our Guardian Angel team was instrumental in recovering the last known survivor from the rubble. Some of you were there in your full time capacity as members of the NYPD, FDNY, and PAPD or as civilian emergency responders. I know you will never forget.

The steel also reminds us of our continuing commitment to serve and protect our nation and state from harm. I hope it will always be a source of inspiration and remembrance of why we serve. We have served more and our families have been asked to sacrifice much since the attacks. And we will be asked to renew that commitment many times.



Colonel Michael F. Canders

When you are tired or worn out from this service before self, I hope you will take a walk over to our Heritage Hall to see this piece of the World Trade Center. This piece of steel was once a small part of a magnificent building, an icon of the prestige and power of New York City and the United States of America. Now it humbly represents the nearly three thousand lives that were taken that day. Let it be a symbol of what cannot be destroyed by our enemies. May it inspire us with gratitude and a never-ending sense of service.

We do not know when we will be attacked again. Today could ultimately be an uneventful yesterday to an uneventful tomorrow. But we must never forget the possibility that tomorrow could be the day. Today could be the September 10th of an attack yet to be waged.

We cannot be lulled into a false sense of security as many of our countrymen have been. We must train and prepare. We must be ready for the attack today and hope that it never comes.

GAS ON A BOAT

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



The boat used by the GAs is a 27-foot safe boat, so named because the foam siding around the boat prevent it from sinking or capsizing.



Maj. John D. McElroy, 103rd RQS Commander, works with Capt. Glyn B. Weir to identify the drop zone on the boat's GPS device.



Above & right: The RAMZ kits and GAs are both deployed from an HC-130 operated by the 102nd RQS. The HC-130 crew is assisted in identifying the dropzone by the boat party.



Team Rescue

After jumping out of the HC-130, GAs land on the dropzone at a speed of around 16-20 feet/second. Once landing they quickly release their parachutes.



GAs gather at a RAMZ kit after their jump and get the zodiac under way.

While some might see a sunny Saturday on a boat as a nice break from the office, for the Guardian Angels (GA) of the 103rd Rescue Squadron, 106th Rescue Wing, from F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), Westhampton Beach, N.Y., it is anything but a break. On August 1, 2009 GAs arrived at the U.S. Coast Guard station in Hampton Bays, N.Y. to pick up their 27-foot safe boat, so named for its inability to capsize or sink. Other watercraft that the GAs use include: the Advanced Rescue Craft, more commonly known as a Jet Ski or Wave Runner, and the zodiac, an inflatable boat. The day's events weren't just focused on the GAs though; the training mission was a coordination of effort between the HC-130 aircraft of the 102nd Rescue Squadron, which deploy the GAs and the Rigged Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ) kits, and the HH-60 helicopters of the 101st Rescue Squadron, which conducted the Alternate Insertion and Extraction training with the GAs.

After parachuting from the HC-130 and landing in the water, the GAs de-



GAs on the boat retrieve the parachutes after the jump. Riggers from the 106th Operation Support Flight will rinse, dry and repack the parachutes so that they will be ready for the next jump.

rigged the RAMZ kits and got the zodiac under way while waiting for the HH-60 to arrive. During this time the safe boat crew worked quickly to retrieve the parachutes and any other debris left over from the RAMZ kits. When the HH-60 arrived the crew worked with the GAs to conduct various AIEs including "low and slows," hoist, fast rope and rope ladder maneuvers. Of course all this activity attracted the attention of local boaters, so GAs on ARCs worked to keep the curious observers at a safe distance.

When the GAs returned to F.S. Gabreski, wet and tired from a full day of training, most Guardsmen have gotten ready to, or were about to leave, for the day. The GAs, and others involved in the exercise, had another few hours to go before they could leave. Parachutes were given to the riggers of the 106th Operations Support Flight, who would need to rinse, dry and repack the chutes. In addition, all the gear used by the GAs had to have the salt water rinsed off and then members of each squadron met to discuss all phases of

the training in a debriefing. For the GAs, the crews of the HC-130s and HH-60s, this kind of training is vital in ensuring the 106th Rescue Wing can accomplish its primary mission of Combat Search and Rescue.



