

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Special Dates:

October 4 - Change of Command - 1400 **November 8** - Education Seminar - 1100-1200

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October UTA Menu:

Saturday

Chef's choice, grilled cheese salad bar, soup desert

Sunday

Chicken Sandwiches French fries, corn salad, desert



On the Cover:

Members of the 106th Rescue Wing enjoy Family Day on September 13, 2009. Photos by Senior Airman Chris Muncy

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Thank You

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

This is my last Commander's column in Team Rescue. It gives me pause to reflect on what the last 24 years here at the 106th have meant to me, particularly the years since September 11, 2001. It has been a great honor to serve with all of you and with your families over these many years. Thank you for that honor.

I witnessed a transition from an Air Rescue and Recovery Group in 1985 in the strategic reserve to the full up combat and domestic operations

You have made American history and continue to write it as our challenges remain unabated.

Rescue Wing of today. You ramped up following the first Gulf war in 1990 with regular deployments to Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Provide Comfort and other contingencies in that decade. You got into the rhythm of deploying regularly overseas to Kuwait or Turkey or other far off places which proved very important in preparing us for our post 9/11 obligations. Throw in plenty of other activities like MAJCOM and other outside agency inspections, Space Shuttle rescue, domestic operations, intense daily training etc. etc. and you know that we became busier with each passing year in the last century.

But what was to come in the 21st century was simply unimaginable. The service and sacrifice over these past 8 years is nothing short of magnificent. From digging for survivors during our rapid response at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 to deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of

Africa and many other locations around Central Command overseas, you and your families responded to the very rapid need to suddenly become an operational reserve working

side by side with our active duty counterparts. And when the call came at home to serve our fellow citizens following Katrina, Rita, Ike and other domestic emergencies requiring life saving, we deployed immediately and very effectively. You saved over 300 lives during this period following 9/11 both here at home and overseas in our combat search and rescue and medevac missions. Your expeditionary combat skills were in high demand around the globe and you left your families and employers when needed. You proved, once again, that Guardsmen can do this important work like the first Guardsmen and their families



Colonel Michael F. Canders

who served our young nation over 4 centuries ago. You have made American history and continue to write it as our challenges remain unabated.

I am very grateful to have been part of this with you and I consider it a great gift over these many years. The greatest gift, however, that God has given me is my family. As I reflect on my years of service at the 106th, I am particularly grateful for their service and sacrifice. I am equally grateful for the joy, the laughter and the pure fun that we share everyday when we are together. Their love and support was such an important balance to the "occasional" stress of serving our state and nation during these historic times. My family is like many of your families and I am very proud to have served with them as well. Thank you, farewell, may God bless you all and keep you safe as you continue your important work as part of the 106th Rescue Wing. That Others May Live.

GALAXY CAMP

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The Family Readiness Group of the 106th Rescue Wing at Francis S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), Westhampton Beach, N.Y., hosted its annual week-long summer camp program known at Galaxy Camp from August 10 to August 14. Approximately 40 children, ages 8-17, were involved in the event and all the children were related to members of the 106th.

Right: The Counter Drug Task Force set up their rockwall for members of Galaxy Camp to climb.

Below: Family Readiness Coordinator Lisa D'Agostino and Col. Michael Stevic pose with Katherine Fennell during the graduation ceremony on August 14.



Staff Sgt. Dave Murphy





Galaxy Camp children take part in a team building exercise on August 14.



Galaxy Camp children take part in a flight sim at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, N.Y. on August 13.

Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi



The approximately 40 children involved in Galaxy Camp pose for a group photo around the yellow ribbon shaped flower bed they helped plant last year.



Chief Master Sgt. James A. Dougherty of the 103rd Rescue Squadron shows off different medical techniques to the Galaxy Camp children.



The Galaxy Camp children took part in a number of different activities during the week at the 106th Rescue Wing including this ball toss activity.

Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi

NEW COMMANDER



Colonel Thomas J. Owens II is currently assigned to the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard, as the Assistant Vice Wing Commander. Prior to his current assignment, he served in Iraq as the 332 Air Expeditionary Wing Operations Group Deputy Commander. He is a 2006 graduate of resident Senior Developmental Education where he was a National Security Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Owens was Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing Operations Group, assuming all duties of the position on 4 May 2003.