GAs climb a rope ladder to a waiting HH-60.

WING NEWS

At the Races

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Senior Airman James J. Bavaro met New York Governor David A. Paterson at the Belmont Stakes in Floral Park, N.Y. on June 6, 2009. Senior Airman Bavaro was at the race to represent the 106th Rescue Wing as part of the N.Y. State Joint Color Guard. The Color Guard that day was made up of three Army members, one Marine, one Sailor and Senior Airman Bavaro. After the race was over Bavaro met the Governor in the winner's circle, an experience which he said was a "great honor," and "pretty amazing."



Photo courtesy of Governor Paterson's

Fishing Tournament

by Staff Sgt. David Murphy

On July 11th, 2009, the Smithtown Bay Yacht Club hosted a Soldiers on the Sound fluke fishing tournament. The tournament was open to any veteran and the 106th Rescue Wing received invitations for 30+ people to participate.

The winning fish was caught by Stephen Curti, Andy Smith, Senior Master Sgt. Ed Metcalf and Senior Airman Ed Metcalf. The fish was a 24-inch fluke weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces. "I didn't expect it to be what it was, but you get blown back by these people and their generosity," said SrA Metcalf.

The yacht club provided breakfast, lunch with beverages, and event t-shirts for all participants. In addition, yacht club members volunteered their boats, fishing

equipment and expertise to veterans. Prizes were awarded to the winning veteran and boat captain for best catch.



Alumni News

The Chief Master Sgt. William A. Schiffer Scholarship is once again being offered. Two annual \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior or college student who is an immediate family member, up to and including grandchildren, of an active or retired member of the 106th or Alumni Association. The application must

demonstrate academic potential and a record of extra-curricular activities. The successful candidate must have already been accepted by an accredited institution. Applicants for this scholarship must submit a one-page essay that will discuss "How I Wish to Further My Education". The essay must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the 106th Alumni Association, 150 Old

Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach N.Y. 11978, no later than 30 Sep 2009. The winner will be selected and the selection will be announced shortly thereafter.

The next meeting of the board will be on Thursday, 20 Aug 2009, at 1730 hours in the old Wing Conference room, building 250.

Any past or present members with military ID are welcome to attend.

THE 106th ENLISTED COUNCIL PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL:

Education Seminar

When: Sunday, 8 November 09 / 1100 – 1200

Where: Wing Auditorium

Come and learn about all of the terrific educational benefits that this Base and the ANG has to offer!

CLEP - DANTES - Tuition Assistance

GI Bill - Local College Incentives

and much, much more!

Speakers will include SMSgt Nizza from Base Training and MSgt Kennedy from the Retention office.

106th Rescue Wing Golf Outing

Monday, 14 September 2009

L.I. National Golf Course, Riverhead

\$59pp/1145 check in/1300 shot gun

golf, cart, range balls, lunch

Contact Capt. Fritz

Work 723-7505 - Cell 631-905-5632



Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

There was a store that had a sign "Puppies for Sale". A little boy saw the sign and asked the owner how much the puppies

Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

cost. The owner replied, "\$35.00," the boy said, "I only have \$2.50 but can I see the puppies?" The 5 puppies came out but one of the puppies had a noticeable limp. "What is wrong with that puppy?" asked the boy. The owner explained that the puppy did not have a hip socket and so he would always limp. The little boy said, "That is the little puppy I want to buy." The owner replied, "you don't want to buy that puppy. He will always limp. I'll just give him to you." The little boy became upset and said, "That puppy is worth

every bit as much as all the other dogs. I'll give you \$2.50 now and 50 cents a week until I have him paid for." The owner responded, "O.K. but I don't know why you want to buy that puppy. He'll never be able to run or jump or play with you like the other puppies."

At that the boy reached down and rolled up his pants leg to reveal a badly twisted left leg supported by a heavy metal brace. He said to the store owner, "Well, I don't run so well myself and this puppy will need someone who understands."



Senior Airman Jose Diaz

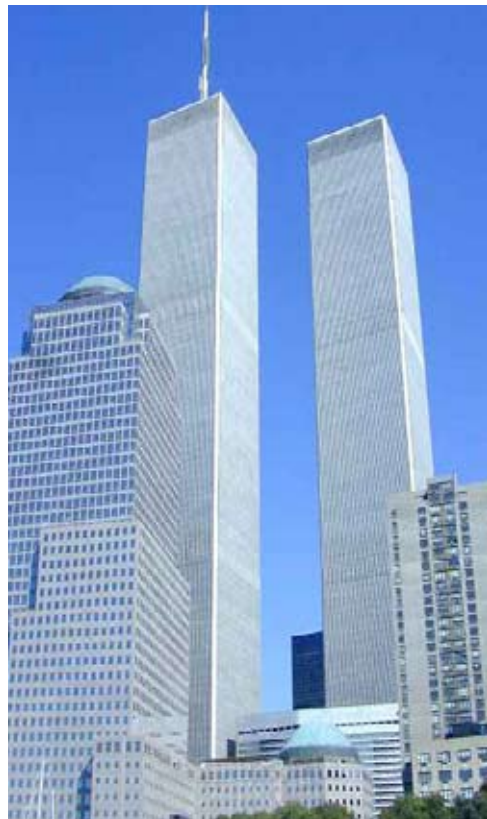
Tech. Sgt. Jessica Berg applies casualty makeup to Staff Sgt. Andres M. Velasquez on July 22, 2009. Tech. Sgt. Berg shows off her dressing skills on a trauma victim actor after returning from a theater make-up class in Washington D.C. With her improved skill set Tech. Sgt. Berg is better able to make her victim's injuries look realistic. In prior training exercises Tech. Sgt. Berg usually dressed the actors using cheap make-up kits making the victim's injuries look fake, now that the injuries look more realistic it is her hope that the responders treating the victims will think and react faster.

9/11 Steel Presentation and Awards Format

by 2nd Lt. Michael O'Hagan

Photos by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

On Saturday, August 1, 2009, four retired members of the New York City Fire Department paid a special visit to the 106th Rescue Wing to deliver a sacred gift of steel that had been salvaged from our fallen World Trade Towers. Retired FDNY Lt. Pat Concannon accompanied by the three other retired members presented the steel on behalf of the New York City Fire Department. The steel was what remained of a select piece that had been put aside by the steel workers at ground zero. The steel was used to carve out crosses to present to family members at the funeral services that followed 9/11. It will be displayed in a place of honor in the Wing Headquarters building in the near future.



Above: Retired New York City Fire Fighter Pat Concannon, Lt. Col. Christopher F. Hardej and Tech Sgt. Ruben Lopez unveil the piece of World Trade Center steel that was given to the 106th Rescue Wing on August 1.

Right: A close-up shot of the World Trade Center steel given to the 106th Rescue Wing on August 1.

Left: A picture of the World Trade Center Towers before the events of Sept. 11, 2001.



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Tech. Sgt. Efrain Ortiz Jr., 106th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Master Sgt. Daniel Grogul 106th Security Forces Squadron, along with family members were honored during the retirement ceremony portion of the awards ceremony.



John J. Angerame, along with other members of the 106th Family Readiness Group, were honored during the ceremony.



Senior Master Sgt. Steven A. Krajewski, 106th Logistics Readiness Squadron, receives a Meritorious Service Medal.



Retired New York City Fire Fighter Pat Concannon speaks to members of the 106th Rescue Wing about the importance of the steel on August 1st.

Vehicle Inspection Training

by Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi, Jr.

On Saturday August 1, 2009, the 106th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Vehicle Maintenance Flight conducted new training for the 106th Security Forces Squadron. The purpose of the training was to enhance the security forces' effectiveness in vehicle inspections while using the new video surveillance system installed on base.

According to Master Sgt. Ronald K. Hintze, a Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic with the 106th Logistics Readiness Squadron, this training was specifically designed to familiarize security forces personnel with the undercarriages of commercial vehicles.

The training's focus was on identifying the typical components

of commercial trucks and the component's locations found on the under carriages.

The more familiar security forces personnel are with these

components and their locations, the easier it will be to spot phony components and abnormalities that can potentially be explosives or other destructive devices.