Colonel Owens was commissioned in November of 1985 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. He earned his pilot wings at Reese AFB, TX and returned to the 138th Fighter Squadron in Syracuse, NY to fly the A-10. He went on to fly the F-16 at Syracuse to include combat in Desert Storm, the Iraqi No-Fly zones, and Operations

Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Colonel Owens has held numerous positions within the Wing including Weapons Officer, Operations Officer and Commander of the 138th Fighter Squadron, as well as the 138th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander, Al Udeid AB, Qatar.

Colonel Owens is a graduate of the US Air Force's Air War College and holds master's degrees from Cornell University in electrical engineering and business administration. He is a command pilot with over 3800 flying hours, more than 3200 in the F-16 and over 120 combat missions.



Brigadier General James W. Kwiatkowski The Commander, New York Air National Guard

Requests the honor of your presence for a Change of Command Ceremony At which

Colonel Michael F. Canders Will relinquish command to Colonel Thomas J. Owens II

Sunday the 4th of October, 2009, Two o'clock Aircraft Hangar B, F. S. Gabreski Airport 150 Old Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach, New York

Reception immediately following

Colonel Canders' next assignment is Commander, 447th Air Expeditionary Group, Sather AB, Iraq

RSVP by September 29, 2009 (631) 723-7418 106rsvp@ang.af.mil



Please Dress Accordingly
Military, Short Sleeve Dress Blue
Civilian, Business Attire



Out with the Old

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Classic Environmental Inc. tore down two of the old buildings from the 106th's entranceway on August 18, 2009.



South Africans Visit Base

by Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi, Jr.



The National Sea Rescue Institute, a South African organization, sent members of its Air and Sea Rescue team to visit the 106th Rescue Wing for the week of August 10-14, 2009. The ASR team is made of South African civilian volunteers who provide maritime rescue and recovery service along the coast of South Africa. The group visited the 106th and

observed some of the pararescuemen's techniques and procedures such as hoisting, fast roping, rope ladders and other alternate infiltration and exfiltration techniques.

The South Africans were treated to four training days with the PJ's as well as one day in New York City which included an orientation flight on an HC-130. Master Sgt. Jueles Roy

also coordinated a meeting between the South Africans and the Fire Department of New York. The visit by the South Africans is a part of the National Guard State Partnership Program which is meant to link a state with foreign country for the purpose of supporting the security cooperation objectives.

FAMILY DAY

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The 106th Rescue Wing hosted its annual Family Day celebration on September 13, 2009 at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), Westhampton Beach, N.Y. The event included a number of different activities such as volleyball, a classic car show, live music and a pie throwing competition for members of the 106th and their families to take part in. The highlight of the day was a Guardian Angel/ aircraft demonstration. The event was sponsored by the Family Readiness Group, the Student Flight, the Friends of the 106th and Home Depot among many other organizations.



Above: A number of different classic cars were shown off during Family Day. Right: Maj. Scott Williams takes a pie to the face as part of the chairity pie throwing competition during Family Day.

Right: Children of all ages came out to Family Day to partake in a number of different activities, although sometimes the most fun was just playing with a bubble gun.

2nd Lt. Michael O'Hagar

Far-right: Senior Airman Luis E. Murria, of the 103rd Rescue Squadron, partakes in some of the food served during Family Day.







Senior Airman Christopher Muncy





Above: Members of the National Guard Counter Drug Task Force assisted those interested in tackling the Rock Wall. **Upper-right:** The 106th Rescue Wing Fire Department showed off some of their capabilities to the crowd.

Right: During a downed airman demonstration Guardian Angels come to the rescue of Maj. Scott Williams.

Lower-right: After rescuing Maj. Williams during the exercise the Airmen the Guardian Angels return to the HH-60 for extraction.

Below: The Shoreham Wading River Community Band played during Family Day.