Master Sgt. Mike Riccardi

Master Sgt. Ronald K. Hintze trains 106th Security Forces Squadron members on the component details of a typical commercial vehicle's undercarriage on August 1, 2009.

Bicycle Rally

by Maj. Stephen Rush



On July 25, 2009, members of the 103rd Rescue Squadron rode the Wounded Warrior Bicycle Ride on the east end of Long Island, N.Y. They sported the new 106th RQW bicycle uniforms.

The 103rd raised the second highest amount of money for the foundation, \$9,000.00. The effort was organized by Doug Kechijian who hopes the 103rd will be able to garner the support of other squadrons next year to extend the mission of assisting fallen countrymen.

CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

Aerospace Maint Apprentice HC-130

Sheppard AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Jason E. Velez

Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice

Sheppard AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class David G. Amerson

Air Transportation Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Master Sgt. James C. D'Agostino

Tech. Sgt. Donald J. Conste

Staff Sgt. Meagan E. Meade

Senior Airman Brian Corso

Airborne School

Ft. Benning, GA

Airman 1st Class Christopher Petersen

ANG Academy of Military Science

McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN

2nd Lt. Michael P. O'Hagan

Chief Master Sgt. Executive Seminar

Andrews AFB, MD

Chief Master Sgt. Diana L. Manno

Combat Rescue Officer Apprentice

Kirtland AFB, NM

Maj. Kerry McCauley

HC-130 Mission Pilot Qualification

Kirtland AFB, NM

1st Lt. Erik L. Bulger

Combat Survival Training

Fairchild AFB, WA

Senior Airman David C. Schwack

Electronic Warfare Systems

Apprentice

Sheppard AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Rocco B. Scaccia

Airman 1st Class Daniel J. Catapano

Airman 1st Class Adam P. Dernis

Airman 1st Class Joshua R. Faeger

Basic Military Training, USAF

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Daniel C. Braga

Airman 1st Class Carlos A. Buitrago

Airman 1st Class Gregory T. Jackowski

Airman 1st Class Miriam L. Johnson

Airman 1st Class George Liandrakis

Airman 1st Class Edward S. Lincoln

Airman 1st Class Luigi M. Luigini

Airman 1st Class Victoria A. Marrone

Airman 1st Class William A. Meehan

Airman 1st Class Luis Nunez

Airman 1st Class Paola A. Palacios

Airman 1st Class Matthew T. Radice

Airman 1st Class Jacob D. Stringfellow

Airman 1st Class Nicole Y. Torres

C-130 Pilot Single Ship

Airdrop/Airland

Littlerock AFB, AR

2nd Lt. Kyle F. Hruz

Military Free Fall Specialist

Yuma, AZ

Capt. Ronnie S. Maloney

Mission Flight Engineer Qual

Kirtland AFB, NM

Senior Airman James R. Denniston

Pararescue Apprentice Course

Kirtland AFB, NM

Senior Airman James Dougherty

Senior Airman Sean T. Herlihy

Pavements & Construction

Equipment Operator Part II

Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

Staff Sgt. Alex Chi

Airman 1st Class Sadiki Drayton

Airman 1st Class Sergey Klebleyev

Security Forces Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Joseph P. McCrain

Airman 1st Class Joseph Occhineri

Airman 1st Class Dwayne B. Morgan

Recent Promotions

Master Sgt. Louis G. Csabon

Master Sgt. Janet L. Laignel

Staff Sgt. Nicole A. Keenan

New Members

Brendan Barnes

Joshua A. Burns

Christopher Curley

Matthew Davidson

Mark Dethloff

David Ho

Shawn Holland

Shannon Hughes

John Isaac

Alex Lochren

Michael Losee

Matthew Luogameno

Andrew Matthaey

Roy Nevins

Dave Peter

Chad Quartararo

Patrick White

Nicole Willis

Recent Reenlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Roy A. Maltestinic

Master Sgt. Victoria Hunt

Master Sgt. Matt D. Morgan

Tech. Sgt. Daniel T. Boothe

Tech. Sgt. Vishwattie Debysingh

Tech. Sgt. Shaun H. Garvey

Staff Sgt. Robert R. Bancroft

Staff Sgt. Paul W. Clementi

Staff Sgt. Alan T. Laino

Staff Sgt. William D. Halstead

Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Meade

Staff Sgt. David Rymer

AVIATORS VISIT BASE



See more photos and video from this event at: www.106rqw.ang.af.mil

Members of the Westhampton Aviators, a team named in honor of the 106th Rescue Wing, were given a tour of the base on July 30, 2009. Besides the Aviators there are five teams in the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League and they include the Southampton Breakers, the Riverhead Tomcats, the North Fork Ospreys, the Sag Harbor Whalers and the Long Island Mustangs.

Maj. Scott Williams, Executive Officer for the 106th Rescue Wing, gave the team a tour of the base one of the HC-130s featured on their logo.

On August 1, 2009, Col. Michael F. Canders, 106th Rescue Wing Commander, attended one of the Aviators playoff games and threw the first pitch. The Aviators won that game against the Breakers and went on to the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League championship game where they faced off against the Wolf Division champions, the Jersey Pilots. The Aviators won the game 7-5, which took place at Hite Field on August 7.

To learn more about the Aviators and Hamptons Collegiate Baseball go to www.hamptonbaseball.org.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Maj. Scott A. Williams talks to the Aviators about the operation of the HC-130.



Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste

Above: Col. Michael F. Canders speaks to members of the Aviators before a playoff game on August 1, 2009.

Below: The Westhampton Aviators came from behind to beat the Jersey Pilots, 7-5, to win the 2009 Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League title.



Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste

Col. Michael F. Canders throws out the first pitch before one of the Aviator's playoff games on August 1, 2009.



Photo by Brett Mauser/hampton.com

WING PHOTOS



Lt. Col. Mary A. Cline presented Tech Sgt. Craig E. Moore with the Air Force Commendation Medal on August 1, 2009.

Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste



Master Sgt. Louis G. Csabon, 106th Security Force Squadron, instructs students during a Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Basic Rider Course, at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), on July 16, 2009. All personnel that operate a motorcycle on any military installation must comply with the DoD and service specific instructions.

Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste



Tech. Sgt. Richard J. Marotta, 106th Security Forces Squadron, strikes the training bag during ASP baton training on August 2, 2009.

Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste



U.S. Service Members assigned to the 106th Security Forces Squadron participate in required ASP baton training at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), in Westhampton, NY, on August 2, 2009. The instructor for the training was Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Legotti, who recently returned from the Air Mobility Warfare Center's Raven Program at Fort Dix, N.J.

Senior Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby



Guardian Angels from the 103rd Rescue Squadron participate in a rescue training scenario at the Hagerman Fire Department, in Patchogue, N.Y., on June 25, 2009.

Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Guardian Angels (GA) Staff Sgt. Samuel G. Prescott (left) and Senior Master Sgt. Erik S. Blom (right), from the 103rd Rescue Squadron, worked with park rangers on Mt. Denali, Alaska, for a month conducting patrols and rescue operations. The GAs worked at an elevation of 18,000 ft. in below freezing weather.

RECRUITER NEWS

Do You Need \$2000 or \$4000?

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, the satisfaction of bringing a member into our Wing is rewarding and very valuable to the overall mission. Recruiter Assistants will be paid for non-prior and prior service enlisted accessions. To become a Recruiter Assistant log onto 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 106th 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. Air National Guard Recruiting Assistants, can now earn \$4000 dollars for appointing a prior or non-prior officer to join the 106th Rescue Wing. Contact the recruiting office for more information or program guidance (631)723-7339.