Senior Master Sgt. Dorris Libby

<u>WING NEWS</u>

When Sick, Stay HOME!

MSgt Ellen Jaccard

With the upcoming flu season and worries of H1N1 spreading . . . We would like to remind everyone to please stay home if you do not feel well.

If you are sick DO NOT report to the Medical Group for an excusal.

Have your supervisor call the Public Health office at X7573 with the information on specific symptoms and personnel. For UTA weekends, First Sergeants

have been made aware to forward illness information for Guard members. Public Health will continue to track base illnesses and trending data.

The symptoms of the Flu include: Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms:

- Fever (usually high)
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults

Hand washing is the number one way to prevent illness!

Alumni News

AF Sets Up Toll-Free Line for Retirees

Air Force retirees and surviving spouses who are not connected to the Internet can use a new toll-free telephone number to get answers to their questions about pay, annuities, medical and health care, and other benefits. The number is (800) 558-1404. Those with Internet access can still use www.retirees.af.mil for benefits information.

New Law Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the

U.S. flag. A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009.

VA Eligibility Relaxed for High-**Income Vets**

Restrictions have ended for many veterans who previously had been shut out of the VA health care system because they did not meet low-income thresholds. Because of a new rule change, so-called "Priority 8" veterans can enroll in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system more easily as of June 15. Income will remain a consideration for priority treatment, with services going to those with fewer assets first. For more information, visit the VA's health eligibility Web site at http://www. va.gov/healtheligibility/ <http://www. va.gov/healtheligibility/> or call (877) 222 8387 (VETS).

The next meeting of the alumni board will be on Thursday, 15 October 2009, at 1730 hours in the old Wing Conference room, building 250. Review of submissions for the CMSgt William A. Schiffer Scholarship will be accomplished and winners selected. Any past or present members with military ID are welcome to attend the meeting.

106th Enlisted Council Presents Oktoberfest

October 3rd, 2009, 1630

at the Trolley Barn Main St., Speonk

(It's only 3 miles away)

!!CIVILIAN CLOTHES ONLY!!

Directions:

at Gate Exit, make a left at light make a right go less than 3 miles down

CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

Adanced Instrument School

Oklahoma City AFS, OK Maj Rodney J. Lisec

Aerospace Ground Equip Craftsman

Sheppard AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Javier R. Fierros

Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice

Little Rock AFB, AR Iason E. Velez

Aerospace Propulsion Apprentice

Sheppard AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Rebbecca A. Soto Airman Kristopher Saccurato

Air Transportation Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Daniel C. Braga

Aircrew Fundamentals - Flight Eng

Lackland AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Steven H. Smith Jr.

Basic Military Training, USAF

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Sarah E. Ashraf Airman 1st Class William J. Bootz Airman 1st Class Michael J. Tandy Public Affairs Specialist - Writer

Ft. Meade, MD

Senior Airman Christopher S. Muncy

Combat Rescue Officer/SERE

Fairchild AFB, WA

2nd Lt. Chad C. Evans

Combat Survival Training Course

Fairchild AFB, WA

Airman 1st Class Eric M. Rosante

Electronic Principles, Instrument and Flight Control

Keesler AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Jacob D. Stringfellow

Fuels Apprentice

Sheppard AFB, TX

Senior Airman John T. Cappetta Senior Airman Richard T. Spofford

HC-130 Mission Pilot Qualification

Kirtland AFB, NM

1st Lt. Erik L. Bulger

Knowledge Operations Manager

Keesler AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Miriam L. Johnson Airman 1st Class Nicole Y. Torres Logistics Plans Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Juan C. Villanueva

Mobility Electronic Combat Officer

St Joseph, MO

Maj. Kevin J. Costello

Paralegal Apprentice

Maxwell AFB, AL

Staff Sgt. Robert Forrester Jr.

Pararescue Emergency Medical

Technician Basic

Kirtland AFB, NM

Airman 1st Class Christopher Petersen

Pavements and Construction

Equipment Operator

Ft Leonard Wood, MO

Tech. Sgt. Chakka O. Baptiste

Services Apprentice Course

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Marga Diaz

UH-60 Helicopter Repairer

Ft. Eustis, VA

Senior Airman Patrick J. Goldrick Senior Airman Joseph D. Holtgrewe

New Members

Maximo Caba Peter Diaz Matthew Conzo Dona Dixon Wojciech Grajewski Anthony Hnetinka

Recent Reenlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Cotter Master Sgt. Joseph P. Casey Master Lawrence Giordano Master Sgt. Thomas G. Izzo Senior Master Sgt. Christopher P. Savarese Master Sgt. Walter A. Wallace Tech. Sgt. Richard J. Martino Tech. Sgt. Donald H. Mackay Staff Sgt. Thomas M. Dewey Staff Sgt. Christian J. Lopez Staff Sgt. Jason D. Munch Staff Sgt. Joseph G. Perrone

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

ChaplainNationwideOpen Until FilledPlease contact: Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren (631) 723-7339

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

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

WING PHOTOS



Air crews from the of the 106th Rescue Wing along with air crews from other bases around the country competed in the annual Air Rodeo a competition which tests the HC-130 air crews on a number of different factors to determine the winner. The guest crews included the 129th Rescue Squadron out of Moffet Field (ANG) and the 71st Rescue Squadron out of Moody AFB.



Lt. Col. Jim Kelly poses for a group photo with his crew after taking his last flight on September 8, 2009. After recieving the traditional wet down, the Lt.Col. was greeted with cake and cookies. Lt. Col. Kelly has served with the 106th Rescue Wing for 10 years and with the military in general for 26 years. Lt. Col. Kelly plans to return to Massachusetts as a police officer.



Members of the 106th gathered together at Long Island National golf course for a spirited game of 18 holes on September 14, 2009.



Master Sgt. Jill S. Butler was honored during a military appreciation night at Citi Field on September 10, 2009.

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StaffSgt. Dave Murphy

2010 UTA SCHEDULE

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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! \$\$\$

106 RQW Recruiter Contact Info

Master Sgt. John Kennedy (631)723-7454 (Retention) Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren (631)723-7339 (Officer Info) Tech. Sgt. Katie Knoebel (631)723-7198 Tech. Sgt. Laurie Perno (631)723-7184 Tech. Sgt. Matt Repp (631)723-7458 Staff Sgt. Antonio Fonseca (631)723-7197 Staff Sgt. Robert Hoffman (631)723-7343 Mrs. Sally Cassella (631)723-7339

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

NYC VETERANS DAY PARADE

Wednesday, 11 November 2009

NY National Guard Families are invited to march in the NYC Veteran's Day Parade!!

Participating families will meet at the Lexington Avenue Armory (time TBD).

We begin marching at 11:00am from 23rd Street and 5th Avenue up to 57th Street and 5th Avenue. If you and your family are interested in marching, please send me an email NLT 16 Oct 09.

THE MILITARY'S STRONGEST UNIT...THE FAMILY!!!

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.

WING NEWS



Good Grief

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Members of the 101st Rescue Squadron came out to Camp Good Grief to meet with children and show them an H-60 up close.

Camp Good Grief is a summer day camp for children who have lost a loved one. It is a camp that serves children of all ages and helps them cope with their loss.

To learn more about this Camp Good Grief go to www.eeh.org/ campgoodgrief.html.

Civil Training

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The 106th Civil Engineering Squadron recently spent four days training with the 201st Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) in Ft. Indian Town Gap, PA. The Training enabled members to hone their skills for deployment to forward combat areas Senior Master Sgt. Vincent Fondacaro said. Training involved, but was not limited to, airfield damage and repair, reverse osmosis water purification unit,



mobile aircraft arresting system, emergency lighting system and the Ahura first defender: chemical detection meter. These are just a few of the mission essential tasks CE performs at forward operating locations to support the Air Force Mission.

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

Master Sgt. Noel Fontanez Senior NCO Academy

Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:

Thu 01 Oct 1300	Sun 04 Oct 1230	Wed 14 Oct0900	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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PARTING SHOT



Members of the 106th who recently came back from deployment posed for this group photo while stationed in Afghanistan.