\$\$\$ 106th Airman have earned \$220,000 dollars to date! \$\$\$

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Staff Sgt. Robert Hoffman (631)723-7343
Mrs. Sally Cassella (631)723-7339

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN *MECHANICS* AND *ELECTRONICS* CALL A RECRUITER FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

Please Join us for The 106th Rescue Wing's Family Day

Sunday, September 13, 2009: 1100 – 1600

Food, Drinks, Entertainment, Games and Attractions



*Members are free!
Tickets for dependents
will be \$2 each!*
POC for tickets are:
CMSgt Leis
(631) 723-7381 / email:
marcelle.leis@ang.af.mil
CMSgt Manno
(631)723-7413 / email:
diana.manno@ang.af.mil



106th Enlisted Council Annual Clothing Drive

All Donations will go to Fashion Republic Inc., a company that brings donated items to 3rd world nations, to be sold and/or donated at thrift stores and church pantries.

Clothing, Jackets, Shoes,
Toys, Blankets –
all Welcome!

Donation Boxes can be found at:
Building 345, next to the vending machine

Building 250, in the 103 RQS Section
Building 370, in the Hydraulics Shop

Or Contact:
TSgt. Katie White (ext. 7447)
TSgt. Mark Russitano (ext. 7524)
TSgt. Erica Smith (ext. 7012)

Please visit
<http://www.satruck.com/ValueGuide.asp> for a donation valuation guide for tax deduction purposes.

Rugby

by Capt. W. Scott Curtice

The Air Force's new impetus for "Fit to Fight" has a new training ground at the 106th. The Rugby Club held its first practice during the June drill weekend. Lungs were challenged as the unruly precursor to football was taught and practiced by new-comers and experienced players alike. The players quickly learned the art of rucks, mauls and scrums, and exhibited them like old-timers.

The kicking power of Col. Pamela Combs was on full display, her infamous "boots", once outlawed in 13 states during her college career, were so mighty they left the other airman

scanning the skies for egressing B-52's.

Lt. Col. Emily Derosier, in charge of Supply and Rehydration, made a formal recommendation to change the normal post-game malted beverage to a grape-based, Pinot variety. This was quickly declined in a hastily formed ad hoc committee vote.

The team plans to meet and practice after every Saturday drill. We will then pick a couple of national tournaments a year to compete in and represent the 106th. The Air Force has a strong tradition of being the inter-service rugby champion which we would like to continue here.



Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby

Senior Airman Adam Rich, Senior Airman Jose Diaz, Col. Pamela J. Combs and Capt. W. Scott Curtice practice rugby on June 6, 2009.

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

C130 Under Pilot & Under Navigator	Nationwide	Open Until Filled
Chaplain	Nationwide	Open Until Filled
Intelligence Officer	Nationwide	Open Until Filled

Please contact: Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren (631) 723-7339

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

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

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

Master Sgt. Frank Arza	Senior NCO Academy	100%
Master Sgt. Patricia L. Dickson	Senior NCO Academy	90%
Master Sgt. Noel Fontanez	Senior NCO Academy	94%
Staff Sgt. Steven E. Barr	Education and Training Journeyman	93%
Staff Sgt. Edgar Diaz	Security Forces Journeyman	93%
Airman 1st Class Travis J. Meehan	Driver/Operator - Pumper	91%
Airman 1st Class Daniel W. Glenn	Driver/Operator	94%

Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:

Thu 03 Sep 1300	Tue 08 Sep 1300	Sun 13 Sep 0900	Fri 18 Sep 0900	Wed 23 Sep 1300
Thu 01 Oct 1300	Sun 04 Oct 1230	Wed 14 Oct 0900	Mon 19 Oct 1300	Tue 27 Oct 1300
Mon 02 Nov 1300	Sun 08 Nov 1230	Fri 13 Nov 0900	Wed 18 Nov 1300	Tue 24 Nov 1300
Tue 01 Dec 1300	Sun 06 Dec 1230	Thu 10 Dec 0900	Wed 16 Dec 1300	Mon 21 Dec 1300

Testing for the UTA will be on Sunday only.

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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Members of the 106th Rescue Wing participated in "Tribute to America" night at the Long Island Ducks baseball stadium in Central Islip, N.Y. on August 8, 2009. During the event members of the 106th helped to hold up a large version of the American flag, while a member of the 106th Security Forces Squadron brought the Ducks' mascot, QuackerJack, onto the field on the back of an ATV. To cap off the opening ceremonies an HH-60 from the 101st Rescue Squadron flew over the stadium after the National Anthem was sung.